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Plitvice Lakes National Park, **Croatia**, is one of Europe's most breathtaking natural wonders. This spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site is made up of 16 terraced lakes, both Upper and Lower, each with its own unique character, all connected by over 90 cascading waterfalls. Join a Local Expert to explore the park's turquoise waters and lush green surroundings throughout a network of wooden walkways. Along the way, gain insight into the ongoing conservation efforts and scientific studies aimed at monitoring and protecting this fragile ecosystem for future generations. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life On Land. *Experience on Eastern Capitals & Dalmatian Riviera, p.128 and Country Roads of Croatia, p.124.*



Find your Perfect Tour

100+ TOURS | 58 COUNTRIES

Our Difference, Always Included

Learn more about what's included in your tour price below. See each of our tour pages and **insightvacations.com** or your preferred Travel Agent for everything you can expect on your selected tour.

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Your Travel Director and Driver team are complemented by a network of Local Experts to deliver an incredible experience that will spark your curiosities, with every detail taken care of.

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Explore the great dining experiences that await you on tour, combined with elevated stays at unique and stylish hotels along the way.

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Discover a more immersive way to travel. With an average of just 16 guests, our Small Group Tours offer deeper cultural connections, exclusive experiences and all the premium comforts Insight Vacations is known for.

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Thoughtfully designed by women, for women, these journeys create meaningful connections through shared experiences, smaller groups and inspiring destinations.

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Award-winning tours that will inspire your sense of adventure, from the relics and ruins of ancient Greece to the rhythms of Latin culture and everywhere in between – with experiences that stay with you long after the journey ends.

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Thoughtful Flexible Extras

While we always include what's outlined in your chosen itinerary, we also keep it flexible. Many free mealtimes allow you to cater to your preferences to suit your budget and tastes. On select itineraries, there are also Optional Experiences available if you wish to tailor your tour even further. Additional costs apply.

Our Tours

Each unique itinerary is crafted by our locally based teams, delivered by your Travel Director and Driver, with 24/7 support behind-the-scenes for a seamless journey.

EUROPE, UK & NORTH AFRICA TOURS *P.14-171*

80+ TOURS | 46 COUNTRIES

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Discover iconic cities, timeless landscapes, and unforgettable moments. From Europe's rivers, cities, and coastlines, to Britain's rich heritage, and the wild beauty of North Africa.

WOMEN-ONLY TOURS *P.172-177*

10 TOURS | 12 COUNTRIES

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Designed for women who love to travel, these small group journeys create space for deeper connections, authentic local experiences and the confidence to explore together at an easy, comfortable pace.

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Explore vibrant cultures, spectacular landscapes and remarkable landmarks across North & South America, Africa and Asia, where ancient traditions, modern cities and unforgettable natural wonders come together in extraordinary ways.

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At Your **Service**

SEAMLESS TRAVEL INCLUDES THE SUPPORT OF A PLATINUM-AWARDED TEAM. ENJOY PREMIUM TOUCHES INCLUDING PORTERAGE, AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND BUSINESS-CLASS STYLE CUSTOM COACHES.

Impeccable service is our top priority. Our group sizes are smaller than those of mainstream tour companies, allowing us to give that extra time and attention. We take the time to get to know you, ensuring your holiday is both special and personal.

ELENA, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

MEET YOUR **TEAM**

Your Travel Director and Driver are joined by Local Experts and those in the know who will illuminate your journey from beginning to end.

YOUR TRAVEL DIRECTOR

Your **Travel Director** will be with you every step of the way and is as worldly and curious as you are. They bring each destination you visit to life, colourfully and seamlessly. Each **Travel Director** is expertly trained, can communicate on your behalf and is always on hand with recommendations to enhance your trip both day and night.

YOUR DRIVER

Your skilled coach **Driver** ensures your journey from one destination to the next is comfortable and stress-free. They handle your luggage and maintain the coach to the highest standards. Just step on board your coach, relax and enjoy the ride.

LOCAL EXPERTS

Complementing the insights provided by your **Travel Director** is a dedicated network of in-destination **Local Experts**. These specialists possess profound knowledge of the stories embedded in every destination you explore. Throughout your journey, you'll engage with them, delving deeper into the rich history and vibrant culture of each location.

BEHIND THE SCENES SUPPORT

Supporting your travel experience is a global operations network that works behind-the-scenes. From our **Product Design Team** based in each continent who meticulously craft each one-of-a-kind itinerary to perfection, to our 24/7 **Operations, Guest Support and Contact Centre** teams, rest assured you're always taken care of.

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Thoughtful ***Premium Touches***

IT'S ALL IN THE DETAIL. PREMIUM TOUCHES ACROSS ALL OUR TOURS ALLOW YOU TO UNWIND, RELAX AND TAKE IN EVERY MOMENT.



BUSINESS-CLASS STYLE CUSTOM COACHES

Experience a journey as good as the destination.

You will enjoy air conditioning, restrooms, device charging stations, complimentary Wi-Fi, entertainment screens and more. And with group sizes capped at 40 guests across all our tours, there's always more space to stretch out and relax.

INCLUDED AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Enjoy seamless arrivals and departures in your start and end cities.

Benefit from complimentary airport transfers* by coach on your arrival and departure days, to and from your start and end hotels.

*For further details, please see each tour itinerary for specific transfer details.

INCLUDED PORTERAGE & TIPPING

Seamless service extends to your luggage and gratuities.

Your premium tour includes porterage, tips & gratuities at accommodation and restaurants. Experience your luggage being whisked to and from your room, and loaded on & off the coach, and your restaurant gratuities handled on your behalf.

The World ***On Your Plate***

A GREAT JOY OF TRAVEL IS DISCOVERING A DESTINATION THROUGH CUISINE. JOIN CHEFS AND LOCAL CULINARY EXPERTS, AS YOU TAKE YOUR SEAT AT A SELECTION OF OUR FAVOURITE RESTAURANTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS ACROSS THE WORLD.



DINING THAT DELIGHTS

Savour delicious meals that reflect the local culinary tradition and soak up the ambiance in outstanding settings. Plus, enjoy thoughtfully crafted, flavourful vegetarian options at every included meal throughout your journey.



DINE-AROUND EVENINGS
On selected days, personalise your dining journey from a choice of hand-picked restaurants or progressive dining tours.

DINE-AT-HOME
Relish the company of locals, who open their doors and share their traditions, offering you a unique insight into their lives.

HANDS-ON CULINARY DEMONSTRATIONS
Discover how local delicacies are made alongside master chefs. You'll not only sample the cuisine but also take home new skills.

TOP-RATED RESTAURANTS
Whether bistros, brasseries, wineries, farmsteads or more, each establishment has been hand-selected by our expert team for its distinct flavour, flair and all the trimmings.

CULINARY INCLUSIONS
Daily breakfast, with the majority of included meals accompanied by wine, beer and soft drinks.

Put Your Feet Up, Let Your Hair Down

THE ART OF TOURING IN STYLE BLENDS SEAMLESSLY FROM DAY INTO NIGHT WITH 5- & 4-STAR HOTELS AND UNIQUE PROPERTIES THAT UNITE STYLE AND LOCATION IN EQUAL MEASURE, WITH MANY MORNINGS THAT START AFTER 9AM.



TOP-RATED HOTELS

Sink into a blissful sleep, waking up fresh and recharged with premium touches.

UNIQUE STAYS & COSY LODGES

Where the location elevates every night of your stay, offering you the chance to sleep under the stars or enjoy unparalleled access like never before.

A STEP FJORD-WARD

Combining beauty and style, this 4-star hotel Union is perched above Geiranger village, offering panoramic views of the UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord. Enjoy indoor and outdoor pools, the vintage car museum, all within just a short walk to the picturesque village. *Experience on Spectacular Scandinavia & its Fjords, p.132 and Grand Scandinavia, p.134.*

A TUSCAN RETREAT

Blending classic elegance with contemporary comfort, Principessa Hotel in Lucca, Italy, invites you to unwind in a peaceful setting with beautifully appointed rooms, lush gardens, and attentive Italian hospitality. Relax by the pool, savour regional cuisine, and embrace the effortless charm of an authentic Tuscan stay. *Experience on Country Roads of Italy, p.92.*

Small Group Tours

TOURS DESIGNED INTENTIONALLY FOR FEWER GUESTS TO DELIVER EXCLUSIVE ACCESS. A MORE PERSONAL WAY TO SEE THE MOST DESIRABLE DESTINATIONS OF THE WORLD.



Our Small Group Tours are carefully curated for those who want to get deeper. Deeper into the culture, deeper into the places, and deeper into the moments that become lasting memories. With an average group size of only 16 guests, you're able to gain entry to unique spaces and authentic experiences that cannot typically accommodate larger groups.

Enjoy the signature Premium inclusions Insight Vacations is known for. From the exceptional hotels and luxury coaches to seamless travel and elevated service, all within a smaller footprint.

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Women-Only ***Tours***

WE'RE PROUD TO BRING YOU A COLLECTION OF WOMEN-ONLY ITINERARIES ACROSS EUROPE, NORTH AFRICA AND NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA. CRAFTED FOR WOMEN, BY WOMEN, WITH EXPERIENCES THAT SUPPORT FEMALE-OWNED BUSINESSES, AND WITH A MAXIMUM OF 24 GUESTS.

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Insightful ***Insights***

PERUVIAN PATTERNS

Incan textiles remain prized today for their beauty and cultural significance, with some pieces taking over 600 hours to create. In **Peru's Sacred Valley** foothills, you'll meet a **Quechua weaver** for firsthand insights into ancient weaving techniques dating back to 600 BC. Discover how vibrant textiles shape personal and regional identities in the Andes, conveying stories and emotions about the natural world. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities. *Experience on Peru with Machu Picchu, p.194.*

Travel has the transformative power to create a positive impact not only on you but also on the locals of the destinations you visit. As a tour company, we're driven by the mission to protect the world as we know it, ensuring future generations can discover it. We strive to make a positive impact on the people and communities we visit, protect the wildlife we encounter and conserve the natural resources of the planet we call home.

This comes to life through the impact we've had over the past five years of incorporating at least one MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on every suitable itinerary, increasing the number of dining experiences that support local and small-scale food producers, and ensuring 100% of our animal experiences adhere to our strict Animal Welfare Policy that prioritises animal well-being.

OUR JOURNEY TO NET ZERO

Since 2019, we have been measuring and reducing the carbon footprint of our tours, in line with the global call for urgent climate action. Our efforts include sourcing HVO biofuel, with a lower carbon footprint compared to diesel, ensuring our coaches meet the latest fuel standards and partnering with our supply chain to increase their understanding of their environmental footprint. We're committed to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050, backed by our Climate Action Plan.

Please scan for more insights into our journey to make a positive impact.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

Your personal encounter with the world extends to the positive impact you'll make on people and places through experiences that both educate and inspire.

A MONUMENTAL NAVAJO EXPERIENCE

Travel off-road to a scenic cookout site in **Monument Valley** for a traditional barbecue lunch with members of the Navajo Nation. Enjoy Navajo tacos and fry bread while gaining a meaningful connection to this rich, ancient culture. Your visit supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities. *Experience on Enchanting Canyonlands, page 208.*

FIND YOUR RHYTHM IN SEVILLE

Seville's **Cristina Heeren Foundation** is dedicated to the preservation of flamenco by nurturing young talent across three disciplines: dance, music and song. Watch them perform before joining an interactive dance class with the school's talented students. Your visit supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education. *Experience on Highlights of Spain, p.50, Treasures of Spain, Portugal & Morocco, p.66, and 4 other tours.*

DISCOVER TRADITIONS IN TROMSØ

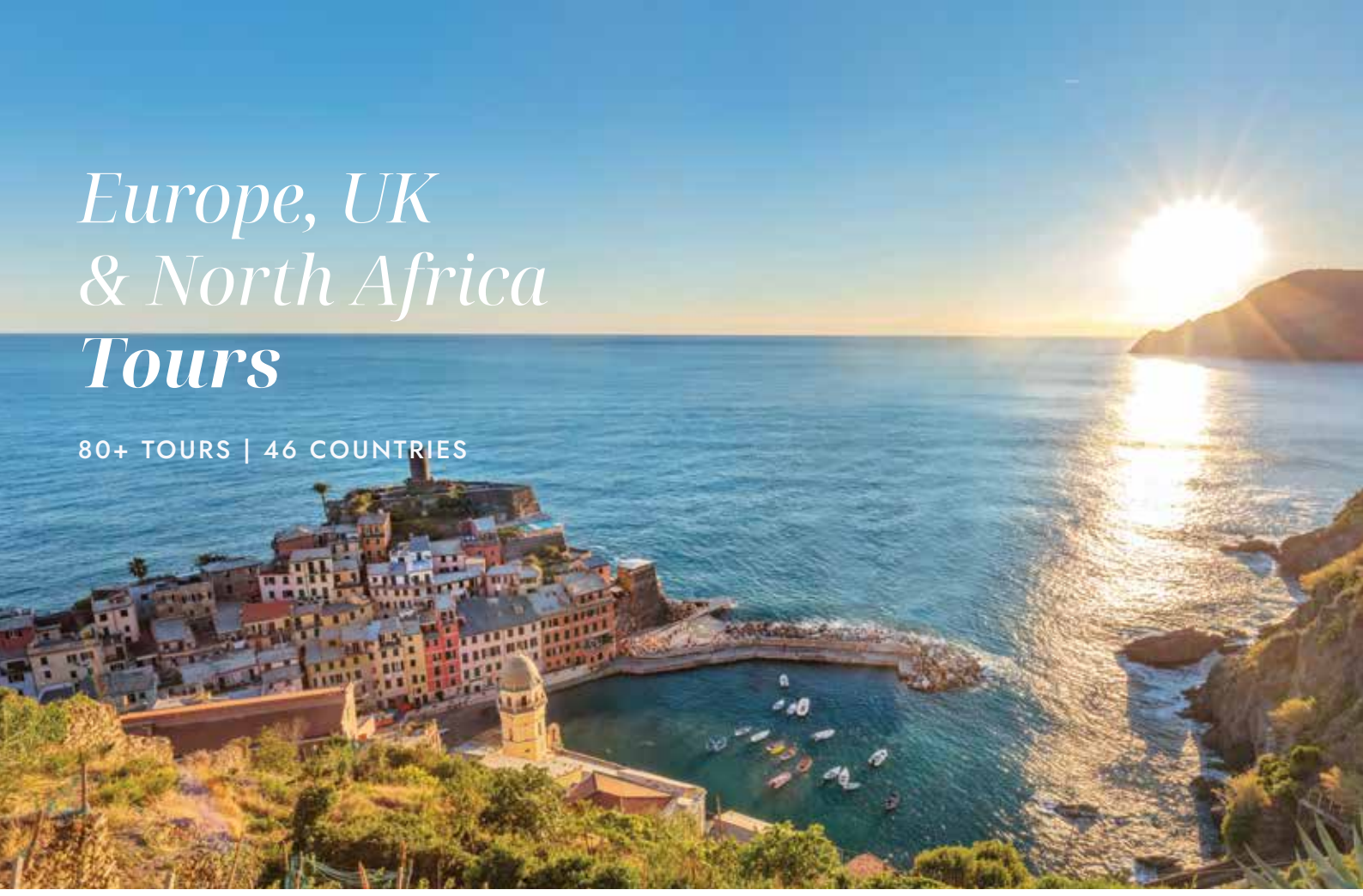
Delve into the fascinating history of the **Sámi people** in **Tromsø** as a local family welcomes you to their reindeer camp. Learn about their traditions and Norway's efforts to protect their unique cultural heritage, all while enjoying a traditional feast. Your visit supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities. *Experience on Northern Lights of Scandinavia, p.136.*

SHARE A 'WEE' WHISKY

Step into the world of **Uile-bheist** in Inverness, where age-old whisky and beer traditions meet modern craftsmanship. Discover how folklore inspires their brews, explore the art of distillation, and savour a 'wee dram' of whisky as the locals say. Built with sustainability at its core, the distillery is aiming for net zero by 2030. Your visit supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action. *Experience on Best of Ireland & Scotland, p.32.*

Europe, UK & North Africa **Tours**

80+ TOURS | 46 COUNTRIES



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Best of Britain

Savour a Farm-to-Table feast at Heskyn Mill, discover Shakespeare's hometown and the wild beauty of the Lake District.

9 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | LONDON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

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 memorabilia and artifacts 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. This evening, you'll join your travelling companions for the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton, York

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

DAY 2 | HADRIAN'S WALL TO EDINBURGH

Travel to Hadrian's Wall, an impressive Roman construction that once spanned 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. Round off the day with an Optional Experience at a Scottish cultural evening with traditional dinner, live music and a ceilidh. **(B)**
Hotel: Malmaison Edinburgh, Leith

DAY 3 | EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING

In the morning join a Local Expert to explore the Royal Mile. You will see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of His Majesty the King. Continue past the Sir Walter Scott Monument to the 18th-century New Town with its neoclassical Adam facades. After a drive through the city, you'll visit Edinburgh Castle, home of the Honours of Scotland, to view Mons Meg. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo - a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. **(B)**

DAY 4 | 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)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

DAY 5 | THE GLORIOUS LAKE DISTRICT

Stop in Gretna Green en route 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 stone-built village of Grasmere. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Castle Green, Kendal

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | THE WELSH MARCHES AND CARDIFF
Pause in the historic market town of Ludlow, where medieval streets and a striking hilltop castle speak to centuries of royal intrigue. Enjoy time to explore at your leisure. Perhaps browse the traditional market stalls, admire the timber-framed buildings or sample some of the region's renowned local produce. Continue across the border into southern Wales and journey to the capital of Cardiff, set along the banks of the River Taff. On arrival, join your Travel Director for a city orientation. See the distinguished buildings of the University of Wales, pass the impressive Principality Stadium, and admire the civic grandeur of City Hall and the National Museum. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAY 7 | GEORGIAN BATH AND DEVON
Cross the Severn Bridge back into England and drive to the golden Georgian City of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, then continue to your hotel in the heart of Plymouth. **(B)**
Hotel: Leonardo, Plymouth

DAY 8 | DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK
Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a scenic exploration of Dartmoor National Park, where you'll spend time reconnecting with nature amidst the stunning landscape of towering granite tors, open moorland, beautiful rivers and lush, wooded valleys. Alternatively, you can choose a relaxing cruise of Plymouth Harbour and see the Mayflower Steps, Barbican, Royal Citadel and Plymouth Hoe. Later this evening, savour an unforgettable 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: a mouth-watering meal prepared from organic seasonal produce, freshly picked from the surrounding fields, served with a glass of wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 9 | STONEHENGE AND LONDON
Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the pre-historic and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring megaliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Explore this fascinating site and learn about its historic and modern interpretations. Your journey concludes upon arrival at the hotel in London. **(B)**



KEY
Join/Leave Options | UNESCO Heritage Site | Overnight | Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Stratford-upon-Avon | Learn about the life of William Shakespeare, arguably history's most famous writer, when you visit his birthplace.

Hadrian's Wall | Stop to see part of the ancient wall that once marked the border of the Roman Empire.

Edinburgh | Explore Edinburgh Castle with your Local Expert to see the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Mons Meg up close.

Grasmere | Learn about the life of the poet William Wordsworth and visit his grave.

Bath | Visit the Roman Baths, one of the best-preserved ancient spas in Northern Europe where thermal waters have flowed for 2,000 years.

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

Stonehenge | Walk around the strange, awe-inspiring megaliths that have reputedly stood for 5,000 years.

Saltash | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Dine at Heskyn Mill where ingredients are responsibly sourced from local producers or foraged from the local area to reduce waste. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

York | Enjoy a glass of wine and a fantastic first night dinner with your fellow travellers.

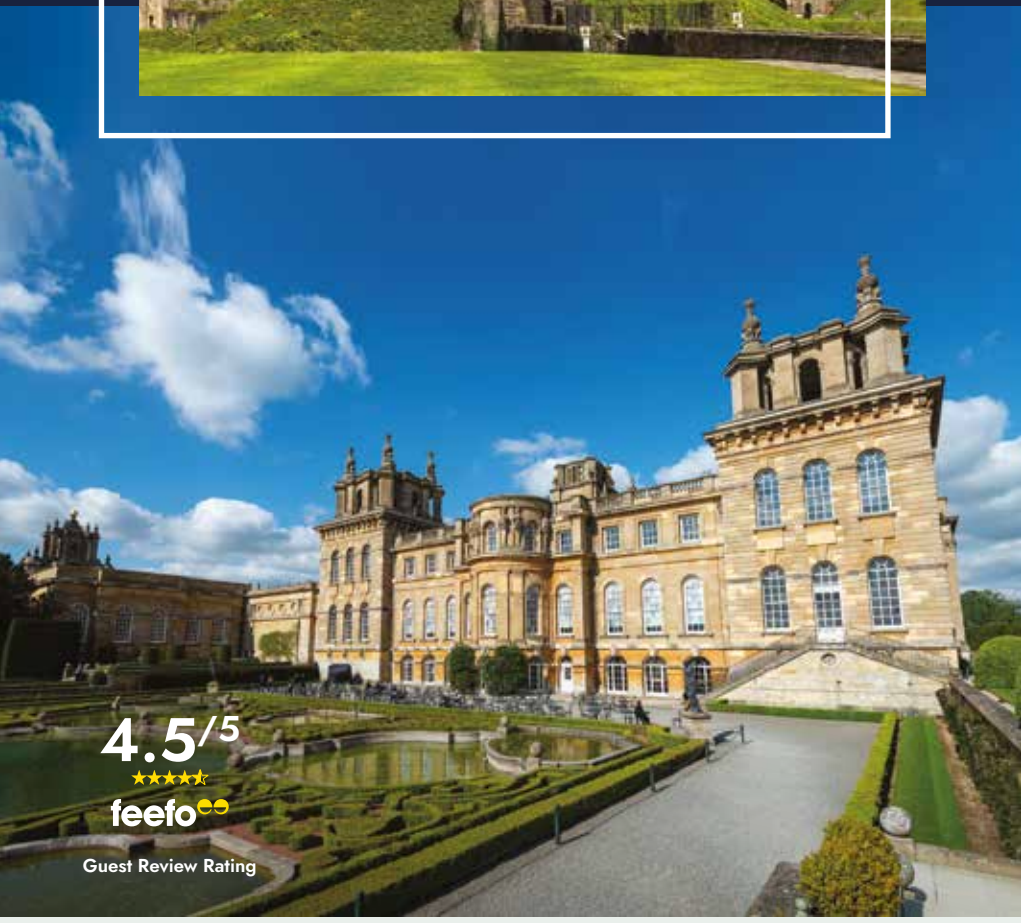
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Elegance of Great Britain

Experience Scotland and England's cultures. Explore Edinburgh's royal heritage, wander Ardgowan Castle, and enjoy a Dine-at-Home experience at Thirsk Hall.

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: B917

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH
Welcome to Scotland, land of legends and romance. From the great cultural cities in the south, to the dramatic mountains and misty lochs of the Highlands. After a transfer to your hotel, the rest of the day is yours to relax before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Apex Waterloo Place, Edinburgh

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:00, 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 | THE CAPITAL OF CULTURE
Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Drive along Princes Street and see the 18th-century New Town with its neoclassical Adam exterior. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse and visit the castle, home of the Honours of Scotland, Scotland's glittering Crown Jewels. On select departures, you will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo — a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ARDGOWAN AND GRETNA GREEN
Journey to Ardgowan, where Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle set on a stunning 10,000-acre coastal estate. Learn the history of the Shaw Stewart family and the conservation efforts to protect the land on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue to Gretna Green to see the famous spot where runaway lovers were married at the blacksmith's shop. Your travels continue to the picturesque English Lake District. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Ro, Windermere

DAY 4 | ENGLISH POETS AND THE LAKE DISTRICT EXPERIENCE
Devote the day to a scenic wonderland of rugged mountains and tranquil waters that have inspired a host of English poets. Visit Wordsworth's grave in the small churchyard at Grasmere. Appreciate the scenic beauty of the English Lake District on a relaxing cruise. Then, embark on a nostalgic steam train ride along the banks of the beautiful River Leven. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | WINDERMERE TO YORK
Enjoy a morning at leisure before travelling through the Yorkshire Dales to arrive at the charming village of Haworth. Visit the Brontë Parsonage Museum and learn about the family's literary legacy. Your journey continues to York, one of the oldest cities in England. In the evening join a Dine-at-Home experience at the historic Thirsk Hall. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, York

DAY 6 | THE VIKING CITY OF YORK
Explore one of Britain's most historic cities, once controlled by the Vikings. Walk within the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

town walls with a Local Expert to see the York Minster, Britain's largest medieval cathedral. Explore the tangle of narrow, cobbled streets and see the Shambles. Spend the afternoon with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the National Railway Museum housing over 300 years of history, or the magnificent York Minster, one of the largest in Northern Europe. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton York

DAY 7 | ON TO CARDIFF
Begin your day seeing Anne Hathaway's cottage in Shottery, a 15th-century farmhouse with a timber frame and thatched roof, where Shakespeare is said to have courted his future wife. Continue into Stratford-upon-Avon to visit the house where Shakespeare was born in 1564. Later, cross into Wales and arrive in Cardiff. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

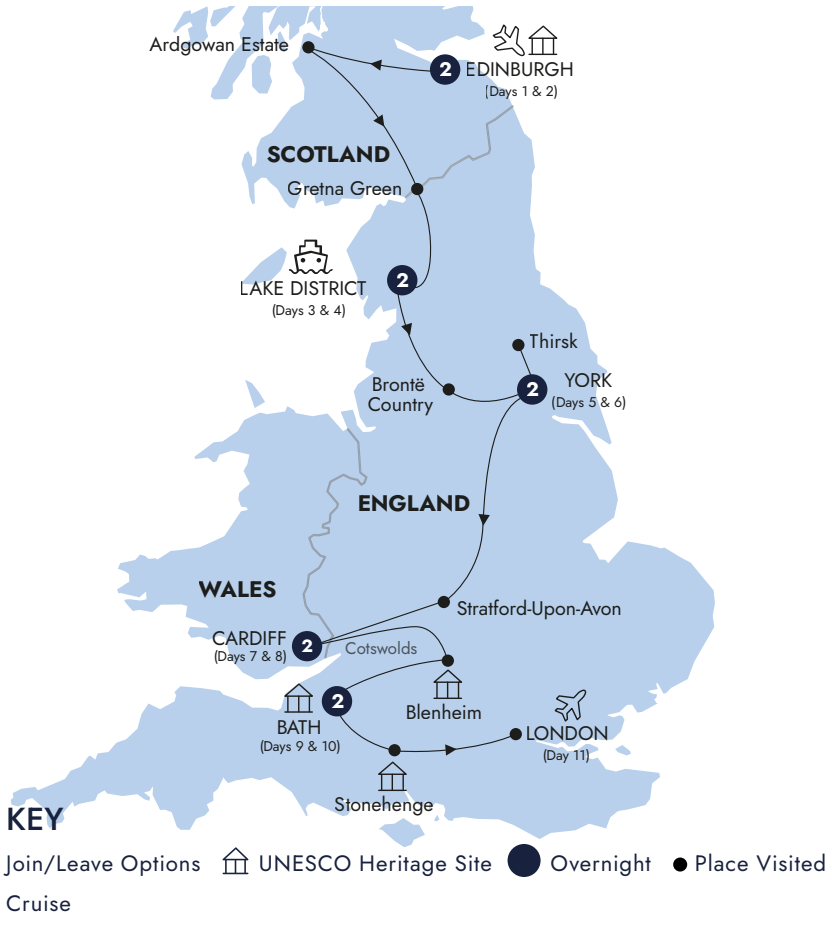
DAY 8 | THE WELSH CAPITAL
Explore Cardiff Castle with your Local Expert. Built on Roman foundations and transformed in the 19th century, the castle reveals layers of Welsh heritage and national identity. Join your Travel Director for an orientation to see the city's landmarks, including the Principality Stadium, Wales Millennium Centre, Pierhead Building and The Senedd, home to the Welsh Parliament. Discover how Cardiff developed from a coal-exporting port into a modern capital. You'll have time to explore further at your own pace — visit a museum, stroll along the bay or pause at a local cafe. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 9 | THE COTSWOLDS, BLENHEIM PALACE AND BATH
Cross the beautiful Cotswold hills and visit the magnificent stately home and gardens of Blenheim Palace. Learn more about Churchill's life at Blenheim during a talk by a historian. Continue to the elegant Georgian city of Bath, built in amphitheatre style on the surrounding hills. Your Travel Director introduces you to the Pulteney Bridge, built in mellow local stone, before an evening at leisure in the city known as "Aquae Sulis." **(B)**
Hotel: Lansdown Grove, Bath

DAY 10 | BATH
The City of Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage Site built above one of Britain's thermal, mineral springs. Enjoy a visit to its well-preserved Roman Baths. With the rest of the day at leisure, why not relax with a visit to Thermae Spa? In the evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers as you raise a glass over dinner to toast your journey. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 11 | HOMEWARD BOUND
Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**

London Start Option
Choose to start your tour in London, with an included rail journey to Edinburgh before your tour begins.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Bowness-on-Windermere | The best way to enjoy the Lake District is by cruise. Relax as you admire the magnificent views.

Haworth | A visit to the Brontë Parsonage Museum offers a rare glimpse into the home and creative world of England's famed literary sisters.

York | *Insight Choice* Visit the National Railway Museum to explore over 300 years of railway history, featuring iconic locomotives and groundbreaking engineering achievements, *or* delve into the historic stories of York Minster, from the conversion of Christianity to the fires that almost destroyed the cathedral.

Cardiff | Enjoy a guided visit through Cardiff Castle, including the stunning apartment rooms showcasing its Victorian Gothic splendour.

Blenheim Palace | Learn about the life of Sir Winston Churchill at his family home, a masterpiece of the English Baroque period.

Ardgowan House | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Thirsk | Join your hosts for dinner at the historic Thirsk Hall. Owned by the Bell family for over 300 years, the building was extended by famous English architect John Carr in 1770.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Wales, Devon & Cornwall

Delight at seaside villages and country lanes. Sip Devonshire tea, explore manors, learn about Plymouth's naval heritage and enjoy a five-star stay at Bovey Castle.

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: B996

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | OXFORD, THE COTSWOLDS AND BATH
Make your way along the scenic Great West Way to Oxford for an orientation with your Travel Director. Continue your journey to the Cotswolds to see 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 dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Apex, Bath

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

DAY 2 | BATH THROUGH THE YEARS
After a relaxed start, begin your exploration of Bath. Having attained UNESCO World Heritage status in 1987, this unique city is famous for its Georgian and Victorian architecture and of course its Roman-built baths which you will discover on a visit. During free time perhaps learn more about the life of the esteemed author Jane Austen, who made Bath her home. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK
Visit the Brecon Beacons with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Local Expert for a foraging walk in the stunning surroundings of the Brecon Beacons National Park. Under her tuition she will show you how to reconnect with nature, and forage for edible and medicinal plants. Alternatively, choose to visit a local kitchen garden for a peek into the freshest seasonal aromatics from this stunning area. After a morning in the great outdoors, settle into your lethargic bliss at a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy a hearty Farm-to-Table pub lunch of delicious seasonal dishes made with local ingredients. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAY 4 | CARDIFF
Enjoy a relaxed start this morning. Join your Travel Director for an orientation to see the city's landmarks, including the Principality Stadium, Wales Millennium Centre, Pierhead Building and The Senedd, home to the Welsh Parliament. The rest of your day is at leisure. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | GLASTONBURY ABBEY AND PLYMOUTH
Begin your day at the historic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, an 8th-century monastery, now a Grade I listed building. Continue to the port city of Plymouth in Devon, famous for its cobbled streets, gin distilleries and the Mayflower steps. **(B)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza, Plymouth

DAY 6 | EXPLORING THE SOUTHWEST
Today, journey to the quaint coastal town of Looe, a holiday hotspot of the Victorian Era.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Continue to St. Ives, where art galleries, surf shops and fashion boutiques line the streets. Later, visit Penzance, made famous by the comic opera "The Pirates of Penzance," which recounts the adventures of pirates who arrived at the city's shores in the late 18th century. **(B)**
Hotel: The Royal and Fortescue, Barnstaple

DAY 7 | LEGENDS OF CORNWALL

Admire the unspoiled maritime scenery of Cornwall as you begin your day in Tintagel, featured in the legendary tale of King Arthur. Travel to Port Isaac, a pretty fishing village and popular filming location for British television shows. For lunch, visit Padstow and perhaps try traditional fish and chips. **(B)**

DAY 8 | BREATHTAKING NATIONAL PARKS

Stop in the town of Lynmouth before journeying to Somerset's Exmoor National Park, a unique landscape of moorland, woodland and dramatic coastline. Your day ends at Bovey Castle. Nestled in the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park, this five-star accommodation stands amid 275 acres of picturesque countryside. Catch up with your fellow travellers tonight over dinner at the hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Bovey Castle, Dartmoor

DAY 9 | COUNTRY HOUSES OF DORSET

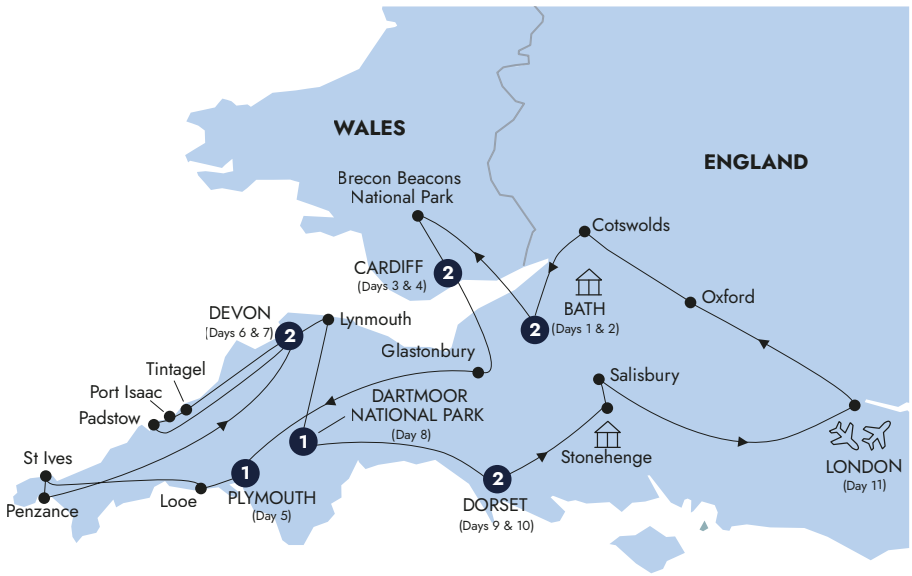
Stop at Athelhampton, a 500-year-old Tudor manor house in the heart of Dorset. Join Estate Manager Owen for a walk through one of the world's greatest estates, and enjoy time at leisure to explore the tranquil Elizabethan gardens. Delight in a quintessential Devonshire high tea with freshly baked scones and sandwiches. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Summer Lodge Country House, Dorset

DAY 10 | JURASSIC COAST AND WEYMOUTH

Admire England's only natural UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Jurassic Coast, during a visit to Lulworth Cove. Stroll on the pebbled beach or learn about the unique geology at the Visitor Centre. Enjoy time at leisure in Weymouth to explore the harbour town or perhaps join an optional visit to historic Nothe Fort. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 11 | SALISBURY AND STONEHENGE

This morning, begin in Salisbury with a visit to its 13th-century cathedral, home to Britain's tallest spire. Inside, discover the world's best-preserved original copy of the Magna Carta, an enduring symbol of justice and liberty. Then journey to nearby Stonehenge, one of the world's most enigmatic prehistoric monuments. Constructed between 3000 and 2000 BC, this ring of standing stones has long inspired curiosity and debate. It became a legally protected Scheduled Ancient Monument in 1882 and remains one of Britain's most celebrated sites. Your tour through Wales, Devon and Cornwall comes to an end as you arrive at the London hotel. **(B)**



KEY

Join/Leave Options | UNESCO Heritage Site | Overnight | Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Cotswolds | See this quintessentially British countryside where winding lanes are dotted with honey-coloured stone houses.

Bath | Visit the Roman Baths, one of the best-preserved ancient spas in Northern Europe where thermal waters have flowed for 2,000 years.

Brecon Beacons | *Insight Choice* Visit a local kitchen garden for a peek into the freshest seasonal aromatics, *or* forage for edible and medicinal plants with a Local Expert as you explore the stunning flora.

Glastonbury | Visit 7th-century Glastonbury Abbey and explore this former monastery's links to the legend of King Arthur and early Christianity.

Looe | Journey to this quaint coastal town. A holiday hotspot in the Victorian era, explore its stores or working harbour at leisure.

Puddletown | Visit Athelhampton House, built in 1485, and explore formal gardens by celebrated gardener Inigo Thomas with Estate Manager Owen.

Brecon Beacons | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Indulge in a Farm-to-Table lunch at a traditional pub, where seasonal ingredients and local flavours offer a true taste of the region. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Bath | Indulge in quintessential British tradition as you sit down to a roast dinner.

Puddletown | Delight in a traditional Devonshire tea at Athelhampton House and Gardens, served with freshly baked scones and dainty sandwiches.

Dorset | Toast to your travels with a delicious Farm-to-Table dinner celebrating Dorset's finest produce.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Scotland

Trace Scotland's story from Edinburgh's Military Tattoo to Skye's untamed shores. On Orkney, uncover Kirkwall's Norse past and the mysterious Ring of Brodgar.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: B905

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH
Join your Travel Director for dinner 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. **(D)**
Hotel: Malmaison Edinburgh, Leith

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

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 King. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Monument, 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 and Scotland's Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is at leisure; why not visit the art treasures in the National Gallery? Later, you could choose an Optional Experience at a Scottish cultural dinner with haggis, music and ceilidh dancing. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | TO ST. ANDREWS AND THE HIGHLAND CAPITAL OF INVERNESS
Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and journey to St. Andrews, passing the Old Course, home of golf since its creation in the 15th century. Enjoy free time to explore. Perhaps stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed? Alternatively, wander to St. Andrews University where the current Prince and Princess of Wales first met. Stop at Atholl Palace and Gardens for a delicious cream tea. Originally opened in Victorian times, the hotel retains many traditional features. Continue via Blair Atholl and pass the Grampian Mountains on the way to the sparkling Spey Valley. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Kingsmills, Inverness

DAY 4 | CULLODEN, LOCH NESS AND ONTO THURSO
Keep your eyes peeled for the Loch Ness monster this morning during a scenic drive along the legendary lake. See Culloden Battlefield, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was crushed in 1746. Visit the Culloden Visitor Centre. Next, with Insight Choice discover the fishing port of Wick. Choose to visit the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of its award-winning whiskies. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a visit to the Wick Heritage Museum and hear about the past of this once thriving fishing community. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Pentland, Thurso

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | A DAY IN THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

Start the day by boarding the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands where the countryside is breathtakingly majestic and the tranquility supports a quieter pace of life. Here the hardy locals say they live 'below the wind and above the water'. Your Travel Director accompanies you as you visit the small chapel built by Italian prisoners during World War II, the old Norse town of Kirkwall, 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae and the mysterious Ring of Brodgar. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Travel through stunning, pristine 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) (D)**
Hotel: The Dunollie, Broadford

DAY 7 | THROUGH THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS TO GLENCOE

This morning explore this wild and beautiful island on your own, before crossing to the Kyle of Lochalsh. Stop for a photo at remote Eilean Donan Castle, which under a clear sky offers a perfect reflection in its loch. Move on to the WWII Commando Memorial where there is a fine view of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. Enjoy spectacular scenery en route to the 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. In the evening, enjoy market-fresh Scottish ingredients and wine, as you get together with your newfound friends for a sumptuous dinner. Don't be surprised if, by the end of the evening, you're 'Toasting to the Lassies' or singing 'Auld Lang Syne'. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Ballachulish, Glencoe

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

Spend time around peaceful Loch Lomond or the 'Queen of Scottish Lochs', according to Sir Walter Scott. Perhaps experience the beauty and tranquility 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. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

DAY 9 | DEPART GLASGOW

Today, bid farewell to your journey along the country roads of Scotland as you transfer to the airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:30 and 09:00.

Small Group Option

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Edinburgh | Explore Edinburgh Castle with your Local Expert to see the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Mons Meg up close.

St. Andrews | Visit this renowned university town, home to the world's oldest golf course and birthplace of the 18-hole game.

Wick | *Insight Choice* Visit the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum to gain a full picture of this once thriving fishing community on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities Communities, *or* share a wee dram with a master distiller during a whisky tasting.

Inverness | At the Culloden Visitor Centre, discover why the Battle of Culloden changed the Highland way of life forever.

Loch Ness | Travel along the shores of this Scottish icon. Take in wide views and learn more about the legendary creature said to lurk beneath its waters.

Isle of Skye | Admire Scotland's wild beauty, from the jagged Cuillin Hills to the harbour village of Broadford.

Glencoe | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Join a ranger in the spectacular Valley of Glencoe to learn about the protection of this rare ecosystem. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Edinburgh | Enjoy a relaxing dinner at a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travellers.

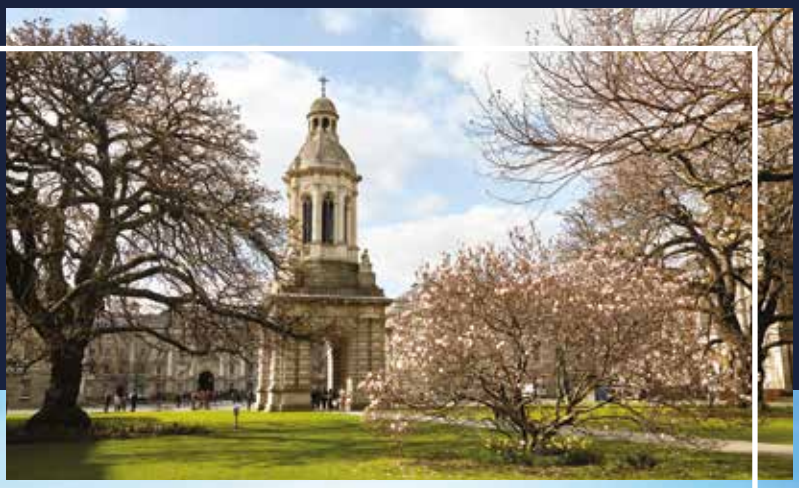
Glencoe | Your adventure culminates with a wonderful evening enjoying the best Highland hospitality and market-fresh ingredients.

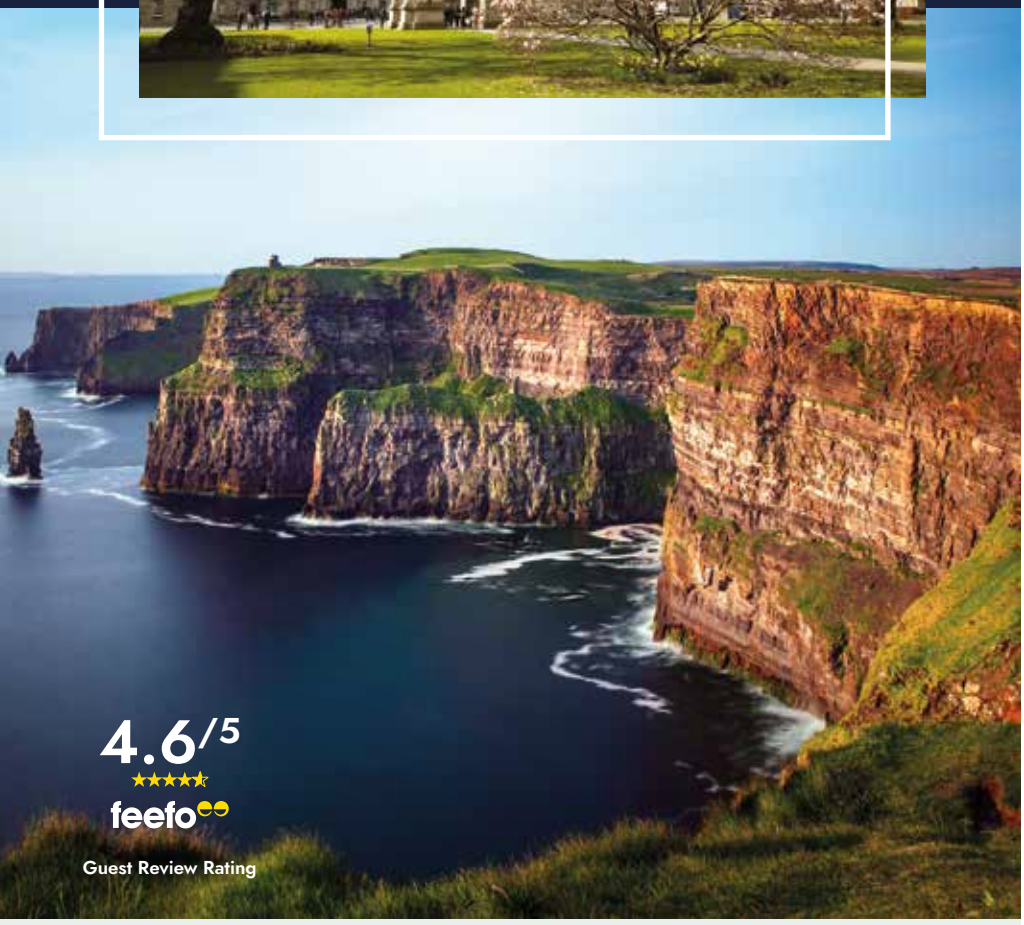
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Focus on Ireland

Embrace the Emerald Isle and spend your days gazing at the Cliffs of Moher, dining on Irish specialties and delighting in the architectural treasures all along this trip.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: B906

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY
Start your exploration of Dublin with an orientation tour with a Local Expert 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. View the 9th-century Book of Kells. Walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Enjoy a warm and friendly dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over the course of the evening. **(D)**
Hotel: Clayton Burlington Road, Dublin

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | TO GALWAY, CITY OF THE TRIBES
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 region is known for its famous oysters and the pubs are full of Irish charm. Join your Travel Director to see the Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before setting off for his discovery of America. Also see the pre-medieval Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late U.S. President, John F. Kennedy. **(B)**
Hotel: Harbour, Galway

DAY 3 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER, ADARE AND KILLARNEY
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 214 m (702 ft) 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 centre 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) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa

DAY 4 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE
It's your choice how to spend the morning. 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 an 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,

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

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) (D)**

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

Drive to the historic port town 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! Then 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 dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Maldron South Mall, Cork

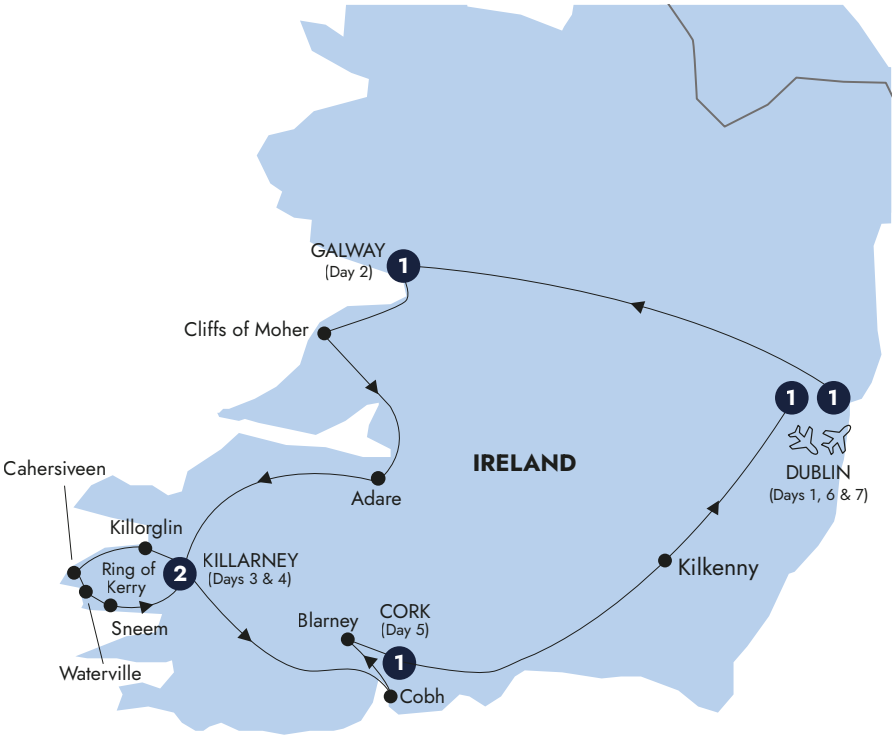
DAY 6 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

Drive through Ireland's lush midlands, a region that has nurtured poets, playwrights and storytellers for centuries, before arriving in Kilkenny. Enjoy free time to explore, walk in the footsteps of medieval merchants along the cobbled lanes of the Medieval Mile, home to the 800-year-old St. Canice's Cathedral and the atmospheric Rothe House, once the dwelling of a prosperous Tudor silk merchant. Today, the city is Ireland's unofficial capital of craft, renowned for its thriving community of potters, glassblowers and textile artists. Return to Dublin, where the evening is yours to explore further if you wish. From Viking settlement to capital of literature, Dublin brims with stories. Seek out the stately Long Room of Trinity College's Old Library, marvel at the colourful doors of Georgian Dublin or settle into a local pub where literary greats once raised a glass. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton Burlington Road, Dublin

DAY 7 | DEPART DUBLIN

Your memorable trip through the Emerald Isle has come to an end. Say "Slán go fóill" as you bid farewell to your Travel Director and fellow travellers. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30.



KEY

Join/Leave Options ● Overnight ● Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Dublin | Visit Trinity College and marvel at the ancient Book of Kells, dating from A.D. 800.

Cliffs of Moher | Stop by the Exhibition Centre and look out over the Wild Atlantic Way from these majestic cliffs.

Killarney | *Insight Choice* Explore the town on a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car with local jarveys, *or* join a gentle hike with a nature guide in Killarney National Park and admire stunning mountains, lakes, woods and waterfalls.

Ring of Kerry | Venture into a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages, as you travel along this magical Irish route.

Cobh | Visit the Queenstown Story to retrace Irish emigration from the famine of 1845 to the ocean liner era of the 1950s.

Killarney | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet John and Freda and enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Dublin | Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner and an opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers.

Cork | Join in the 'craic' over dinner with fabulous local flavours in a city famed for its food.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Irish Elegance

Experience the Wild Atlantic Way, discover Galway's vibrant streets and Killarney's musical heritage and uncover the storybook beauty of Kylemore Abbey.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY





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Trip code: B907

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY
Start your exploration of Dublin with an orientation tour with a Local Expert 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. Visit the 9th century Book of Kells and enjoy a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Back at your hotel, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a pleasant evening. **(D)**
Hotel: Clayton Burlington Road, Dublin

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

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. Drive south and take a photo-stop to see the spectacular Rock of Cashel, crowned with medieval buildings that dominate the flat countryside for miles around. Then on to 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 'craic'? **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa

DAY 3 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE
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 join him on a seaweed foraging walk along the beach and discover how sustainable harvesting practises help protect the wild Irish Atlantic coasts. **(B) (RS)**

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 214 m (702 ft) 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 Tribes, and visit the last cathedral built in Ireland. Take in the scenery from your hotel which is spectacularly set on the Wild Atlantic Way. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Connemara Coast, Galway

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | CAPTIVATING CONNEMARA
Embark on a superb exploration of the Connemara National Park and see a wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Visit the magnificent, turreted Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey, nestled at the base of a Connemara mountainside. Commissioned by industrialist Mitchell Henry for his wife in the 19th century, the abbey was later transformed into a Benedictine monastery by nuns fleeing Ypres during World War I — linking this remote Irish valley to the upheaval of the Western Front. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | EXPLORING HISTORIC CONG
Set beside Lough Corrib and the border of County Mayo, Cong combines quiet charm with a storied past. On arrival at The Lodge at Ashford Castle, follow a traditional piper up the estate's drive - an age-old custom once used to honour visiting dignitaries. This stirring welcome connects you with Ireland's cultural heritage from the moment you arrive. Best known as the filming location for The Quiet Man, the village is also home to the 12th-century Cong Abbey, a former Augustinian monastery with intricate stone carvings and Ireland's only surviving monastic fishing house. During your free time, walk woodland trails through the grounds of Ashford Estate, visit the Quiet Man Museum or browse local craft shops showcasing Irish woollens and pottery. Later, dine in a private room at The Lodge at Ashford Castle.

Enjoy a seasonal Farm-to-Table menu curated by Executive Chef Jonathan Keane, reflecting Ireland's regional produce and culinary traditions. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: The Lodge at Ashford Castle, Cong

DAY 7 | ACROSS THE EMERALD ISLE TO DUBLIN
After a relaxed start, travel east to Dublin, founded by the Vikings over 1,000 years ago at the mouth of the River Liffey. Your afternoon is free to explore the capital's rich cultural scene—perhaps visit the National Gallery, home to works by Jack B. Yeats and Caravaggio, or stroll through St Stephen's Green, laid out in 1880. Literary fans may opt for the James Joyce Centre, while Grafton Street offers a final chance for local finds. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: St. Helen's

DAY 8 | DEPART DUBLIN
Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Dublin Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30.



KEY
Join/Leave Options · Overnight · Place Visited · Cruise



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Dublin | Visit Trinity College and marvel at the ancient Book of Kells, dating from A.D. 800.

Cashel | See the Rock of Cashel, a medieval hilltop stronghold where St. Patrick preached.

Blarney | *Insight Choice* Explore the gardens of the Blarney Castle estate, brought to life on a guided tour with a senior gardener, *or* take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, said to bestow the gift of eloquence on those who pucker up.

Shannon | Cross the estuary in the town by ferry, passing sites linked to smuggling and 19th-century emigration.

Cliffs of Moher | Stop by the Exhibition Centre and look out over the Wild Atlantic Way from these majestic cliffs.

Galway | Visit the stunning cathedral of the City of Tribes. Admire its Renaissance-style dome and unique rose-shaped window.

Ring of Kerry | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

Premium Dining

Galway | In a spectacular setting on the shores of Galway bay you'll dine on delicious seasonal classics.

Cong | Savour seasonal Farm-to-Table fare in an exclusive private dining room at The Lodge at Ashford Castle, where Irish culinary traditions shine through dishes crafted by award-winning Executive Chef Jonathan Keane. Delight in organic produce sourced from artisan suppliers and grown within the estate grounds.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Enchanting Ireland

Let the luck of the Irish be with you on this guided tour. Visits to iconic Kylemore Abbey and Kilkenny Castle get you up close and personal with Ireland's history.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: BRED

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | HELLO DUBLIN

A modern multi-cultural city that embraces its past and exudes an enduring sense of fun, the 'Emerald Isle' has lured the most curious of travellers for centuries. Your Local Expert reveals the best of the city on a guided tour past the Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Delicious cuisine and history merge this evening over drinks and canapes at EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum where you'll discover the stories of Irish emigrants who became scientists, politicians, poets, artists and even outlaws all over the world.
Hotel: Maldron Parnell Square

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | EXPERIENCE IRISH HISTORY AND ON TO SLIGO

The beauty of an Irish country house springs to life at Strokestown Park House and Gardens. After soaking in its beauty, go from grand homes to history visiting the onsite Irish Famine Museum to delve into the stories of the 1840s famine with a Local Expert. Learn the history behind the Irish Potato Famine, the most catastrophic event in Ireland and one of the worst famines in history. View rare 19th-century photographs, witness accounts, sketches, newspapers and maps before continuing to Sligo. In the afternoon, consider an optional cruise on the River Shannon and admire the rolling countryside of the "Emerald Isle". **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Sligo Park

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO WESTPORT AND GALWAY

The seaside town of Westport on Ireland's west coast will charm any traveller. Your Local Expert leads you on a walk to learn about the town's heritage – from its settlement 5,000 years ago to today. Continue to indulge your curiosity at Kylemore Abbey, a treasure trove of picture-perfect scenery and the oldest of the Irish Benedictine abbeys. You could enhance your day with an Optional Experience, a Galway walking tour featuring the Lynch Memorial Window, Church of St. Nicholas, Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy. You'll love hearing intriguing stories of this bustling medieval port. **(B)**
Hotel: Connemara Coast, Galway

DAY 4 | THE ICONIC CLIFFS OF MOHER AND ONWARDS TO KILLARNEY

Embark on an up-close and personal encounter with Ireland's nature at the towering Cliffs of Moher. Perched at 214 m (702 ft), take in views of the Clare Coast and the pounding Atlantic. Gain insights into the cliffs' geology and history before crossing the Shannon Estuary by ferry from Killimer to Tarbert. Head to Killarney

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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where you'll relive the highlights of the day over a Dine-Around evening of local cuisine. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: The Gleneagle, Killarney

DAY 5 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY
Famous for its 'forty shades of green', the Ring of Kerry showcases Ireland at its most elemental. This iconic 179 km (107 miles) loop traces the contours of the Iveragh Peninsula, offering one of Europe's most celebrated coastal drives. Pass through landscapes sculpted by ancient glaciation, with views stretching to the Skellig Islands — UNESCO-listed for their early Christian monastery. Drink in the beauty of the coastal drive lined with beaches, colourful seaside villages and views of the Atlantic Ocean on an insightful MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meet John, a seaweed advocate and educator for a seaweed foraging walk. Embrace the landscape that has inspired poets, artists and writers. This evening, you'll have your pick of Optional Experiences including a Celtic Steps performance or a Gaelic Roots show of song and dance. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | VENTURE TO BLARNEY AND MEDIEVAL KILKENNY
With Insight Choice choose to explore one of the icons of Ireland, Blarney Castle, the Witch's Kitchen and Wishing Steps gardens and, of course, the famous stone – said to bestow the 'gift of the gab' upon whoever kisses it. Or, don't miss your chance to amble the 1,500-acre grounds including the raised boardwalk, surrounded by water-loving plants and waterfalls. The Carnivorous Courtyard features plants that with colourful, fluid-filled leaves while the Fern Garden features trees brought from the other side of the world that are survivors of the Jurassic period. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Kilkenny

DAY 7 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN
12th-century Kilkenny Castle is full of curiosities dating back to when it was the principal seat of the butlers, earls, marquesses and dukes of Ormond. On your exploration of its vast parkland, learn how the castle was remodelled in the Victorian style and restored several times before being formally taken over by the Irish State in 1969. Return to Dublin and finish your incredible tour with a memorable dinner at a traditional Irish pub. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maldron Parnell Square

DAY 8 | FAREWELL IRELAND
It's time to close the chapter on an unforgettable tour of the Emerald Isle. We bid our newfound friends and Travel Director a fond farewell. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Dublin | Embark on an interactive discovery of the 70 million people who claim Irish ancestry at EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum.

Strokestown | Visit this Georgian estate to explore elegant rooms, restored gardens, and the powerful National Famine Museum.

Connemara | Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey is a sight to behold. Enjoy its Victorian walled garden and turreted church.

Cliffs of Moher | Stop by the Exhibition Centre and look out over the Wild Atlantic Way from these majestic cliffs.

Ring of Kerry | Venture into a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages, as you travel along this magical Irish route.

Blarney | *Insight Choice* Explore the gardens of the Blarney Castle estate, brought to life on a guided tour with a senior gardener, *or* take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, said to bestow the gift of eloquence on those who pucker up.

Kilkenny | Visit Kilkenny Castle and learn about the powerful Ormonde family that have called it home for centuries.

Ring of Kerry | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

Premium Dining

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

Dublin | Cross the River Liffey and head to a local restaurant to toast your unforgettable travels over dinner. Sláinte!

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Ireland's Icons

Discover Ireland's legendary landscapes and enduring traditions, from Dublin's Georgian squares to the windswept shores of Connemara.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED





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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: BRAC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | HELLO DUBLIN
Kick off your journey with your Local Expert for a city tour that reveals the layers of Dublin's past including a visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral. This evening, gather for dinner and sample Dublin's celebrated hospitality. **(D)**
Hotel: Maldron Hotel Parnell Square

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | DISCOVER DIVERSE DUBLIN
Visit the estate of Powerscourt, where you'll take part in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that supports the restoration of Ireland's natural heritage. Return to Dublin with the afternoon free to explore. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | ADMIRE COUNTY KILDARE AND ON TO CORK
Visit the Irish National Stud to discover Ireland's celebrated role in thoroughbred breeding and see retired champions grazing the paddocks. In Cork, your Travel Director introduces the city's independent spirit, from the 18th-century English Market brimming with local produce to Georgian avenues and the colourful quays of the River Lee. With your evening at leisure, opt for an Optional Experience of traditional Irish entertainment, featuring local musicians and a hearty pub dinner, an authentic taste of Cork's vibrant music scene. **(B)**
Hotel: The Kingsley, Cork

DAY 4 | JOURNEY TO BLARNEY AND ON TO KILLARNEY
Today's Insight Choice gets you up close and personal to one of the icons of Ireland, Blarney Castle, the Witch's Kitchen and Wishing Steps gardens and, of course, the famous stone — said to bestow the 'gift of the gab' upon whoever kisses it. Or, go beyond the castle and don't miss the chance to amble the 1,500-acre grounds. After your visit to the stone or stroll through the grounds, head west to Killarney. Tonight's Dine-Around invites you to enjoy your pick of Irish specialties. Then finish your day with an Optional Experience of traditional Irish song, music, and dance. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa, Killarney

DAY 5 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY
Famous for its 'forty shades of green,' the Ring of Kerry has inspired writers and poets for centuries. Drink in the beauty of the coastal drive lined with beaches, colourful seaside villages and views of the Atlantic Ocean. You'll be astounded by even more icons of Ireland as you venture inland to a mountainous region dotted with lakes and green woodlands. Enhance your discovery over an Optional Experience Jaunting Cart Ride through Bourn Vincent National Park. Upon arrival back

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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in Killarney, end your day with a decadent three-course dinner infused with Irish flavours. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | ONWARDS TO THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Begin the day with a ferry crossing of the Shannon Estuary before arriving at the towering Cliffs of Moher. Perched at 214 m (702 ft), take in views of the Clare Coast and the pounding Atlantic, where colonies of puffins make their homes. After taking in the views, you'll make your way through the rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway Bay. Your Travel Director will introduce you to Galway's fun, bohemian vibe and historic sites, including Eyre Square. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Red Galway

DAY 7 | GALWAY

With the day at leisure, explore this bustling port city on your own or join an optional journey across to Aran Islands. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | KYLEMORE ABBEY

Leave Galway behind and journey into the wild beauty of Connemara, where mountain passes and stone-walled fields lead to the Atlantic coast. Embark on a scenic cruise along Killary Fjord, Ireland's only fjord, stretching 16 km (10 miles) between the peaks of Connemara and Mayo. Learn how glacial forces shaped this dramatic inlet and keep an eye out for seals and sea birds. Continue to Kylemore Abbey, a Neo-Gothic estate set against a tranquil lake. Walk through its Victorian walled garden and learn the story of the Benedictine nuns who still reside here. Traverse the remote valleys and boglands of Connemara en route to Clifden, where you'll enjoy a traditional dinner and overnight stay at Abbeyglen Castle, a 19th-century manor offering views over the bay. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Abbeyglen Castle, Clifden

DAY 9 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN

Journey east to Athlone, a strategic crossing on the River Shannon since medieval times. Enjoy time at leisure to explore the town — perhaps step inside Athlone Castle, which dates to the 13th century, or visit Sean's Bar, reputedly Ireland's oldest pub with origins as early as AD 900. Alternatively, join an Optional Experience and cruise the Shannon in a Viking-style boat, learning about the town's riverfront history. Later, return to Dublin for your final evening. You'll have time for some last-minute shopping on Grafton Street or one final Guinness in a traditional pub, before gathering with your fellow travellers for a memorable dinner to reflect on your journey through Ireland.
(B) (D) (RS)
Hotel: Maldron Hotel Parnell Square

DAY 10 | JOURNEY HOME

As the curtain falls on a memorable journey with new friends, say a fond slán go fóill to Dublin and the 'Emerald Isle'. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:00, 09:00 and 10:30.



KEY

Join/Leave Options · Overnight · Place Visited · Cruise · Optional Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Kildare | Gain a rare insight into Ireland's horse racing tradition with a trip to the Irish National Stud.

Blarney | *Insight Choice* Explore the gardens of the Blarney Castle estate, brought to life on a guided tour with a senior gardener, *or* take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, said to bestow the gift of eloquence on those who pucker up.

Ring of Kerry | Venture into a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages, as you travel along this magical Irish route.

Cliffs of Moher | Stop by the Exhibition Centre and look out over the Wild Atlantic Way from these majestic cliffs.

Killary Fjord | Glide through the glacial waters of Ireland's only fjord, framed by the rugged peaks of Connemara and Mayo. As you cruise this inlet, learn how ancient ice shaped the landscape and hear stories of coastal life past and present from your onboard guide. Keep watch for seals and sea birds along the shoreline.

Connemara | Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey is a sight to behold. Enjoy its Victorian walled garden and turreted church.

Wicklow | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Stroll through the manicured formal gardens and terraces of Powerscourt Gardens, passing the striking statues, lakes and secret hollows. Take in the wonders of nature curated by world-class gardeners. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

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

Clifden | Enjoy a traditional Irish dinner at this 19th-century manor overlooking the bay, where local flavours enhance the scenery.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Ireland

Get up close to the Book of Kells, explore the majestic Kilkenny Castle and go behind-the-scenes at the home of legendary Irish racehorses.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: B909

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN
Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, with the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other. **(D)**
Hotel: Clayton Burlington Road, Dublin

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY
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. **(B) (RS)**

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 to visit the majestic Kilkenny Castle. Learn how the castle was built in 1195 after the Norman Conquest of Ireland and admire its beautifully restored Victorian-era rooms. In Cork, your Travel Director shows you around the university city, with its vibrant waterfront and grand Georgian parades. **(B)**
Hotel: The Kingsley, Cork

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS TO KILLARNEY
Travel to Blarney Castle and Gardens, then venture across the majestic Derrynasaggart Mountains to the lively 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) (D)**
Hotel: Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa

DAY 5 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE
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. Then 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
Journey to the rugged beauty of the Dingle Peninsula, following the scenic Slea Head Drive. In the afternoon, head north to Tarbert,

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

where you'll board a ferry to cross the Shannon Estuary before arriving in Ennistymon for the evening. **(B)**
Hotel: Falls & Spa, Ennistymon

DAY 7 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND GALWAY

Travel to the Visitor Centre at the 214 m (702 ft) Cliffs of Moher. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Clare Coast before a delightful drive through the strange, rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway Bay. On arrival, see the Lynch Memorial and Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before his voyages to America. See the Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Connemara Coast, Galway

DAY 8 | FREE DAY GALWAY OR ARAN ISLANDS

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. With their cliffs and spectacular coastal views, the islands are a true Irish experience. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | EXPLORE DERRY/LONDONDERRY

Cross into Northern Ireland, bound for the ancient walled city. On arrival, one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, will fascinate you as he takes you inside the city walls. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maldron Hotel Derry, Londonderry

DAY 10 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

Visit the iconic Giant's Causeway. Continue along the scenic Antrim Coast Road, renowned for its dramatic cliffs and coastal views to your hotel overlooking Ballygally Bay. Later, gather with your fellow travellers to enjoy an evening of warm hospitality and regional cuisine.
(B) (D) (RS)
Hotel: Ballygally Castle

DAY 11 | THE ANTRIM COAST TO BELFAST

Follow the Antrim Coast, past the huge Norman castle at Carrickfergus, to arrive in Belfast. Meet 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) (RS)**
Hotel: Titanic, Belfast

DAY 12 | DEPART BELFAST OR DUBLIN

As your journey through Ireland comes to an end, bid farewell to your Travel Director and fellow travellers, taking with you stories and insights of this spirited island. An additional transfer will arrive at Dublin Airport at 08:00. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at George Best Belfast City Airport (BHD) at 08:00.

TRANSFER: Arrive at Belfast International Airport (BFS) at 08:45.



KEY

Join/Leave Options · UNESCO Heritage Site · Overnight · Place Visited
Cruise · Optional Place Visited · Trip Options



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Dublin | Visit Trinity College and marvel at the ancient Book of Kells, dating from A.D. 800.

Kildare | Gain a rare insight into Ireland's horse racing tradition with a trip to the Irish National Stud.

Kilkenny | Visit Kilkenny Castle and learn about the powerful Ormonde family that have called it home for centuries.

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

Killarney | *Insight Choice* Explore the town on a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car with local jarveys, *or* join a gentle hike with a nature guide in Killarney National Park and admire stunning mountains, lakes, woods and waterfalls.

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

Giant's Causeway | Visit Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site, formed by volcanic activity over 60 million years ago.

Killarney | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet John and Freda and enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Dublin | Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner and an opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers.

Galway | In a spectacular setting on the shores of Galway bay you'll dine on delicious seasonal classics.

Ballygally | Enjoy the warm atmosphere of music, good food, laughter, and conversation — experience some genuine Irish 'craic' at dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Best of Ireland & Scotland

Take in the best of these isles, getting up close to the Book of Kells at Dublin's Trinity College and enjoying a Scottish whisky tasting.

14 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: B935

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN
Relax at your hotel before joining your Travel Director for dinner and an opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Clayton Hotel Charlemont/St. Helen's

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY
Your Local Expert takes you past the Custom House to see the Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. 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 gardens portray the symbolism of life. Travel along Grand Parade to see Cork's City Hall and Opera House. **(B)**
Hotel: The Kingsley/Maldron South Mall

DAY 4 | BLARNEY CASTLE, KILLARNEY AND DINGLE
Today's Insight Choice invites you to experience one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Opt to explore Blarney Castle, climbing its medieval tower to kiss the famous Blarney Stone, long said to grant the 'gift of the gab.' Alternatively, opt to roam the castle's 1,500-acre estate. Continue to Killarney, for a traditional jaunting car ride through the town and into Killarney National Park. This evening, travel west to the coastal town of Dingle and check in to your hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Skellig Hotel, Dingle.

DAY 5 | DINGLE PENINSULA
Enjoy a relaxed start before setting out along the Dingle Peninsula. Drive the Slea Head route, one of Ireland's most scenic stretches, passing rugged cliffs, ancient stone huts and panoramic lookouts. Later, perhaps join an Optional Experience and head to Dingle's oldest public house for a local tipple, live music and storytelling. **(B) (RS)**

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 214 m (702 ft) Cliffs of Moher. Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas. You'll also see the aged Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late U.S. President, John F. Kennedy. **(B)**
Hotel: Connemara Coast/Radisson Red, Galway

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | GLORIOUS GALWAY TO DERRY/ LONDONDERRY
Travel through Connemara, taking in the region's striking landscapes as you continue north. Stop in Sligo for an orientation, where you'll get a feel for this historic town and its literary links to W.B. Yeats. Later, cross into Northern Ireland and continue to Londonderry, where you'll check into your hotel. This evening, savour local flavours over dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Da Vinci's, Londonderry

DAY 8 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS
A walking tour with Ronan, one of the region's leading storytellers, begins your day. Follow the original 17th-century city walls, complete with cannons, and make your way down Shipquay Street, lined with Georgian townhouses. Later, visit the UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway. Continue along the scenic Antrim Coast to your hotel overlooking Ballygally Bay. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ballygally Castle, Co. Antrim

DAY 9 | IRISH SEA BY FERRY TO GLASGOW
Depart Ballygally this morning and cross the Irish Sea by ferry to reach Scotland. After disembarking, stop at Craufurdland Castle to meet the 29th Laird and Lady for a tour of their home, and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea featuring classic British fare. Continue to Glasgow, known for its 19th-century shipyards and the distinctive architecture of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, 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. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Kingsmills, Inverness

DAY 11 | A HIGHLANDS EXPERIENCE
Enjoy an orientation of Inverness before driving out to the Culloden Moor Visitor Centre, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was defeated. Then, enjoy a 'wee dram' with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Uile-bheist distillery. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH
A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains passing Blair Atholl. Cross the Tay to visit St. Andrews. In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. **(B)**
Hotel: Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh

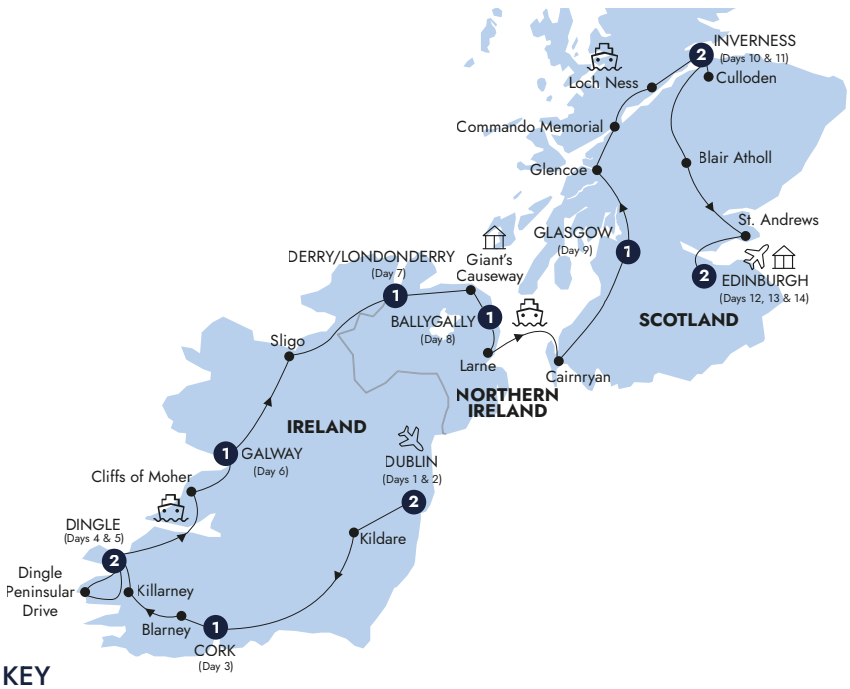
DAY 13 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE
Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Then venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle. This evening, modern Scottish cuisine served with wine is the perfect way to toast the end of your travels. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | FAREWELL EDINBURGH
Two weeks in Ireland and Scotland come to an end after breakfast with transfers arriving at Edinburgh Airport. **(B)**

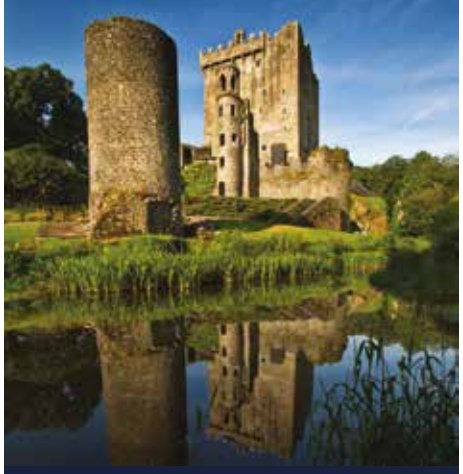
TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:15 and 08:00.

Small Group Option

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Dublin | Visit Trinity College and marvel at the ancient Book of Kells, dating from A.D. 800.

Kildare | Gain a rare insight into Ireland's horse racing tradition with a trip to the Irish National Stud.

Blarney | *Insight Choice* Take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, said to bestow the gift of eloquence on those who pucker up, *or* explore the gardens of the Blarney Castle estate, brought to life on a guided tour with a senior gardener.

Killarney | Settle into a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car and explore Killarney with one of the local jarveys who know these lanes by heart.

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

Inverness | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Step into the world of Uile-bheist distillery, where age-old whisky and beer traditions meet modern craftsmanship. Discover how folklore inspires its brews, explore the art of distillation, and savour a tasting of it's signature creations. Built with sustainability at its core, Uile-bheist is one of Scotland's lowest-carbon distilleries, aiming for net zero by 2030. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action.

Premium Dining

Dingle | Relax over dinner, taking in peaceful waterside views just beside the charming harbour town.

Ballygally | Savour traditional Irish cuisine at Ballygally Castle, perched on the Causeway Coastal Route with breathtaking Irish Sea vistas.

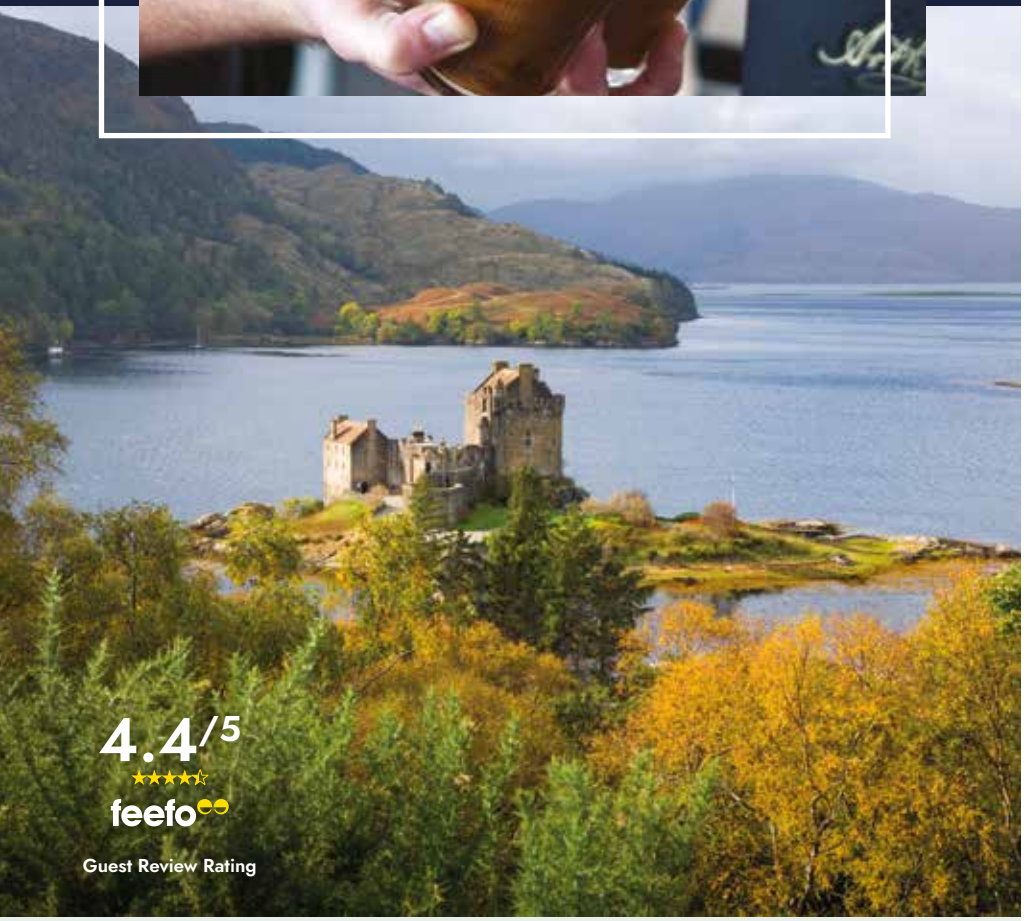
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Romantic Britain & Ireland

Embark on a captivating tour of Oxford's historic, cobbled alleyways, Edinburgh's Royal Mile and Dublin's Guinness Storehouse.

18 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 25 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: B908

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | OXFORD AND STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
Meet your Travel Director at the hotel in London. Depart for the famous university town of Oxford with its beautiful spires. Continue via pretty Cotswolds villages to Stratford-upon-Avon. Discover how William Shakespeare continues to shape society today when you visit his birthplace. Tonight, join your Travel Director for dinner at a local pub. **(D)**
Hotel: The Arden Hotel

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

DAY 2 | LINCOLN AND MEDIEVAL YORK
Travel through the heart of 'Robin Hood Country' on your way to visit Lincoln. Continue to York, one of England's oldest cities. Your hotel lies within the walls facing Clifford's Tower. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hilton, York

DAY 3 | THE ENGLISH LAKES TO EDINBURGH
Drive through the Lake District National Park, a scenic wonderland of rugged mountains and tranquil lakes. Stop in Wordsworth's village of Grasmere. Cross the border at Gretna Green, where runaway lovers were married, and continue to the Scottish capital. **(B)**
Hotel: Virgin, Edinburgh

DAY 4 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE
Join your Local Expert on a sightseeing tour of the city including a visit inside Edinburgh Castle. In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. **(B)**

DAY 5 | ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS
See the world's oldest golf course as you arrive in St. Andrews. Stop at Atholl Palace and Gardens for a delicious cream tea. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Kingsmills, Inverness

DAY 6 | ACROSS THE SEA TO SKYE
Enjoy a journey of discovery on a Loch Ness cruise. Continue across the sea to Skye. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Dunollie, Broadford

DAY 7 | LOCH LOMOND AND GLASGOW
Return to the mainland to see the World War II Commando Memorial, shadowed by Ben Nevis. Continue through Fort William and along the Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond, en route to Glasgow. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

DAY 8 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO BELFAST
Sail the Irish Sea this morning. Meet your Local Expert for a passionate city tour of Belfast. **(B)**
Hotel: Titanic, Belfast

DAY 9 | A PINT OF THE 'BLACK STUFF'
Head to Dublin and the Guinness Storehouse and enjoy a tasting of Ireland's world-famous drink. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: St. Helen's

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 10 | DUBLIN CITY SIGHTSEEING
Journey to Dublin to meet your Local Expert and see O'Connell Street, Dublin Castle and St. Patrick's Cathedral. **(B)**

DAY 11 | GALWAY AND THE CLIFFS OF MOHER
Travel west to Galway, known as the City of the Tribes. Cross the limestone landscape of the Burren, to the Visitor Centre at the Cliffs of Moher. Journey to the town of Limerick, nestled on the shores of the River Shannon. **(B)**
Hotel: The George, Limerick

DAY 12 | THE DINGLE PENINSULA
See the 12th-century St. Mary's Cathedral, King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone before setting off to Tralee and Dingle. For dinner you are treated to a traditional Sunday roast, with all the trimmings. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa

DAY 13 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE
Meet John for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you join him on a seaweed foraging walk along the beach and discover how sustainable harvesting practises help protect the wild Irish Atlantic coasts. **(B) (D) (RS)**

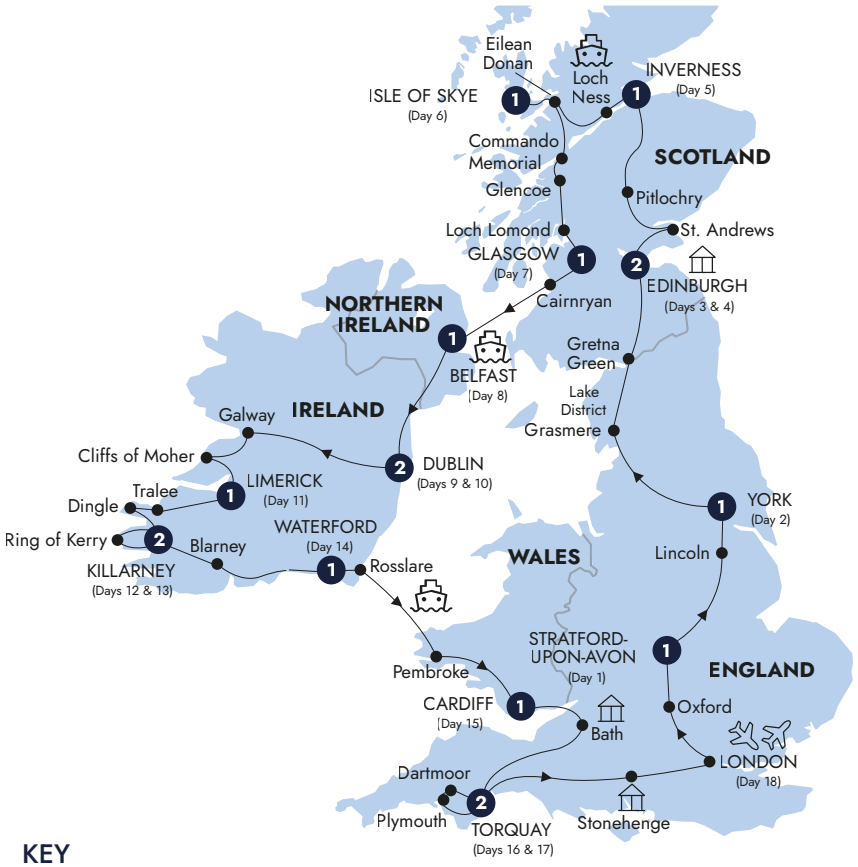
DAY 14 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD
Visit the ruined 15th century Blarney Castle. Continue to the walled city of Waterford. On your guided visit of the House of Waterford Crystal, you will meet an artisan and see their fine work. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Granville, Waterford

DAY 15 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CARDIFF
Take the ferry across the Irish Sea. Travel past the valleys of southern Wales to the capital, Cardiff. Enjoy an orientation of the port city on the River Taff. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAY 16 | BATH AND TORQUAY
Visit the Roman Baths before continuing to Torquay. **(B)**
Hotel: The Imperial Torquay.

DAY 17 | THE DEVONSHIRE COAST
Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a scenic exploration of Dartmoor National Park. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing cruise of Plymouth harbour. At dinner this evening, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes. **(B) (D)**

DAY 18 | SALISBURY PLAIN AND STONEHENGE
Visit the mysterious megaliths of Stonehenge, the world's most famous prehistoric monument.Your escorted journey draws to a close upon return to the hotel in London. **(B)**



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Stratford-upon-Avon | Learn about the life of William Shakespeare, arguably history's most famous writer, when you visit his birthplace.

Edinburgh | Explore Edinburgh Castle with your Local Expert to see the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Mons Meg up close.

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

Waterford | Visit Waterford Crystal and see master crafters utilise traditional cutting and blowing methods in the art of crystal carving.

Bath | Visit the Roman Baths, one of the best-preserved ancient spas in Northern Europe where thermal waters have flowed for 2,000 years.

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

Ring of Kerry | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

Premium Dining

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

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

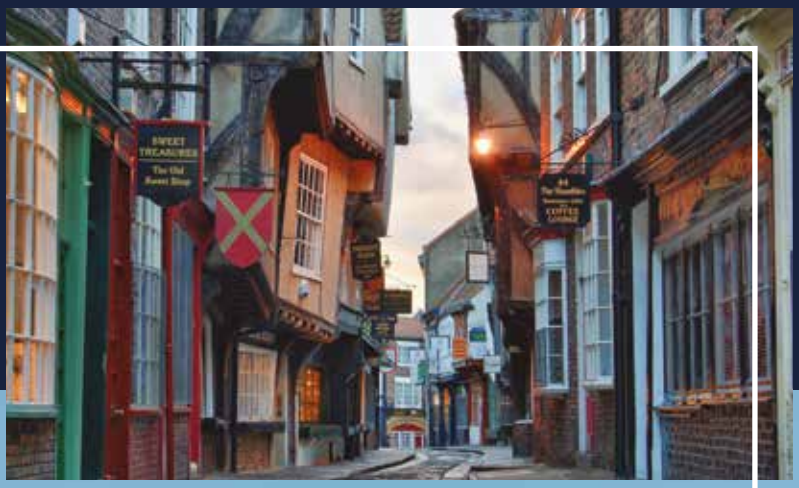
Torquay | Blend a little wine with great cooking and good company for a rousing dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Britain & Ireland Explorer

Experience the regal heritage of Edinburgh Castle, learn the secrets of Guinness, go 'jaunting' and see the beauty of England's Lake District.

13 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: B904

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | STRATFORD-UPON-AVON AND MEDIEVAL YORK
Meet your Travel Director and journey to Stratford-upon-Avon to visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Continue on to York, where you see the Shambles and York Minster. Join your travelling companions for the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton, York

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

DAY 2 | DURHAM, HADRIAN'S WALL AND EDINBURGH
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. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Leonardo Royal, Edinburgh

DAY 3 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE
Journey down the Royal Mile to see the Palace of Holyroodhouse - official Scottish residence of His Majesty the King - before crossing over to New Town. Next, walk with your Local Expert inside Edinburgh Castle for spectacular views of the town and to see Scotland's Crown Jewels 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. **(B)**

DAY 4 | ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS
Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife to arrive at St. Andrews. Continue via Blair Atholl and past the Grampian Mountains to the sparkling Spey Valley and on to Inverness. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Kin/Kingsmills/Glen Mhor

DAY 5 | LOCH NESS AND GLENCOE
In the morning, travel along Loch Ness and hear tales of the famous Nessie. Travel through dramatic Glencoe, shaped by volcanic forces and remembered for the 1692 massacre. Later, cruise across Loch Lomond with a light lunch, before continuing to Glasgow for dinner this evening. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Clayton Hotel Glasgow

DAY 6 | ACROSS THE BORDER AND THROUGH THE LAKES TO LIVERPOOL
In the morning, discover the beauty of Gretna Green. Continue to your hotel in Liverpool. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Maldron, Liverpool

DAY 7 | NORTH WALES AND OVER TO DUBLIN
Today, continue through Wales and see the massive Conwy Castle before crossing over to the Isle of Anglesey. The village with the longest name in Europe will be visible - see if

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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you are able to read it aloud! From the port of Holyhead, set sail for Dublin in Ireland. **(B)**
Hotel: St. Helen's Hotel/Trinity City Hotel

DAY 8 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY
Head to the Guinness Storehouse to gain a fascinating insight into the history and traditions behind its production. With your Local Expert see the famous O'Connell Street, the Custom House and Dublin Castle. **(B)**

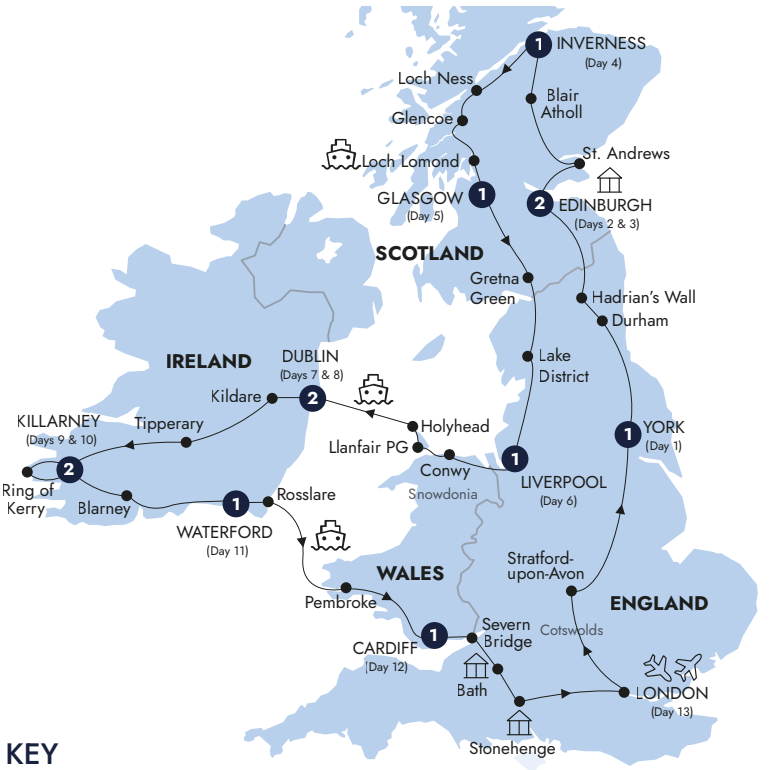
DAY 9 | FROM DUBLIN TO KILLARNEY
Travel to Ireland's premier thoroughbred horse breeding region for a fascinating, behind-the-scenes visit of the National Stud with an equine professional. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and meet Ailbhe Gerrard, a passionate farmer and beekeper, who shares her secrets to crafting the most delicious and sustainable honey of the island over a delicious Farm-to-Table lunch. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: The Gleneagle, Killarney

DAY 10 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE
In the morning, join a delightful trip around the Ring of Kerry, a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages. 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 past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the National Park. At night, your Dine-Around evening offers authentic and intimate dining with your friends, from a hand-picked selection of fine local restaurants. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 11 | 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 dinner. Toast to your newfound friends — Sláinte! **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Granville, Waterford

DAY 12 | 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. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAY 13 | ROMAN BATHS AND STONEHENGE
Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, continue across Salisbury Plain to visit the ancient site of Stonehenge. Your exploration of Britain and Ireland draws to a close upon your return to the hotel in London. **(B)**





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Edinburgh | Explore Edinburgh Castle with your Local Expert to see the Scottish Crown Jewels and the Mons Meg up close.

Killarney | *Insight Choice* Explore the town on a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car with local jarveys, *or* join a gentle hike with a nature guide in Killarney National Park and admire stunning mountains, lakes, woods and waterfalls.

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

Waterford | Visit Waterford Crystal and see master crafters utilise traditional cutting and blowing methods in the art of crystal carving.

Bath | Visit the Roman Baths, one of the best-preserved ancient spas in Northern Europe where thermal waters have flowed for 2,000 years.

Stonehenge | Walk around the strange, awe-inspiring megaliths that have reputedly stood for 5,000 years.

County Tipperary | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Meet entrepreneur Ailbhe and hear about her passion for sustainable farming and the secret to the most delicious honey on the island. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Sustainable Production and Consumption.

Premium Dining

Loch Lomond | Savour a light lunch while you admire the woodlands and incredible scenery during a cruise of one of Scotland's most beautiful lochs.

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

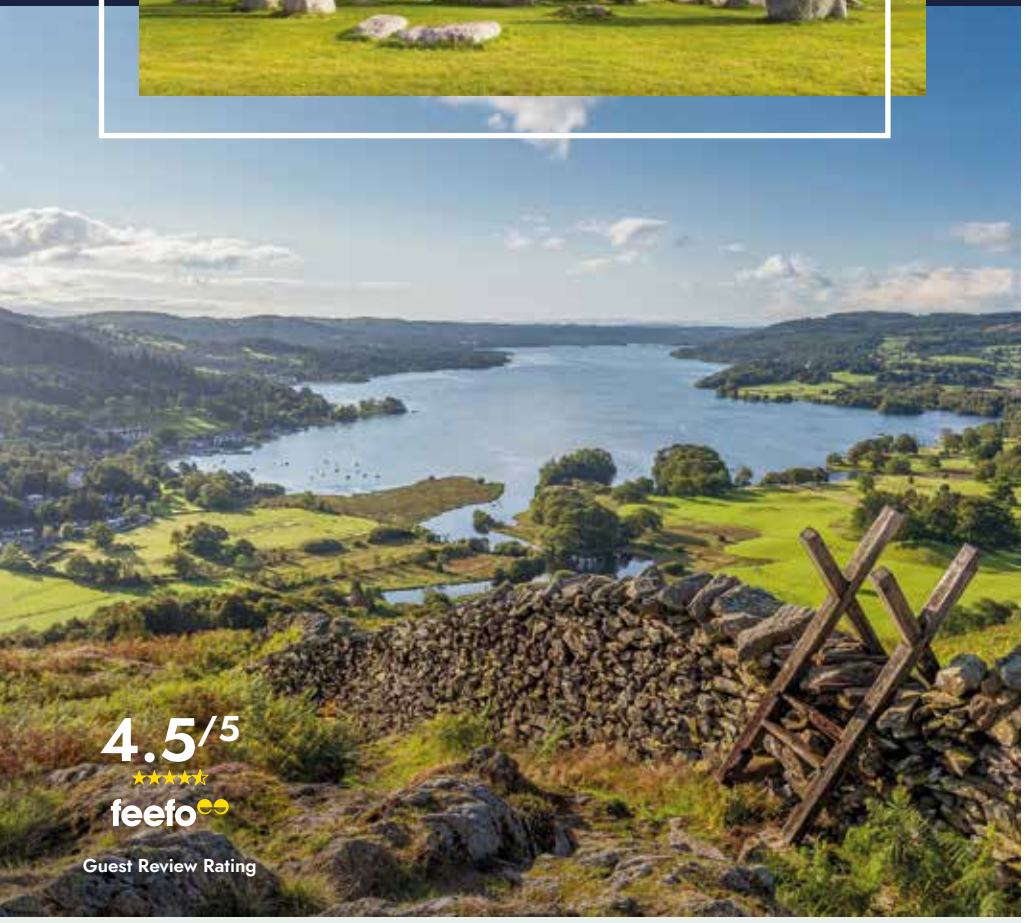
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Britain & Ireland Discovery

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

22 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 32 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: B959

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | LONDON TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON
Journey to the university town Oxford before travelling through the Cotswolds. In Stratford-upon-Avon, visit Shakespeare's birthplace. Join your Travel Director for a restaurant dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Swan's Nest, Stratford-upon-Avon

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

DAY 2 | MEDIEVAL YORK
Head to the historic city of York. Inside the ancient city walls, see York Minster, the largest medieval church in northern Europe. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Hilton, York

DAY 3 | BY THE LAKES TO EDINBURGH
Travel to the picturesque Lake District. Stop at Gretna Green, home of the runaway marriages, before arriving into the Scottish capital. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton

DAY 4 | SCOTLAND'S CITY OF CULTURE
Join a Local Expert for a trip through the 'New' Town and Old Town of Edinburgh before a visit to Edinburgh Castle. In the evening, select departures will attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. **(B)**

DAY 5 | FIFE AND ABERDEEN
Make your way to St. Andrews, the birthplace of golf. Test your senses in a local whisky distillery for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before continuing to Aberdeen. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ardoe House Hotel and Spa, Aberdeen

DAY 6 | ABERDEEN TO WICK
Arrive at Loch Ness, deeper than the North Sea in parts. Continue north to Wick, a fishing port that once led Europe in herring exports. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Norseman, Wick

DAY 7 | ORKNEY ISLANDS EXPERIENCE
Board a ferry to the Orkney Islands, visit Kirkwall, Skara Brae, Ring of Brodgar and an Italian chapel built during WWII. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE
Cross to the magical Isle of Skye - the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Dunollie, Broadford

DAY 9 | LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW
Stop at Glencoe and Loch Lomond before travelling to Glasgow. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

DAY 10 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS ON THE WAY TO DERRY/LONDONDERRY
Cross the Irish Sea en route to the UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway. Continue to Derry/Londonderry. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Da Vinci's, Londonderry

DAY 11 | SLIGO BAY
Meet Ronan, one of the nation's great storytellers in Derry/Londonderry. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Clayton, Sligo

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 12 | GALWAY AND LIMERICK
Experience the rugged landscape of Connemara, a wonderland of rivers and lakes. In Galway, see St. Nicholas Cathedral. **(B)**
Hotel: The George, Limerick

DAY 13 | ADARE TO KILLARNEY
Start exploring Limerick. Continue via Adare to Killarney for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Farm-to-Table lunch. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Aghadoe Heights/Great Southern

DAY 14 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE
In the morning, enjoy a trip around the Ring of Kerry. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 15 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND CORK
Visit Blarney Castle. **(B)**
Hotel: Maldron South Mall, Cork

DAY 16 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN
Travel to Kilkenny and visit Kilkenny Castle. Continue to Ireland's lively capital. Experience Ireland's national, world-famous drink with a visit to the Guinness Storehouse. **(B)**
Hotel: Trinity City, Dublin

DAY 17 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY
Meet your Local Expert who will show you the sights of the city. **(B)**

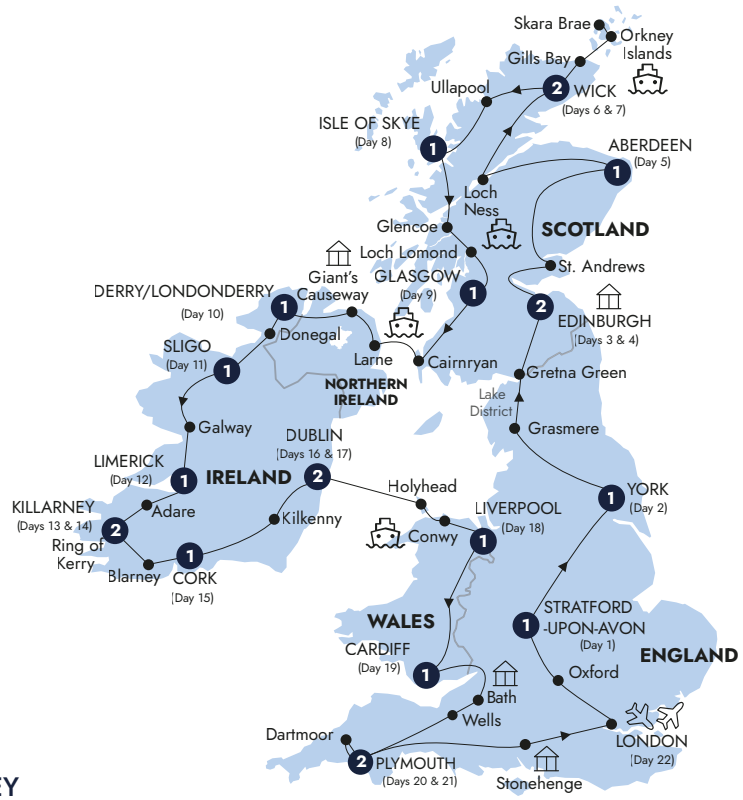
DAY 18 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO LIVERPOOL
Cross the Irish Sea for a stop in Wales and see Conwy Castle. Return to England and stop in Liverpool. **(B)**
Hotel: Maldron, Liverpool

DAY 19 | THE WELSH MARCHES TO CARDIFF
Continue through the countryside to the Welsh capital of Cardiff. On arrival, enjoy an orientation of the city. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAY 20 | BATH AND SOMERSET
Cross the iconic Severn Bridge to Bath and explore the UNESCO-listed Roman Baths. Visit Wells Cathedral, as you make your way to Plymouth for the night. **(B)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza, Plymouth

DAY 21 | DISCOVER DARTMOOR
Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a scenic exploration of Dartmoor National Park. Alternatively, cruise the scenic Plymouth harbour. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your newfound friends as you toast to an inspiring journey. **(B) (D)**

DAY 22 | ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON
Visit the prehistoric and mysterious Stonehenge. Return to your hotel in London for a final evening at leisure. Your discovery of Britain and Ireland concludes upon your return to the hotel in London. **(B)**



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

St. Andrews | Visit this renowned university town, home to the world's oldest golf course and birthplace of the 18-hole game.

Giant's Causeway | Visit Northern Ireland's only UNESCO World Heritage Site, formed by volcanic activity over 60 million years ago.

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

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

Bath | Visit the Roman Baths, one of the best-preserved ancient spas in Northern Europe where thermal waters have flowed for 2,000 years.

Montrose | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® At Arbikie Highland Estate, go behind the scenes of the world's first climate-positive distillery. Set beside windswept Lunan Bay, you'll hear about the Stirling family and discover how they transform heritage crops into award-winning spirits using pioneering sustainable methods. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Killarney | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet John and Freda and enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Belgium, Luxembourg & the Netherlands

From winding canals to traditional clog-making, experience the region up close and personal with Farm-to-Table dining and Rembrandt's masterpieces.

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: E918

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BRUSSELS
Join your Travel Director for a visit to the cheeky Manneken Pis statue and a leisurely stroll around the Grand Place, voted the most beautiful square in Europe. Your delightful first evening includes dinner with drinks in the heart of the Old Town. **(D)**
Hotel: Sofitel Europe, Brussels

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:00, 11:00 and 14:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | THE BATTLEFIELD OF WATERLOO OR CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE MAKING LESSON
Explore Brussels with Insight Choice. Learn about Napoleon's final defeat at Waterloo, or join a private chocolate truffle-making lesson and tasting with a master chocolatier, and further explore Brussels with a Local Expert. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the lively city of Antwerp. **(B)**

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 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. Continue to Bruges, where you'll stay for the next two nights. Meet your Local Expert in Bruges for a stroll along cobbled streets, lined with high-gabled houses from the 16th century. Visit the Market Square dominated by the 83 m (272 ft) medieval bell tower, the Belfry of Bruges. Explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall and glorious frescoes on the walls of the Holy Blood Chapel. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Bruges

DAY 4 | BRUGES
Enjoy a relaxed start and leisurely morning to explore the city of Bruges at your own pace. With your free afternoon, perhaps join an Optional Experience to visit the historic town of Ypres. Explore the market square and attend the famous Last Post Ceremony, commemorating the fallen Allied Forces on the surrounding Flanders Fields. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | LUXEMBOURG
Travel into the French-speaking region of Wallonia, where picturesque country roads lead you to the late 19th-century Maredsous Abbey. Your visit includes a sample of freshly brewed beer and a taste of creamy, golden-crusted

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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 Les Écuries du Parc. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Château d'Urspelt (Castle Rooms), Clervaux

DAY 6 | LUXEMBOURG CITY AND COUNTRYSIDE

With a Local Expert, visit the grave of U.S. General George S. Patton, laid to rest alongside the men who fought and died in his great Third Army. Admire the view over the Petrusse Ravine from the Pont Adolphe and stroll through the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the cathedral and the Palace of the Grand Duke. The afternoon is free for you to explore Luxembourg City at your leisure, or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the ancient Roman city of Trier, birthplace of Karl Marx. Later, return to your hotel in the stunning scenery of the Luxembourg Ardennes hills. **(B) (D)**

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, the world's largest port rebuilt after wartime devastation. During an orientation with your Travel Director, see the impressive market hall and admire its radical modern design. **(B)**
Hotel: Doubletree Rotterdam City Centre

DAY 8 | DELFT AND THE HAGUE

Visit the last remaining manufacturer of original Delft blue pottery and see the potters at work. Journey to the Hague, the elegant governmental centre of the Netherlands to view the Parliament and admire 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. In the evening, join a dinner cruise through Amsterdam's canals. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

DAY 9 | AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING

Explore Amsterdam and cruise through its canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, admiring the elegant merchant houses from the 16th and 17th centuries. **(B) (RS)**

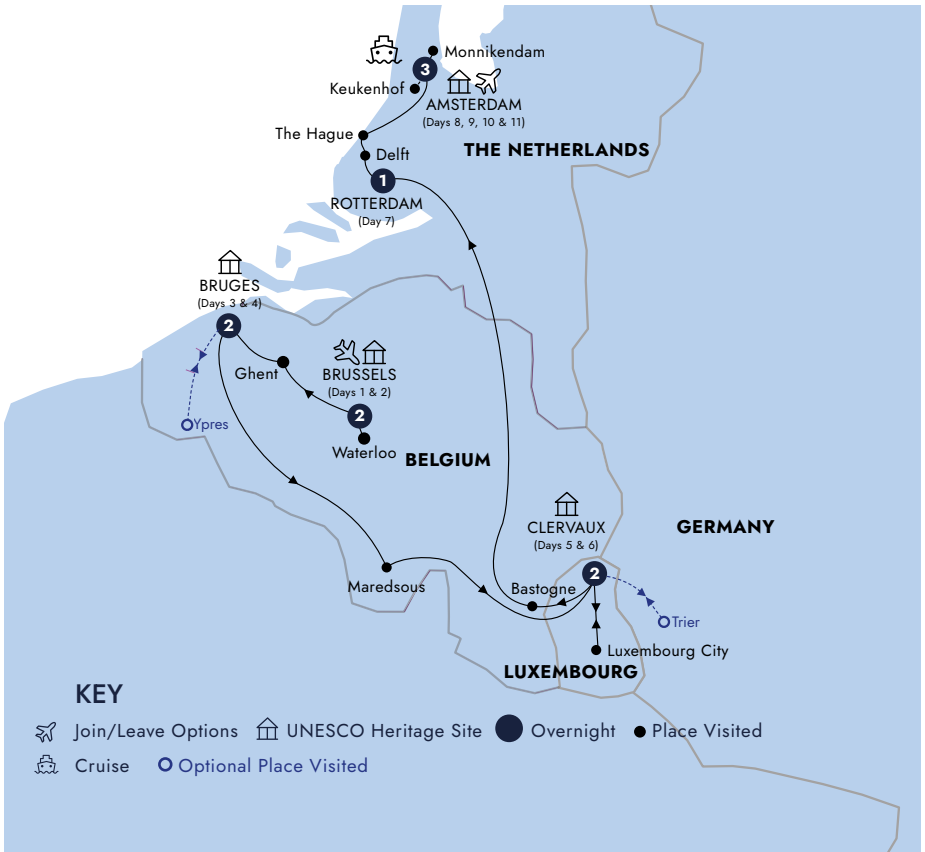
DAY 10 | A TRUE DUTCH DELIGHT

Start the morning with a guided visit to the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam's famed treasure trove of Dutch art, home to Rembrandt's 'Night Watch'. Journey to the fishing village of Monnikendam to learn the secrets of the cheesemaker's craft and witness a traditional shoemaker transform a block of wood into clogs. In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a restaurant dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 11 | DEPART AMSTERDAM

Bid farewell to the Dutch capital and your fellow travellers as you transfer to Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Brussels | *Insight Choice* Indulge in a private chocolate truffle-making experience and tasting, guided by a master chocolatier, *or* visit the site of the historic Battle of Waterloo.

Luxembourg City | Enjoy views over the Petrusse Ravine and walk through the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the cathedral and the Palace of the Grand Duke.

Delft | Visit Delft's last surviving original Delft Blue pottery factory — established in 1653 — where master painters still hand-decorate each piece.

The Hague | See the Dutch Parliament and the Peace Palace, home to the International Court of Justice.

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th century.
Explore the Rijksmuseum with a local art historian. Witness famous works by Van Gogh and Vermeer.

Monnickendam | Visit a traditional workshop to meet a local cheesemaker and watch a clog carver at work, preserving Dutch crafts passed down through generations.

Premium Dining

Brussels | Dine on Belgian specialties in the heart of the Old Town.

Maredsous Abbey | Learn about the production of the Maredsous Benedictine beers and cheeses during a visit surrounded by the lush greenery of the Molignée valley.

Clervaux | At restaurant Les Écuires du Parc, savour a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table dinner of locally sourced, seasonal produce.

Monnickendam | An elegant restaurant reveals traditional flavours in quaint village surrounds.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Normandy, Brittany & The Loire Valley

Trace WWII history in Normandy, stroll Château de Villandry's gardens and discover iconic sights across the City of Light.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: E926

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS

Meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before dinner at a local restaurant featuring cuisine inspired by country recipes. **(D)**

Hotel: Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

TRANSFERS: Depart Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

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 memorializes the burning of Joan of Arc on this very spot in 1431. Continue to the charming fishing town of Honfleur and wander along the harbour or stroll through the colourful streets. Close by, visit a family-owned apple farm for apple juice, cider and calvados tasting. Later, arrive at your luxurious hotel, located in the chic seaside resort of Deauville. **(B)**

Hotel: Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf, Deauville

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

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. Behind the outer ring of defences huddles the small town – its singular street containing shops, cafes and hotels. Continue to stunning 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, home of Jacques Cartier and other celebrated voyagers. At your leisure, you can wander around the ramparts of the thick city walls, offering fantastic views over the old town and the bay. By night, the town's medieval maze of winding streets is abuzz with quaint bars and restaurants. Alternatively, you may wish

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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to join an Optional Experience to Cancale, known throughout France for its oyster beds, for a delicious meal of fresh seafood and other Breton specialties. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Nouveau Monde, Saint-Malo

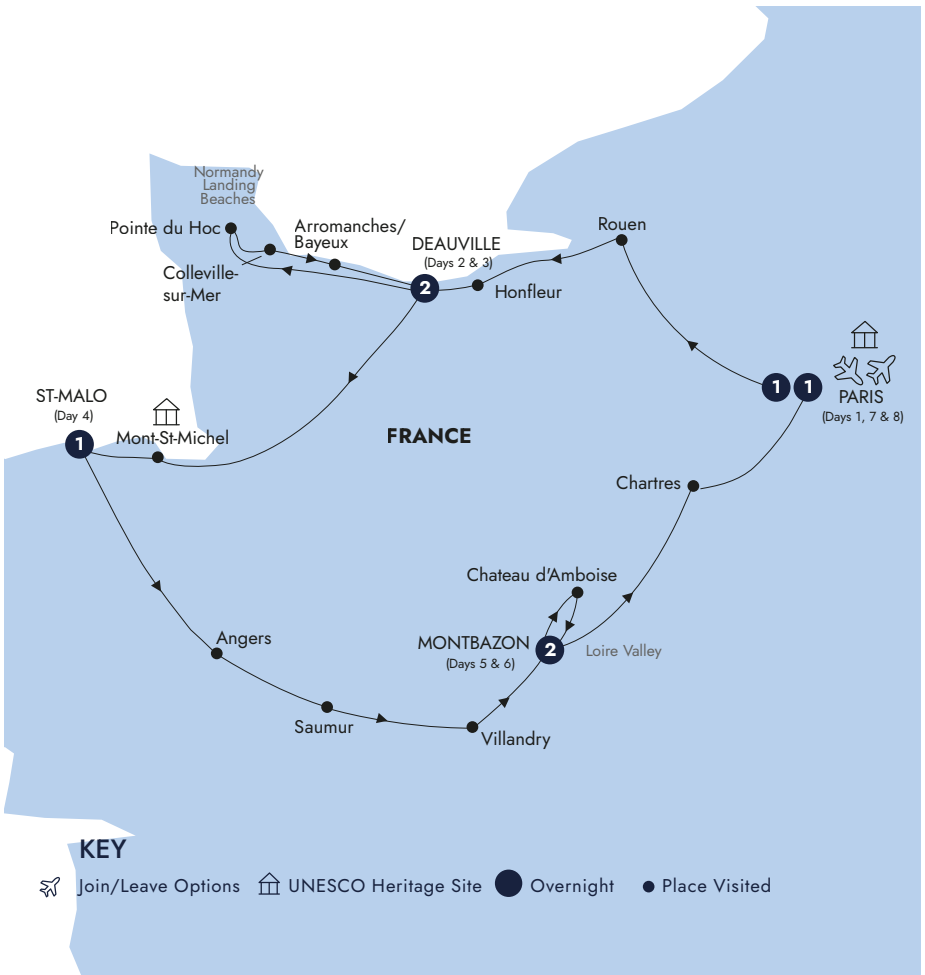
DAY 5 | VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE
Head south through the Loire Valley, stopping to admire the moated Château d'Angers. Cross the river to Saumur, where you'll join a local vintner for a guided tasting of the region's elegant wines. Continue to the Château de Villandry, a masterpiece of Renaissance design, where you'll explore its spectacular terraces, with ornate flowerbeds, tranquil pools and a flourishing potager. Later, arrive at your chateau hotel, surrounded by sweeping views overlooking the capital of the Loire Valley. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Domaine de la Tortinière

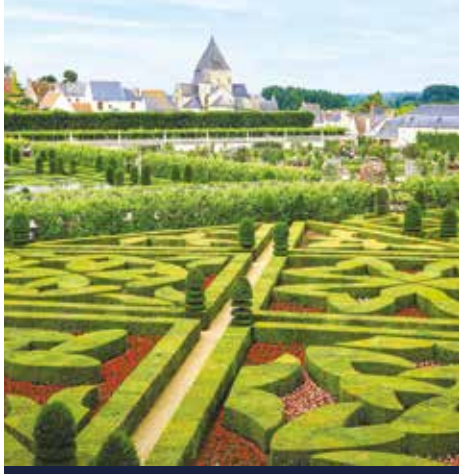
DAY 6 | SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY
Spend the morning at leisure or choose an Optional Experience to Château de Chenonceau, set across the River Cher. Later, enjoy free time in Amboise before joining your Local Expert at Château d'Amboise, a Renaissance royal residence shaped by court life, art and ambition. Look across the Loire from its terraces and visit the chapel where Leonardo da Vinci is buried. You may also choose an Optional Experience to Château du Clos Lucé, where Leonardo spent his final years, exploring the manor house, gardens and working models of his inventions. Your day concludes at Le Domaine de la Tortinière with a farm-to-table dinner showcasing produce from the area. **(B) (D)**

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. Enjoy a guided tour of this architectural delight. From here, return to the French capital where your Travel Director introduces you to the fabulous sights of Paris, including the vast Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood. Travel up the Champs Élysées to Napoleon'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. Add a special touch of excitement and glamour to your evening with the unforgettable thrill of a world-famous cabaret show—an Optional Experience not to be missed. **(B)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

DAY 8 | AU REVOIR PARIS
Today, bid farewell to your journey as you transfer to the airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) at 08:00 and 11:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Honfleur | See this charming fishing town whose harbour once inspired Monet.

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

Arromanches-les-Bains | *Insight Choice* Visit the D-Day Museum in Arromanches and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay, *or* marvel at stunning Norman-Gothic architecture during a visit to Bayeux Cathedral.

Saint-Malo | Wander the maze-like streets to the cathedral, then walk the 17th-century ramparts of this former corsair stronghold, once home to explorer Jacques Cartier.

Amboise | See the Royal Château beside the Loire River.

Premium Dining

Paris | Join your Travel Director and fellow guests at a local restaurant for a delightful dinner.

Saumur | Learn about local grape varieties and regional wine-making traditions as you sample wines of the Loire Valley.

Loire Valley | Dine at the historic Le Domaine de la Tortinière, surrounded by sweeping views. Enjoy a thoughtfully crafted three-course menu featuring fresh produce from local producers. With traditional family cuisine and warm hospitality, this Farm-to-Table dinner offers a true taste of the Loire Valley.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of France

Follow France's country roads from Monaco's Grand Prix circuit to Provençal pétanque, Dordogne wine country and the beloved icons of Paris.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 22 MEALS | LEISURELY





DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS
After checking in, the capital's grand boulevards and world-famous landmarks are yours to explore. Meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before enjoying a dinner at a local restaurant with cuisine inspired by traditional recipes. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

TRANSFERS: Depart Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | CHAMPAGNE REGION AND ON TO DIJON
Stop to savour a taste of Champagne, for which this region is world famous. Arrive in Burgundy and continue to Dijon, the region's elegant capital. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN DIJON
With your day at leisure, relax in Dijon or perhaps visit the wine capital of Beaune. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Dijon La Cloche

DAY 4 | CHAMONIX
Travel towards the Mâconnais and Beaujolais and ascend into the high Alps to the fashionable ski resort of Chamonix. **(B)**
Hotel: Alpina Eclectic, Chamonix

DAY 5 | LAKESIDE ANNECY AND GRENOBLE
Embark on a beautiful journey to Annecy, dramatically situated between lake and mountains. Enjoy free time for lunch in Little Venice, aptly named for the network of canals criss-crossing through the Old Town. This evening, savour a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Park Hotel Grenoble Handwritten Collection

DAY 6 | THE FRENCH RIVIERA AND NICE
Enjoy glorious mountain scenery today. Travel south along the route Emperor Napoleon took in 1815 when he escaped from exile on Elba. Continue to the French Riviera to reach the elegant resort of Nice. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Nice

DAY 7 | NICE AND THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO
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. With Insight Choice, enter the Oceanographic Museum dedicated to the concept of the Mediterranean Science Commission or visit the Royal Palace of Monaco and see Monaco Cathedral, housing the tomb of Princess Grace. **(B)**

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | PICTURESQUE PROVENCE
Visit the medieval village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence and walk through its winding streets. Enjoy a lesson in the French sport of pétanque. Later, continue to Aix-en-Provence. **(B)**
Hotel: Aquabella Hotel & Spa, Aix-en-Provence

DAY 9 | AVIGNON AND PONT DU GARD
See the Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard, then stroll through Avignon. Indulge in a tasting of artisanal olive oils during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and return to Aix-en-Provence for an evening at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 10 | CARCASSONNE AND TO ALBI
Begin in Arles and visit the Arena and Roman Theatre, then cross Languedoc to Carcassonne, famed for its UNESCO-listed fortress. Continue to Albi, birthplace of Toulouse-Lautrec. **(B)**
Hotel: Saint Antoine, Albi

DAY 11 | FREE TIME IN ALBI
Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax and soak up the atmosphere of Albi. This evening, savour a delicious dinner of carefully selected fresh ingredients at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | CAHORS AND ROCAMADOUR
Sample local Dordogne specialties when you visit the market at Cahors, famous for its black wine. In Rocamadour, enjoy free time to explore the medieval town before your Farm-to-Table dinner, prepared with locally sourced ingredients. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Le Perigord, La Roque-Gageac

DAY 13 | EXPLORING THE DORDOGNE VALLEY
Drive into the Valley of the Dordogne to visit Lascaux II, where the world-famous prehistoric cave paintings have been faithfully reproduced. Continue to Sarlat-la-Canéda, its medieval core blessed with fine golden limestone houses. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT
Follow the Dordogne river to travel north past Limoges and Orleans. Reach the Île-de-France and immerse yourself in the beauty of Paris. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

DAY 15 | ROMANTIC CAPITAL ON THE SEINE
During your time in Paris, see the impressive Eiffel Tower, the Luxor obelisk in the centre of the Place de la Concorde and enjoy a drive along the Champs Élysées to Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe. For that special touch of excitement and glamour don't miss the chance to join an Optional Experience to one of the world-famous cabaret shows. **(B)**

DAY 16 | AU REVOIR PARIS
Bid farewell to your journey through France as you transfer to the airport. **(B)**

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Troyes | Journey through this celebrated wine region and pause to enjoy its world-famous sparkling wine.

Chamonix | Explore the town's charming streets, framed by Mont Blanc and the soaring peaks of the French Alps.

Monaco City | *Insight Choice* Admire the Italian Renaissance frescoes and State Apartments of the Prince's Palace, *or* visit the Oceanographic Museum.

Pont du Gard | See the ancient Roman bridge that crosses the Gardon River, a true marvel of engineering and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built nearly 2,000 years ago the bridge stands as a testament to Roman ingenuity.

Paris | See famous landmarks, including Pont Alexandre III, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, the Champs-Elysees and Arc de Triomphe.

Les-Baux-de-Provence | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet owners Jean-Benoît and Catherine at their organic olive mill, where sustainable farming promotes biodiversity. Explore the groves, learn about eco-friendly cultivation and taste exceptional oils of the highest quality. Your visit directly supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Dordogne | Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table dinner prepared with locally sourced ingredients and served with wines from the region.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

French Heritage

Discover French Heritage through pétanque in Provence, alpine splendour in Chamonix and the sunlit glamour of the French Riviera.

22 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 30 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E326

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS
Meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before dinner at a local restaurant featuring cuisine inspired by country recipes. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

TRANSFERS: Depart Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30.
WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | ROUEN, HONFLEUR AND DEAUVILLE
Follow the River Seine to Rouen, capital of Normandy. Continue to the fishing town of Honfleur, and visit a family-owned farm for apple juice, cider and calvados tasting. Later, arrive at your hotel in the seaside resort of Deauville. **(B)**
Hotel: Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf, Deauville

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. Then 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. Or, visit the Bayeux Cathedral. This evening you are treated to a delightful dinner, with seasonal ingredients and delicious wines. **(B) (D)**

DAY 4 | MONT SAINT-MICHEL AND SAINT-MALO
Explore the abbey of Mont Saint-Michel with your Local Expert. Continue along the Emerald Coast to stunning Saint-Malo. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Nouveau Monde, Saint-Malo

DAY 5 | VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE
Head south through the Loire Valley, stopping at the moated Château d'Angers before a wine tasting in Saumur with a local vintner. Later, explore the spectacular Renaissance gardens of Château de Villandry. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Domaine de la Tortinière

DAY 6 | SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY
Visit Château de Chenonceau on an optional excursion or relax at your hotel. In the afternoon, explore Château d'Amboise with a Local Expert. Enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner at Le Domaine Tortinière in the Loire Valley. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 | LA BEAUCE AND CHARTRES TO PARIS, CITY OF LIGHT
Travel to Chartres Cathedral for a guided visit. Return to Paris to see Place de la Concorde, the Champs-Élysées, and the Arc de Triomphe. By night, enjoy the illuminated city and an optional world-famous cabaret show. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

DAY 8 | ROMANTIC CAPITAL ON THE SEINE
While in Paris, stroll through Luxembourg Garden, lunch in a Latin Quarter cafe and visit the restored Notre Dame on the Île de la Cité. In the evening meet your fellow travellers for a dinner. **(B) (D)**

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Hotel: Grand Dijon La Cloche

DAY 10 | FREE TIME IN DIJON
With your day at leisure, perhaps visit the wine capital of Beaune? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | CHAMONIX
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Hotel: Saint Antoine, Albi

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DAY 19 | CAHORS AND ROCAMADOUR
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Hotel: Le Perigord, La Roque-Gageac

DAY 20 | EXPLORING THE DORDOGNE VALLEY
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DAY 21 PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT
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Troyes | Journey through this celebrated wine region and pause to enjoy its world-famous sparkling wine.

Eze | Discover the art of French perfume-making at a perfumery and find your signature scent.

Monaco City | *Insight Choice* Visit the Oceanographic Museum, perched above the Mediterranean, *or* discover the Royal Palace of Monaco and Monaco Cathedral, resting place of Princess Grace.

Saint-Paul-de-Vence | Learn about French pétanque and play the game with medieval walls as your backdrop.

Premium Dining

Paris | Join your Travel Director and fellow guests at a local restaurant for a delightful dinner.

Saumur | Learn about local grape varieties and regional wine-making traditions as you sample wines of the Loire Valley.

Dordogne | Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table dinner prepared with locally sourced ingredients and served with wines from the region.

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Battlefields of WWI & WWII

Journey from Ypres and the Somme to Normandy's D-Day shores, with poignant memorials and even a simulated C-47 flight experience.

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: E726

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Agent or see **insightvacations.com/battlefields-of-wwi-wwii**

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy this city famous for its grandeur and famous landmarks. Perhaps relax with a walk along the Serpentine in Hyde Park or window shop in the boutiques of Knightsbridge. Or, stroll along the Thames to the iconic Tower Bridge and Tower of London. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Park Plaza Victoria, London

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

See London's iconic landmarks on a guided tour with a Local Expert, from the stately Houses of Parliament to Buckingham Palace. Then, delve into Britain's wartime past at the Imperial War Museum. Explore thought-provoking exhibits, from a recreated World War I trench to the Holocaust Gallery, and see the machine that once decrypted enemy codes in WWII. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure or choose to join an Optional Experience and step inside St. Paul's Cathedral, a masterpiece of British architecture crowned by Sir Christopher Wren's magnificent dome. Then, venture to the Tower of London, where tales of imprisoned monarchs, legendary ravens and the dazzling Crown Jewels await. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | THE BEST OF BRUSSELS

Journey on the Eurostar™ to Brussels where you can explore the city with Insight Choice. Opt to visit the historic battlefield of Waterloo. At the site of the final battle of the Napoleonic Wars, learn about Napoleon's June 18 defeat in 1815, which marked the end of his attempts to dominate Europe. Should you prefer to indulge your sweet tooth, join your Local Expert on a city tour of Brussels and chocolate-making class. Conclude your day dining with your travel companions at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cardo Brussels Autograph Collection

DAY 4 | YPRES BATTLEFIELDS

Embark on your journey to Ypres. The next two days are dedicated to the First World War – viewing Hill 60, Polygon Wood, the Passchendaele Memorial and Tyne Cot Cemetery. Uncover the history of the Battle of Messines, a prelude to Passchendaele, where Australian and New Zealand Forces combined to attack the German defensive position. In the town of Ypres, sample the local beer before concluding your day hearing the Last Post sounded at the Menin Gate. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Mercure Lille Centre Grand Place

DAY 5 | FROMELLES AND VIMY RIDGE

Visit the Australian cemetery at Fromelles to reflect on one of the country's darkest wartime moments. Explore Arras and Vimy Ridge, with an optional visit to Wellington's Quarry Museum and insights into the Commonwealth

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

War Graves Commission. End the day in the historic city of Amiens, rebuilt after World War II. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Mercure Amiens Cathédrale

DAY 6 | THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE SOMME
Your Local Expert illuminates the stories behind the key battlefields of the Somme. Visit the Franco-British Memorial at Thiepval, the Lochnagar Crater, the South African and New Zealand Memorials at Longueval. Stop at Ocean Villas for lunch, and later visit the war museum on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Your guided visit to the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux and the Sir John Monash Centre shines a light on how Australian soldiers saved this town. Return to Amiens to view the largest Gothic cathedral in France, boasting the second tallest nave of any medieval church in the country. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | HIGHLIGHTS OF NORMANDY
Today make your way to Rouen, capital of Normandy, to admire its ancient cathedral - a masterpiece of Gothic style and the subject of paintings by Monet. Wander through the narrow streets beneath the Great Clock to the Old Market Square where a modern church commemorates the burning of Joan of Arc on this very spot in 1431. Cap off your day at the Château Champ de Bataille, a masterpiece of 17th-century architecture. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Hôtel Mercure Caen Côte de Nacre

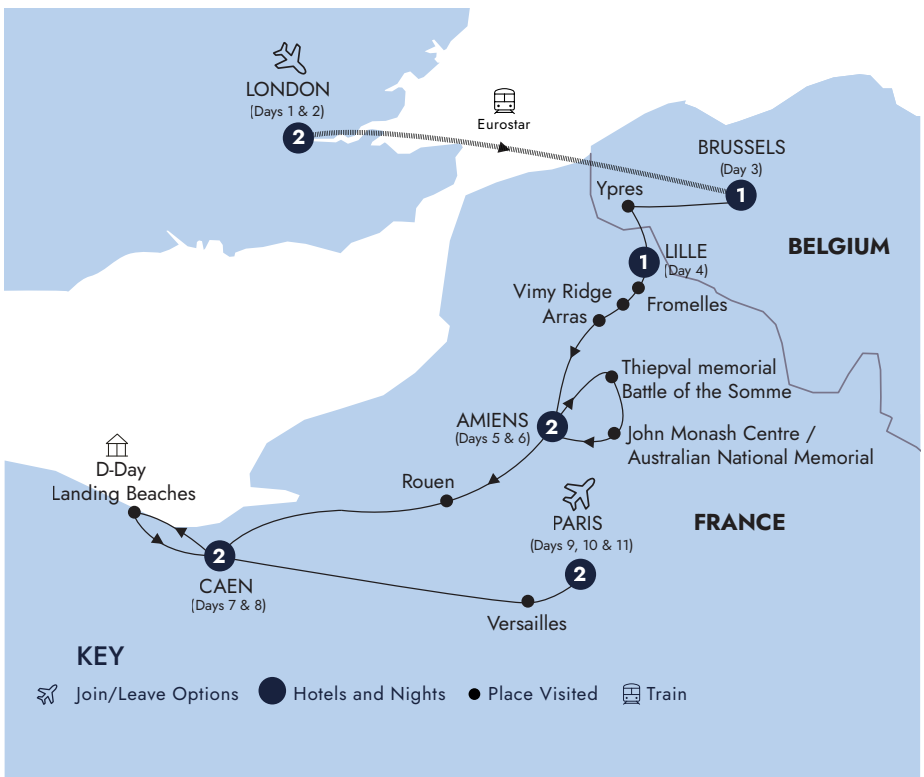
DAY 8 | NORMANDY BEACHES AND D-DAY LANDINGS
Follow the route of the Rangers to Pointe du Hoc, visiting the bunkers and memorial. Experience D-Day through a simulated C-47 flight, Band of Brothers' Dead Man's Corner, and the Utah Beach Museum. Reflect at Omaha Beach and the Normandy American Cemetery, and later enjoy an optional dinner of local cuisine by Juno beach. **(B)**

DAY 9 | VERSAILLES AND PARIS
With monuments, churches and elegant squares, the city of Versailles will inspire the mind of any curious traveller. Venture to Paris where, as evening descends, the City of Light lives up to its name as the monuments, buildings are lit up in all their glory. For that special touch of excitement and glamour do not miss the chance to join an Optional Experience to one of the world-famous cabaret shows. **(B)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

DAY 10 | PARIS, CITY OF LIGHT
With a Local Expert, explore the iconic sights and streets of Paris. See famous landmarks including the Eiffel Tower, the 3,000-year-old Luxor obelisk in the centre of the Place de la Concorde and enjoy a drive along the Champs Elysées to Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe. Explore the city at your own pace or perhaps join an Optional Experience to Les Invalides to see Napoleon's tomb and Army Museum. Curate your evening with an Optional Experience on a romantic Seine cruise. You are in for a memorable evening which begins with a dinner featuring delicious French cuisine and wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | FAREWELL PARIS
Say au revoir to the City of Light. Your tour concludes with a transfer to Charles de Gaulle Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) at 08:00 and 11:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Brussels | *Insight Choice* Indulge in a private chocolate truffle-making experience and tasting, guided by a master chocolatier, *or* visit the site of the historic Battle of Waterloo.

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

Arromanches-les-Bains | Join an emotive journey tracing the story of the D-Day landings. Visit the American Military Cemetery at St-Laurent-sur-Mer, the Utah Beach Landing Museum and the bunkers at Pointe du Hoc.

Auchonvillers | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Visit the WW1 museum at Ocean Villas and meet owner and founder Avril Williams, who created this private museum on battlefields, including original war trenches. The museum displays memorabilia and artifacts from the war, recovered during the construction and through private donations. See what is known as the first private Remembrance Wall on the Western Front, commemorating both those who survived and those who were killed in action. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Brussels | Discover the flavours of Belgian cuisine, from rich chocolates to savoury moules-frites, in the capital's historic heart.

Ypres | Sample a cool Belgian beer, brewed with traditional methods that have defined the region's taste for generations.

Paris | Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a local restaurant in the heart of the city for a delightful dinner served with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

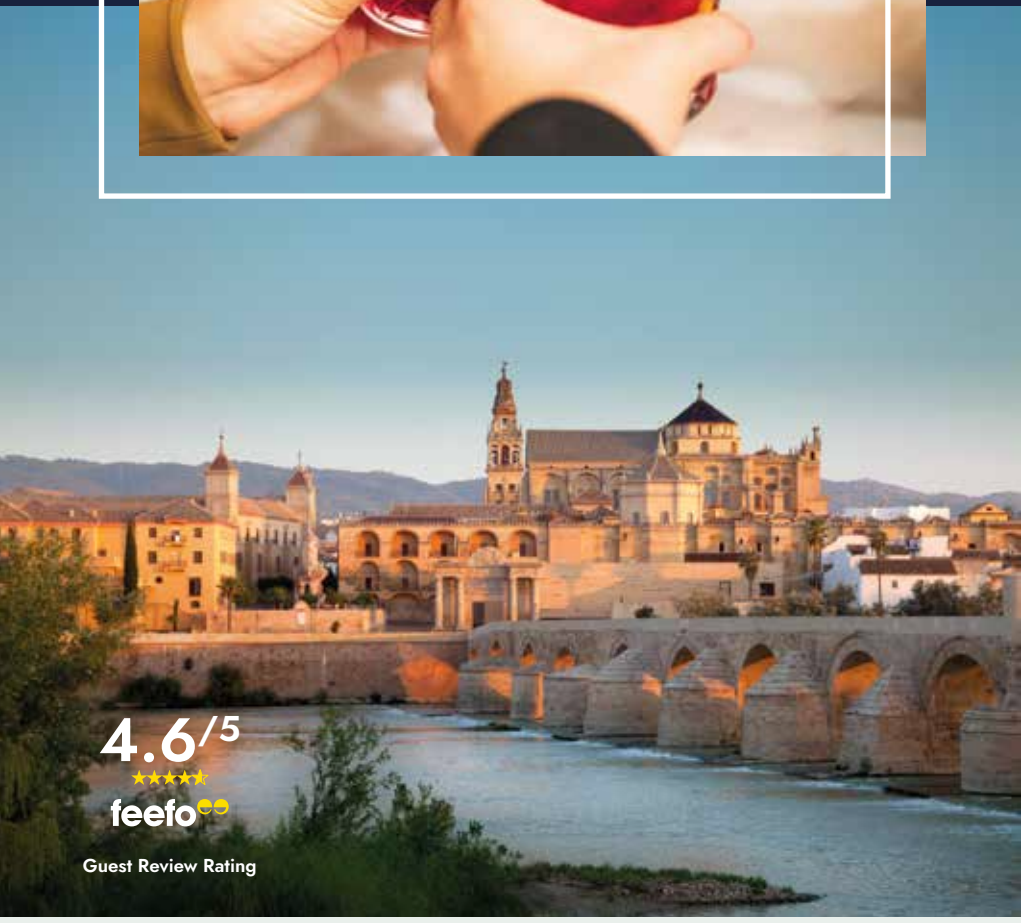
Highlights of Spain

Goya's art and Gaudí's architecture, the magnificent Alhambra to tapas and paella, Spain is showcased in style.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: E936/W936

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA
Roman walls, medieval lanes and the Modernista landmarks of the Eixample frame your first evening in Catalonia. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at La Pau, a local restaurant supporting vulnerable youth through paid work and mentorships as they transition to independent living. During this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll learn about the organisation's work and gain insight into their experiences, ambitions and everyday life in the city. **(D)**
Hotel: NH Collection Constanza/Hilton Diagonal Mar, Barcelona

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 | THE CITY OF GAUDÍ
With your Local Expert, 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 for a visit inside Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família, to see the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the intricate stained-glass windows. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA
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. Later see the Old City and take in its medieval charm. 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 wine at dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: INNSiDE Oceanic/Meliá, 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 distant views of the Sierra Nevada mountains as you approach glorious Granada. This historic city was a Moorish kingdom for almost eight centuries and was 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

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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gardens of the Generalife, the royal summer residence. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Gran Luna de 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 Albaicín 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)**
Hotel: Meliá Sevilla, Seville

DAY 6 | THE CITY OF CARMEN
Enjoy a Relaxed Start, or join an Optional Experience to Pilatos Palace or the Alcázar and Plaza América. Uncover Seville through Insight Choice, walking the old Jewish quarter or taking a panoramic drive. Visit Seville Cathedral before a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, trying flamenco and watching emerging Andalusian artists perform. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | MOORISH CÓRDOBA AND ON TO MADRID
Set off early along the Guadalquivir Valley, passing villages and towns studded with Moorish towers and fortresses. Stop in the perfectly preserved Moorish city of Córdoba and 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. Make the most of your time at leisure and stroll the narrow streets of the city. Follow in the footsteps of Don Quixote as you travel through La Mancha and on to the capital, Madrid. **(B)**
Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

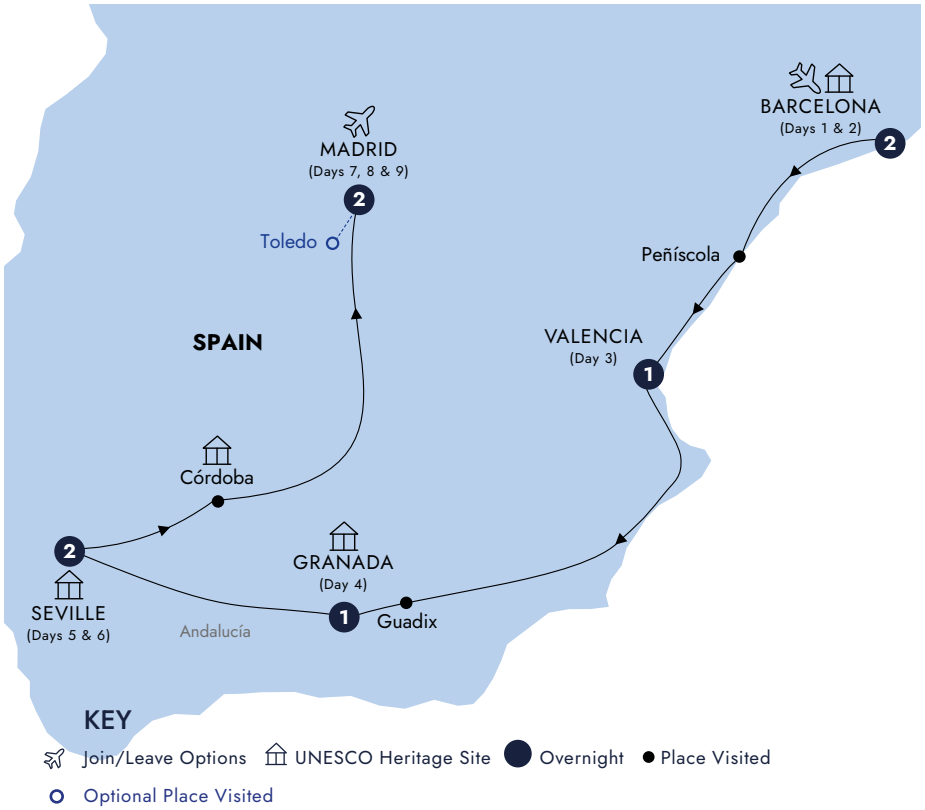
DAY 8 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS
Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert as they guide you through the most historic neighbourhoods in the Spanish capital. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter to discover the origins of the city. Visit the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. With the afternoon at leisure, perhaps travel to Toledo with an Optional Experience. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant to toast your adventures during a delicious dinner served with wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 9 | DEPART MADRID
Today, your remarkable journey comes to an end. Take a moment to reflect on the unforgettable experiences, meaningful connections and enriching encounters that have shaped your travels. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD) at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.

Small Group Option

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Barcelona | View the contrasting architectural styles of Gaudí's extraordinary masterpieces, including the Sagrada Família, under construction since 1882.

Peñíscola | See Peñíscola's 14th-century castle rising above the old town, set on a limestone headland that divides the shoreline.

Valencia | Get your bearings in Valencia's Old City as your Travel Director points out the surviving medieval gateways and the street grid shaped by centuries of expansion.

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

Seville | Admire the cathedral's immense golden altarpiece and see the Tomb of Columbus held aloft by four kings.

Seville | *Insight Choice* Stroll through Barrio de Santa Cruz with a Local Expert and learn about its history, *or* take a panoramic drive around Seville to observe the city's main districts and landmarks, including the riverfront near Torre del Oro, the avenues created for the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition and the open spaces around María Luisa Park.

Córdoba | Visit the mosque-cathedral and its forest of arches with your Local Expert.

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

Barcelona | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Dine at La Pau, an acclaimed restaurant for the quality of seasonal menu and social impact. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequality.

Seville | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4: Quality Education.

Premium Dining

Valencia | Learn the authentic recipe of paella joining a local chef for a cooking demonstration.

Madrid | Sit down to dinner with your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Easy Pace Spain

Ease into España from Bilbao's Guggenheim to Barcelona's unmissable Sagrada Família. Get a taste of the country's finest, from pintxos to the Prado.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: E303

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA
Join your Travel Director for dinner at local restaurant La Pau. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports vulnerable youth through paid work and mentorships as they transition to independent living. As you dine, you'll gain new perspectives about life in Barcelona through the eyes of local youth. **(D)**
Hotel: NH Collection Barcelona Constanza

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | THE CITY OF GAUDÍ
The lively port of Barcelona boasts an impressive Old Town, although it's the daring architecture of the Catalan Art Nouveau that really sets the city apart. Drive down the Passeig de Gracia with your Local Expert ending at Gaudí's masterpiece, the 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. Then you are free to explore this amazing city at your own pace. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | BARCELONA AT LEISURE
Enjoy a relaxed start and a full day at leisure to explore Spain's most vibrant city. From its geographical location, boasting coastal vistas, to the city's extravagant architectural landscape, Barcelona is a delight to explore. Consider a stroll along the famous Las Ramblas or explore Gaudí's fascinating Park Güell. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | PAMPLONA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN
Journey through the dramatic landscapes of northern Spain to Pamplona in the region of Navarre, famed for the Running of the Bulls. On arrival, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace — perhaps stroll along the storied Estafeta Street or discover a local cafe in the old quarter. Later, continue to the aristocratic seaside resort of San Sebastián. Nestled in the heart of Basque Country, this city is celebrated for its culinary excellence. In the evening, savour its rich gastronomic traditions in Lo Viejo, the atmospheric Old Town. **(B)**
Hotel: Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián

DAY 5 | BILBAO AND GUGGENHEIM
Few places have been able to reinvent themselves quite like Bilbao. The former industrial city has changed its ways and is now an example of urban redevelopment. Explore Bilbao with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the spectacular Guggenheim Museum to marvel at its modern architecture and contemporary works of art. Alternatively, choose to join your Local Expert and take the funicular to Mount Artxanda. Upon your return to San Sebastian, join a Local Expert to admire the crescent-shaped La Concha Bay from the heights of Monte Igueldo. After taking in the views, enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter. See the

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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 dinner with the locals, as you enjoy the gastronomic Basque tradition of pintxo, similar to tapas. Enjoy a variety of snack-sized treats and be sure to try some of the local Txakoli wine. Buen provecho! **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST
Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk. Perhaps choose an Optional Experience to Saint-Jean-de-Luz, the elegant seaside town known as the Jewel of the Basque Country. With your Local Expert, you'll uncover its maritime character and step inside the Church of Saint John the Baptist, where Louis XIV married the Spanish princess Maria Theresa in 1660, sealing a royal alliance between France and Spain. **(B) (RS)**

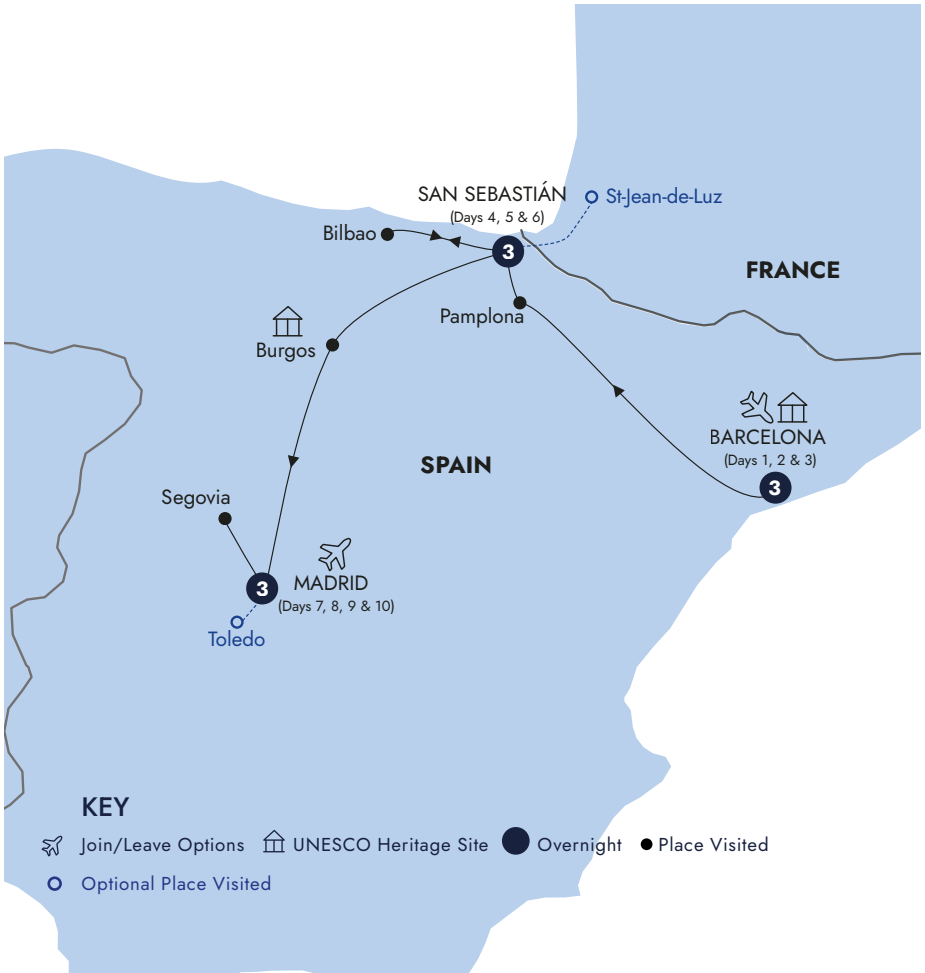
DAY 7 | BURGOS AND MADRID
Journey south through the Pyrenees foothills and the land of El Cid for a stop in Burgos, where you can see the cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue along the Guadarrama Mountains to the plateau of New Castile and Spain's elegant capital of Madrid. In the evening, why not see the city lit up in all its glory, with a drive along the grand avenues and past the spectacular fountains? **(B)**
Hotel: Meliá Princesa, Madrid

DAY 8 | 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 9 | THE MEDIEVAL STREETS OF SEGOVIA
Venture northwest 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, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After returning to Madrid, you are at leisure. Make the most of your final night as you join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy delightful regional produce paired with the finest local wines, as you toast to a holiday done well. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | DEPART MADRID
After breakfast, bid farewell to Spain, your Travel Director and fellow travellers. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD) at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Barcelona | View the contrasting architectural styles of Gaudí's extraordinary masterpieces, including the Sagrada Família, under construction since 1882.

Pamplona | Home to Cafe Iruña, a favourite of Ernest Hemingway.

Bilbao | *Insight Choice* Visit the Guggenheim Museum and see works of contemporary art by Spanish and international artists, *or* take the funicular to Mount Artxanda to enjoy panoramic views of the city below.

San Sebastián | Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter, known for its narrow streets, pintxo bars and Basque character.

Burgos | See the French Gothic cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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

Segovia | Walk Segovia's historic centre with a Local Expert who explains how the city developed at the meeting point of Roman, medieval and royal influence.

Barcelona | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Dine at La Pau, an acclaimed restaurant for the quality of seasonal menu and social impact. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequality.

Premium Dining

San Sebastián | Enjoy a meal of traditional Basque pintxos, each with its own flavour, flair and presentation.

Madrid | Sit down to dinner with your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a local restaurant.

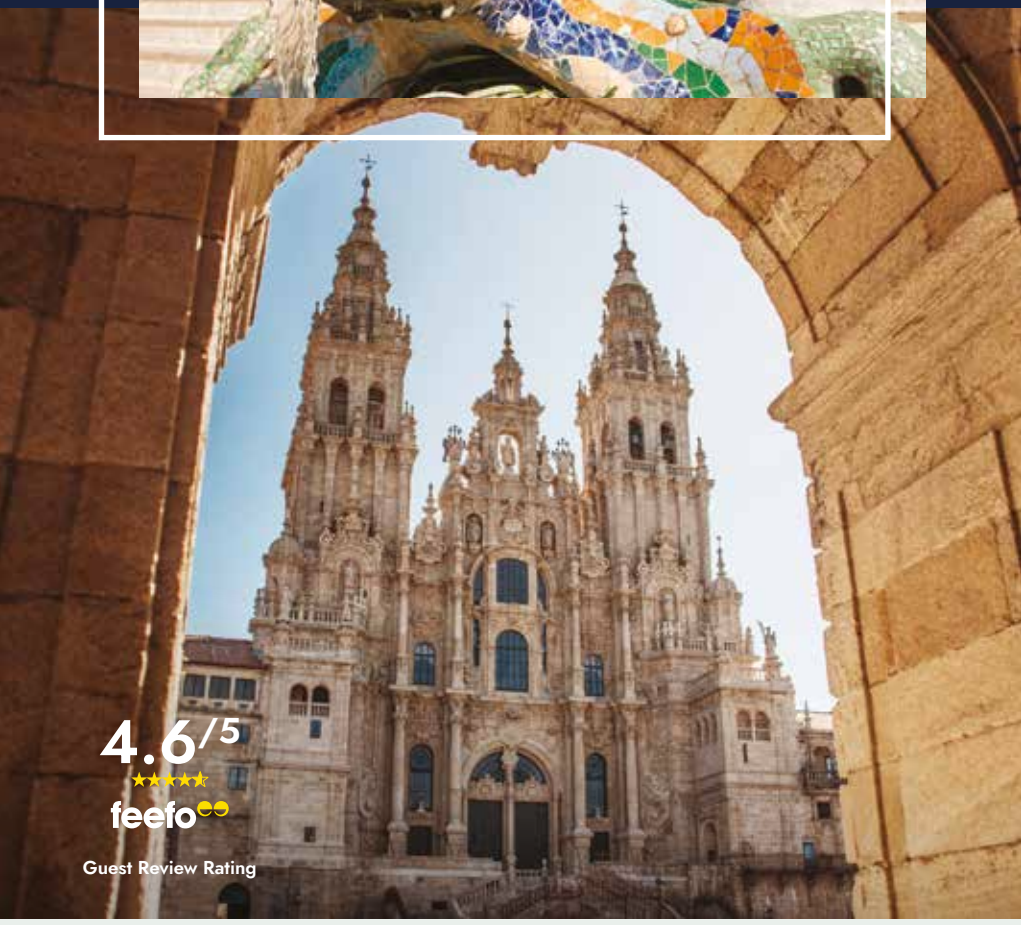
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Northern Spain

Trace Asturias' Green Coast, where cider country and Oviedo's historic heart lead to Santander and Barcelona's Sagrada Família.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY





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Trip code: E931

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID
Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner in a local restaurant and enjoy an evening of typical madrileño flavours. **(D)**
Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

TRANSFERS: Depart Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD) Terminal 1 at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 and 16:00 or Terminal 4 at 09:30, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS
Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert as they take you along the main historical areas in the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the Bourbons. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city. Learn about the growth of this city, from humble beginnings to a thriving European metropolis. At Madrid's Prado Museum, discover an extraordinary collection of works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and other influential artists in the company of a local art historian. Gain new perspective on classic artworks as your art historian shares historic anecdotes and provides new insights into the Prado's collection. The afternoon is free for you to relax at a cafe or shop in the boutiques. **(B)**

DAY 3 | THROUGH THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
Journey through the Guadarrama Mountains to the infinite horizons of Old Castile and pass the impressive Castillo de la Mota. Continue past historic Tordesillas, and on to Santiago de Compostela. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Collection, Santiago de Compostela

DAY 4 | SAINTLY SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
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 verdant parks and gardens. Relax during your free time, or explore the narrow streets and old city squares. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | ALONG THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO
Pass through the ancient forests of Galicia and travel along Asturias' Green Coast, named for the lush pine and eucalyptus trees that fringe its sparkling shoreline. Stop for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, where you'll enjoy a homemade Farm-to-Table lunch and learn about traditional cider production, including a tasting. Continue inland past coastal views, old villages and deep valleys en route to Oviedo. On arrival, join a Local Expert to explore the city's 9th-century churches and visit the Cathedral of the Holy

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II, home to one of Europe's finest altarpieces. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: 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 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 on to the sophisticated beach resort of Santander where you have free time in the evening to explore. **(B)**
Hotel: Eurostars Real, Santander

DAY 7 | BILBAO, COSTA VASCA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN
In nearby Bilbao, admire the striking modern architecture of the Guggenheim Museum, one of the world's most spectacular buildings. Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca, dotted with small coastal fishing villages and pause in the seaside city of 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 Constitution. This evening, perhaps join an Optional Experience to sample traditional pintxos. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián

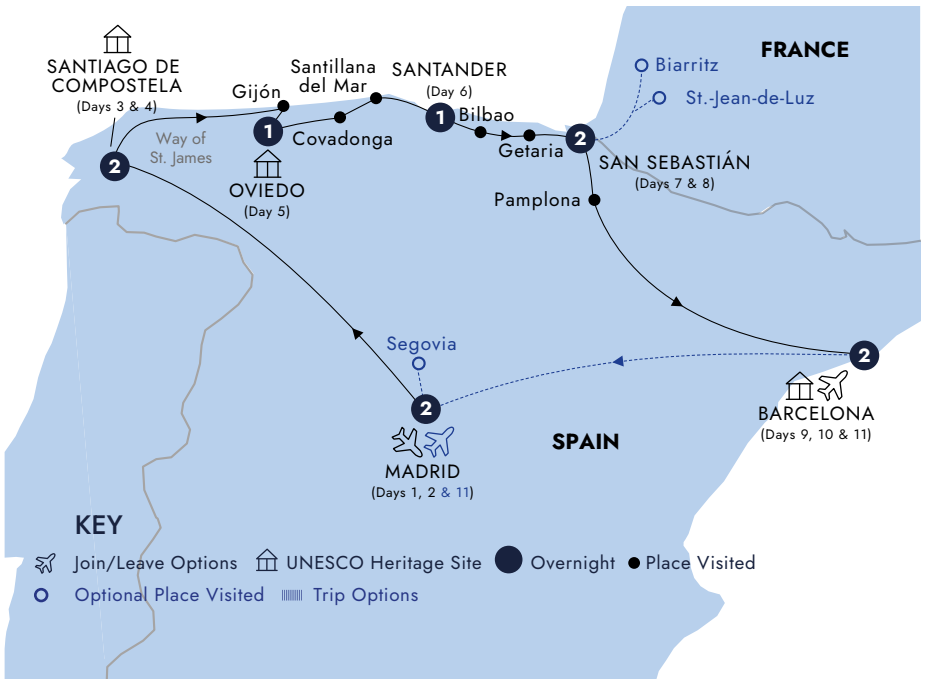
DAY 8 | SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST
Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk and with the city harbour filled with fishing boats and pleasure crafts, you can enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps you'll want to explore the nearby French villages of Saint-Jean-de-Luz, also known as Little Paris, and Biarritz. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | PAMPLONA AND BARCELONA
Journey to the famed town of Pamplona, known for its Running of the Bulls festival. With time free for you to explore, take a stroll to the famous Estafeta Street or visit Cafe Iruña, immortalised by Ernest Hemingway in his novel 'The Sun Also Rises.' Your travels continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions. **(B)**
Hotel: Labtwentytwo, Barcelona

DAY 10 | THE CITY OF GAUDÍ
Wake up ready to embrace the city's artistic heritage. Join a Local Expert and drive 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 Família. As you venture inside, look up to see its giant, tree-like pillars and spectacular vaulting. Admire the wonderful rainbow of the incredible stained-glass windows. With the afternoon at leisure, you are free to relax or continue your exploration on your own. In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast your travels during dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID
Today, bid farewell to your travel companions and Travel Director as you transfer to the airport. The 09:00 transfer continues to Madrid, arriving at the airport in the early evening. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Barcelona-El Prat Airport (BCN) at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Santiago de Compostela | *Insight Choice* Join a city tour to admire the cathedral facade at Praza do Obradoiro, *or* embark on a scenic walk on part of the Way of St. James through parks and gardens that transform with the seasons.

Oviedo | See ancient wall paintings and marvel at Europe's finest altarpieces in the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour.

Picos de Europa | Visit the holy cave of Covadonga and see the tomb of Pelayo who became the first King of Asturias.

Bilbao | Admire the exterior of Gehry's spectacularly modern Guggenheim Museum.

San Sebastián | Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter, known for its narrow streets, pintxo bars and Basque character.

Pamplona | Home to Cafe Iruña, a favourite of Ernest Hemingway.

Barcelona | View the contrasting architectural styles of Gaudí's extraordinary masterpieces, including the Sagrada Família, under construction since 1882.

Gijón | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet locals for a delicious Farm-to-Table meal of locally sourced produce that has been prepared just for you. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Madrid | Indulge in delicious food and wine at a characteristic restaurant of the city's vibrant centre.

Barcelona | Savour Catalan delicacies that reflect the history of the local culinary culture.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Morocco

Discover the vibrant souks and ancient palaces of Fes and Marrakesh. Then, leave the bustling cities behind for the golden sands of the Sahara Desert.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 21 MEALS | BALANCED

WOMEN-ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE





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Trip code: E938/W938

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO CASABLANCA
Join your Travel Director and fellow guests for dinner, enjoying an evening of good food and great company. **(D)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Casablanca City Centre, Casablanca

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | RABAT, IMPERIAL MEKNES AND FES
View the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, dramatically set on the Atlantic shore. Drive along the Corniche before travelling to Rabat. See the Royal Palace, then visit the Mausoleum of King Mohammed V. Nearby, view the Hassan Tower, the incomplete minaret of a 12th-century mosque. Continue to Meknes. Pause at Bab el-Mansour, the monumental city gate currently under restoration, its intricate tilework and scale still impress. Arrive in Fes for a traditional Moroccan dinner in an ancient palace near the Medina with entertainment. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Heritage Boutique, Fes

DAY 3 | FES SIGHTSEEING
Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to the non-profit American Fondouk. 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. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | THE ZIZ GORGES TO ERFOUD
Travel through the High Atlas Mountains via Ifrane and the cedar forests of Azrou, stopping for lunch in Midelt before continuing through the Ziz Gorges to Erfoud. This evening, choose between stargazing under the Sahara skies or relaxing with a traditional hammam experience. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Kasbah Hotel Xaluca Arfoud, Erfoud

DAY 5 | DESERT TOWN OF RISSANI
Begin the day in Rissani, a historic desert town and former caravan centre. Visit the Tomb of Moulay Ali Cherif, an important figure in the Alaouite dynasty, before viewing marine fossils dating back 360 million years at the nearby quarries. Continue to Ksar Oulad Abdelhalim, then savour madfouna for lunch. Often called 'Berber pizza', this local specialty is filled with seasonal ingredients and fragrant spices. Spend the remainder of the afternoon relaxing and enjoying the hotel's facilities before gathering for dinner. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | SPECTACULAR OUARZAZATE
Venture towards the oasis of Tinehir and explore the Todra Gorge. Stop at a traditional farm to learn how local produce is cultivated using time-honoured methods. Then, enjoy a Farm-to-Table lunch of traditional Moroccan cuisine at

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Restaurant Yasmine. At Boumalne du Dadès, take in the stark beauty of the Dades Valley. Later, meet the locals as you visit a traditional nomad house and share authentic Berber tea. The Road of a Thousand Kasbahs concludes in Ouarzazate, Morocco's film capital, where epics like Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars were filmed. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Le Berbère Palace, Ouarzazate

DAY 7 | TO MARRAKESH
Marvel at and photograph the architectural wonder of Ksar of Aït Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. 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)**
Hotel: Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakesh

DAY 8 | MARRAKESH, PEARL OF THE SOUTH
In the morning, visit Dar El Bacha - an iconic landmark in the city of Marrakesh. Meet your Local Expert and wander the maze of the Medina and see the Koutoubia Mosque, with its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline. Next, to the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, where you can take a moment to watch the dancers, snake charmers and storytellers. With time at leisure, you are free to continue exploring: enjoy the sensorial experience of strolling through the souks or maybe visit a museum. In the evening, perhaps choose to join fellow travellers 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) (RS)**

DAY 9 | ELEGANT ESSAOUIRA
Venture to the west coast of Africa to reach the laid-back fishing town of Essaouira. After an orientation with your Travel Director, explore the busy fishing port. Continue to El Jadida with its unique architectural mixture of Moorish-Portuguese-French influence. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Pullman Mazagan Royal Golf and Spa, El Jadida

DAY 10 | RETURN TO CASABLANCA
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. Perhaps visit the magnificent Hassan II Mosque famous for its intricate Islamic architecture and one of the largest in the world. In the evening, join your Travel Director at Rick's Cafe, recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you, kid! **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Casablanca City Centre, Casablanca

DAY 11 | AU REVOIR CASABLANCA
Today, bid farewell to your journey through Morocco as you transfer to the airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:00, 08:00 and 10:00.

Women-Only Option

We also offer a Women-Only version of this tour, designed by women, for women, and averaging 18 travellers. See more on page 174, visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent for details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Fes | Wander the maze of streets that make up the ancient Medina. See one of the world's oldest universities and pass hidden courtyards, mosques and workshops.

Erfoud | *Insight Choice* Experience a traditional Moroccan hammam, where a centuries-old cleansing ritual uses steam and Beldi Black Soap, *or* stargaze in Erfoud's clear desert skies and learn how Berber nomads once navigated the Sahara by stars.

Dades Valley | Meet the locals at their home and enjoy Berber tea with traditional pancakes.

Tinghir | Marvel at Todra Gorge, a ravine created by a fault that split the orange-coloured limestone as deep as 400 m (1,312 ft).

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

Fes | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the American Fondouk, founded in 1927, and speak with passionate volunteer veterinarians who care for local animals and families. Your visit directly supports United Nations Global Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Fes | Join in the fun at a colourful Moroccan feast, complete with music, belly dancers and an array of local delicacies.

Rissani | Dine on Madfouna, known as Berber Pizza. Traditionally baked in the sands of the Sahara, this dish is a delight of seasonal fillings and spices.

Tinghir | Visit a traditional farm in Tinehir's oasis and see how the local produce is grown. Then savour a delicious seasonal lunch.

Casablanca | Indulge in a four-course dinner with drinks at Rick's Cafe, made famous by the 1942 film.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Portugal

Explore Lisbon's historic downtown and stroll through Porto, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Set sail on Lake Alqueva and study the complexities of Alentejo wine.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP AND WOMEN-ONLY OPTIONS AVAILABLE





Trip code: E928/W928

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LISBON
Touch down in Lisbon, known for its tiled streets, yellow trams and long connection to Portugal's seafaring past. Settle in and relax before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Dom Pedro Lisboa, Lisbon

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES
Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you to the ancient Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries. Explore more of the Belém Quarter as you visit the Cloister of Jeronimos Monastery and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years. This evening, gain further insight into Portuguese culture with an Optional Experience dinner. **(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. A short walk away, specialised Portuguese seafood restaurants hug the coastline, overlooking the Atlantic. **(B)**
Hotel: Ria Park Hotel & Spa, Algarve

DAY 4 | EVERLASTING ÉVORA
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, then visit the cathedral and the Capela dos Ossos, an extraordinary 16th-century chapel made of bones. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: M'Ar de Ar Aqueduto, Évora

DAY 5 | MONSARAZ AND ÉVORA
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 picturesque views and tales of river life. Sit down to a delicious lunch at local restaurant Sem Fim, once an olive mill. Enjoy a wide range of dishes showcasing the local cuisine. Return to Évora where the evening is at your leisure to explore this beautifully preserved regional capital. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 6 | ON TO FÁTIMA AND TOMAR
This morning, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a visit to Casa Relvas for a wine tasting, featuring uniquely Portuguese grape varietals like Touriga Nacional. Despite the dry climate of the Alentejo region, this family-run estate produces exceptional wine

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through innovative water-saving techniques. Continue your journey to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned pilgrimage site. Journey across central Portugal's rolling hills to explore Tomar with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site Convento do Cristo with a Local Expert, where you'll admire the octagonal Templars' Rotunda and the Manueline Window. Alternatively, join a guided city tour and visit the Synagogue of Tomar, one of the best-preserved medieval synagogues in Portugal. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Dos Templários, Tomar

DAY 7 | COIMBRA AND THE DOURO VALLEY
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 River. Enjoy a Farm-to-Table lunch, freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients, with a Port wine tasting. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Douro Palace Resort & Spa, Douro Valley

DAY 8 | GUIMARÃES AND PORTO
The mountain ranges of Northern Portugal accompany your morning journey to Guimarães, known as the birthplace of Portugal. Take in views from the Visigoth castle and walk through medieval squares before continuing to Porto. With your Local Expert, visit the São Bento Railway Station, renowned for the hand-painted azulejo tilework depicting scenes of Portugal's past, and stroll across the Dom Luís I Bridge. Then consider an Optional Experience to cruise aboard a traditional Rabelo boat and savour traditional flavours at a riverside restaurant. **(B)**
Hotel: Cénica Curio Collection by Hilton, Porto

DAY 9 | PORTO, GRANDE DAME ON THE DOURO
With a full day free to enjoy at your own pace, why not take a stroll to admire the multi-coloured houses and churches covered in beautiful glazed tiles. Perhaps choose to visit Braga, the capital of Baroque. **(B)**

DAY 10 | ANCIENT ÓBIDOS AND LISBON
Discover the charm of the fortified town of Óbidos. Step inside the medieval town's ancient walls to wander through cobblestone streets, then continue to Lisbon. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a delightful dinner, raising a glass to the unforgettable moments shared on your tour. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Evolution Valbon, Lisbon

DAY 11 | DEPART LISBON
After breakfast, transfer to Lisbon International Airport. **(B)**

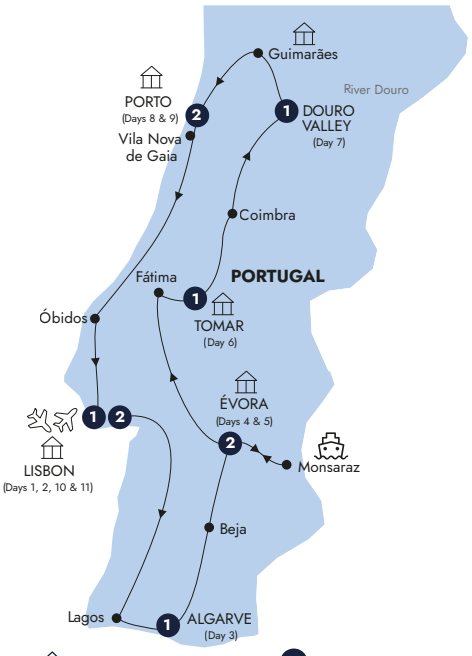
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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lisbon | Explore the capital with your Local Expert.

Lagos | Stroll through this coastal town nestled on Meia Praia, with your Travel Director.

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

Tomar | *Insight Choice* Visit one of Portugal's historical jewels, the Templar Castle and Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, *or* join a guided city tour and visit the Synagogue of Tomar, one of the best-preserved medieval synagogues in Portugal.

Coimbra | Witness triumphal arches, painted ceilings, golden flourishes and walls of ancient tomes at the famous university library.

Guimaraes | Enjoy views from the Visigothic castle ruins and explore a maze of medieval streets in the Old Quarter.

Porto | View thousands of hand-painted tiles decorating São Bento Railway Station.

Évora | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Taste the delicate nuances of Alentejo wine and learn how the Relvas family ensures low water consumption and reforestation of indigenous trees, and provides scholarships to local students. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Lisbon | Indulge in typical flavours of the Portuguese capital as you dine on culinary creations that reflect the country's historic influences.

Monsaraz | Dine in a converted olive oil mill and delight in Alentejo classics prepared by chef Tiago, using the freshest local produce.

Douro Valley | Enjoy a Farm-to-Table meal prepared from locally sourced ingredients.

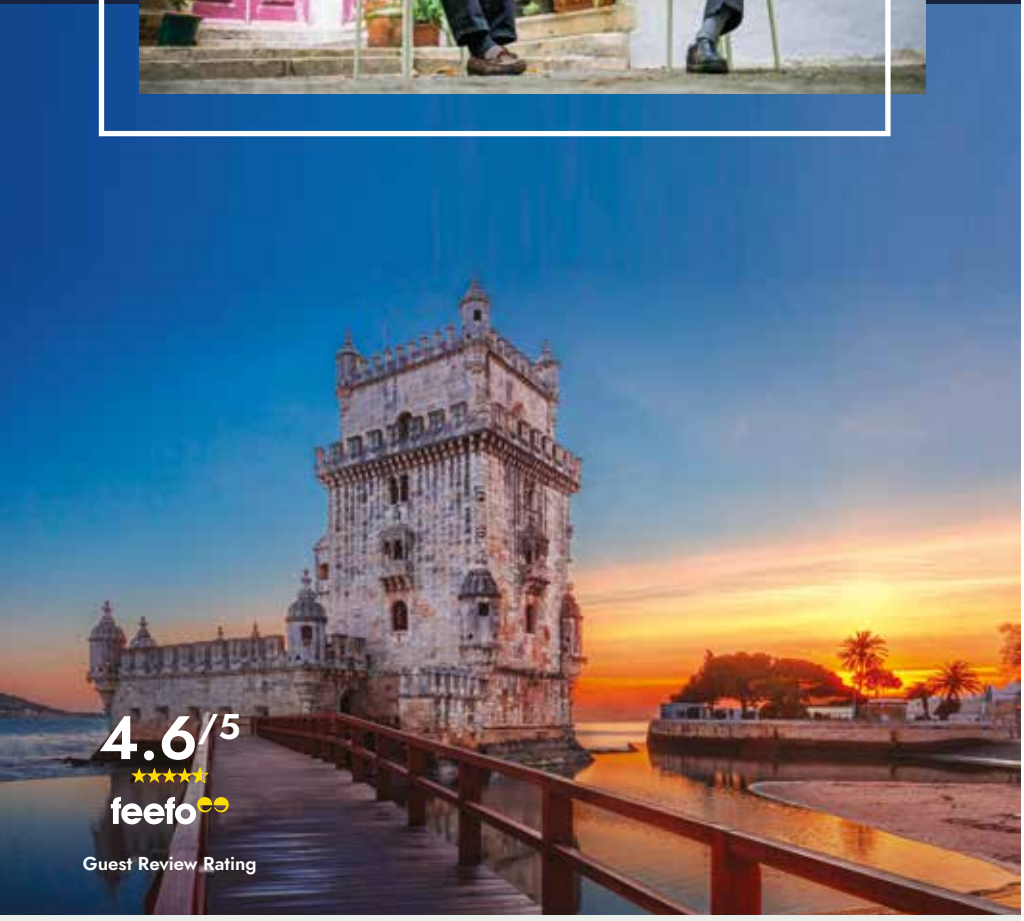
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Amazing Spain & Portugal

Go deeper into Iberian culture through Damascene craft, the Alhambra's gardens, a private flamenco lesson, Fátima's sacred story and Lisbon's river-facing fortresses.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E300/W300

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID
While in Madrid, explore the elegant boulevards, expansive parks and varied architectural styles. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: The Westin Madrid Cuzco

TRANSFERS: Depart Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD) Terminal 1 at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 and 16:00 or Terminal 4 at 09:30, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | THE OLD CAPITAL OF TOLEDO AND ON TO GRANADA
Visit 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. From here you will venture south to meet a local artisan in a Damascene workshop for a personal insight into this ancient craft, handed down by the Moors centuries ago. Then enjoy a walk within the city walls of Toledo, 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 Orgaz'. Your journey continues to Granada. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Vincci Albayzín, Granada

DAY 3 | THE ALHAMBRA PALACE AND SEVILLE, CITY OF CARMEN
"Give him alms, woman, because there is nothing sadder in life than being blind in Granada," proclaims 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 this architectural masterpiece in the company of your Local Expert before visiting the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the serene summer retreat of the Nasrid rulers. Take a moment to unwind in the sunshine and admire the views over the town and its three verdant hills. Later, journey on to Seville, Andalucía's spirited capital, where orange-scented courtyards and sun-dappled plazas set the scene for the days ahead. **(B)**
Hotel: Meliá Sevilla, Seville

DAY 4 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE
Enjoy a relaxed start or choose to join one of two Optional Experiences: admire the architectural elegance of Pilatos Palace, or explore the Alcázar of Seville and nearby Plaza América, home to graceful pavilions from the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition. Continue exploring with Insight Choice. Choose to stroll through the atmospheric Santa Cruz Quarter with a Local Expert, or sit back and

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enjoy a scenic drive taking in the city's iconic landmarks. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. In the evening, take part in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Cristina Heeren Foundation. Try your hand at flamenco during a lively dance lesson, then witness this expressive art form brought vividly to life in a passionate performance. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | ÉVORA AND ON TO LISBON

Continue to the lively university town of Évora, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Portugal, with architectural styles dating back to Roman times. Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with 5,000 bones, before making your way to Lisbon, where an Optional Experience offers dinner in a family-run restaurant serving seasonal Portuguese seafood. **(B)**
Hotel: Inspira Liberdade Boutique, Lisbon

DAY 6 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE DISCOVERIES

During your stay, a guided sightseeing tour of the city with your Local Expert takes you to 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 National Coach Museum. With the afternoon at your leisure, consider joining an Optional Experience to the beautiful Portuguese Riviera. **(B)**

DAY 7 | HOLY FÁTIMA AND SALAMANCA

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, returning to Spain and continue to Salamanca, famous for its golden stone buildings and the handsome arcades of the Plaza Mayor. 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

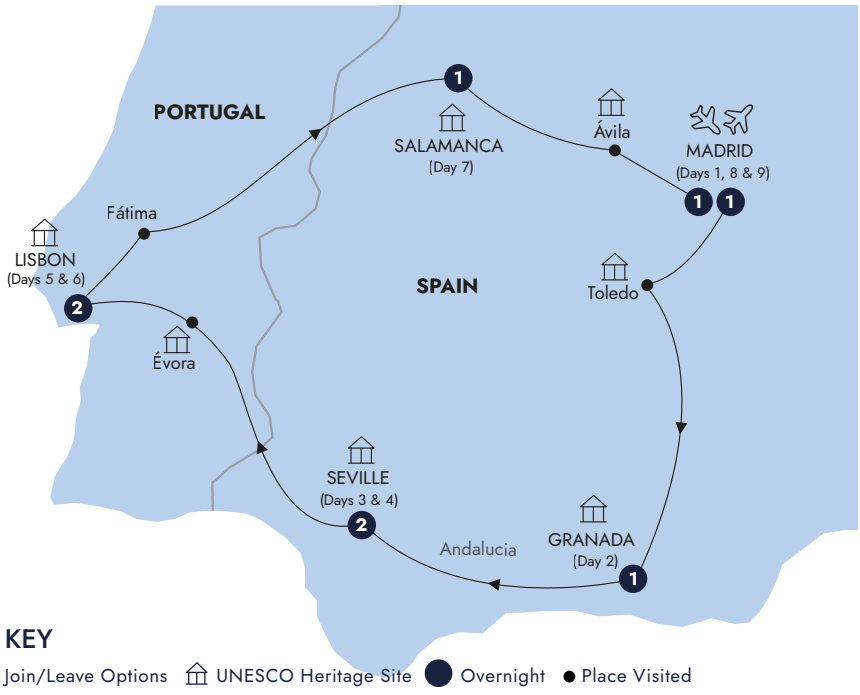
DAY 8 | ÁVILA AND MADRID

Cross the rock-strewn hills of the Castile, to arrive at Ávila. Admire the impressive city still entirely enclosed within its 11th-century walls, a unique occurrence in Europe. 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 dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Meliá Princesa, Madrid

DAY 9 | DEPART MADRID

Today, your remarkable journey comes to an end. Take a moment to reflect on the unforgettable experiences, meaningful connections and enriching encounters that have shaped your travels. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD) at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Toledo | At a Damascene workshop, meet a master artisan for an insight into the ancient craft of sword-making.

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

Seville | *Insight Choice* Stroll through Barrio de Santa Cruz with a Local Expert and learn about its history, *or* take a panoramic drive around Seville to observe the city's main districts and landmarks, including the riverfront near Torre del Oro, the avenues created for the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition and the open spaces around María Luisa Park.

Évora | Stroll through charming cobblestone streets flanked by whitewashed facades and marvel at the haunting Chapel of Bones.

Lisbon | Explore the capital with your Local Expert.

Salamanca | See the golden stone and arcades of Plaza Mayor, and learn about the unique traditions of this historic university city.

Seville | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4: Quality Education.

Premium Dining

Madrid | Indulge in delicious food and wine at a characteristic restaurant of the city's vibrant centre.
Sit down to dinner with your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a local restaurant.

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Best of Spain & Portugal

Explore grand castles, the Prado Museum's masterpieces and Segovia's medieval streets, while tasting Port, olive oil and wine from Porto to Granada.

15 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID
Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner in a local restaurant and enjoy an evening of typical madrileño flavours. **(D)**
Hotel: Barcelo Torre de Madrid/The Westin Madrid Cuzco

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WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

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 SALAMANCA
Visit the fortified city of Segovia and walk through its medieval streets with a Local Expert. Journey west, overlooking the ancient walls of Ávila, before arriving in Salamanca. During your guided sightseeing tour, admire the golden stone buildings the city is famous for. **(B)**
Hotel: Alameda Palace, Salamanca

DAY 4 | PORTO
Cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Visit the Vila Nova de Gaia wine cellars and 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. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Collection Porto Batalha

DAY 5 | FÁTIMA, ÓBIDOS AND LISBON
Continue to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where you can stop for a tasting of locally made cherry liqueur. Continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. **(B)**
Hotel: Dom Pedro Lisboa/EVOLUTION Valbon, Lisbon

DAY 6 | LISBON
Sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you to the Belém Quarter, where sailing ships set forth to explore uncharted ocean and land. Enjoy a taste of the famous Pastéis de Belém and visit the National Coach Museum. **(B)**

DAY 7 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN
Depart Portugal this morning and journey into the sun-drenched Algarve, pausing in one of the picturesque towns for a leisurely lunch. From here, cross the border into Spain and continue through the changing landscapes of Andalucía, arriving in Seville by late afternoon. **(B)**
Hotel: NH Collection Sevilla, Seville

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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DAY 8 | FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE
Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to stroll through the atmospheric Santa Cruz Quarter with a Local Expert, or sit back and enjoy a scenic drive taking in the city's iconic landmarks. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Later this afternoon, take part in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Cristina Heeren Foundation. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | HEAD FOR GIBRALTAR AND THE COSTA DEL SOL
Head south to Gibraltar, part of mainland Spain yet an overseas territory under British control since 1704. With your Local Expert, visit the Rock of Gibraltar and St. Michael's Cave. Relax as you travel the scenic route along the Costa del Sol through high end resorts where the rich and famous holiday, taking in the views of the coast. **(B)**
Hotel: Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos

DAY 10 | COSTA DEL SOL
Enjoy a day at leisure on the sun-drenched Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade, savour the specialties in the local restaurants or consider exploring Málaga. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 11 | ON TO THE ALHAMBRA
Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at a rural mill-factory to taste a selection of different oils. In small groups, you are invited into the home of a local family for a delicious lunch made of fresh, local produce with flavours typical of the Axarquia region. Continue to Granada to visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace with your Local Expert. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: Barcelo Carmen/Vincci Albayzin, 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. 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 at dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: INNSiDE Oceanic/Melia Valencia

DAY 13 | ALONG THE COAST TO PEÑÍSCOLA AND ON TO BARCELONA
Follow the coast to Peñíscola to view the sea-lapped castle used in the film 'El Cid'. Continue along the Costa Dorada to the Cava Bodegas at Sant Sadurni d'Anoia. During a delicious light lunch, enjoy a tasting as you learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly. Continue along the coast to reach Barcelona. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Meliá Sarrià/Labtwentytwo Barcelona

DAY 14 | BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING
A Local Expert joins you for a drive along the Passeig de Gràcia. Continue through the Eixample district to visit Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. Join your fellow travellers for dinner to toast to newfound friends and a two-week in-depth exploration of the Iberian Peninsula. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 15 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID
Today, bid farewell to your travel companions and Travel Director as you transfer to the airport. The 09:00 transfer continues to Madrid, arriving at the airport in the early evening. **(B)**

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Segovia | Walk Segovia's historic centre with a Local Expert who explains how the city developed at the meeting point of Roman, medieval and royal influence.

Salamanca | See the golden stone and arcades of Plaza Mayor, and learn about the unique traditions of this city.

Lisbon | Explore the capital with your Local Expert.

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

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

Barcelona | View the contrasting architectural styles of Gaudí's extraordinary masterpieces, including the Sagrada Família, under construction since 1882.

Seville | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4: Quality Education.

Premium Dining

Vila Nova de Gaia | Visit the wine cellars of Vila Nova de Gaia, the centre of port ageing and storage since the 18th century. You'll learn how barrel conditions, blending practises and long-standing shipper traditions define styles such as Ruby, Tawny and Vintage. Examine the link between Douro Valley production and the export houses established along this southern bank of the Douro River.

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

Alfarnatejo | Share a home-cooked lunch with a local family in Alfarnatejo. Expect simple Andalusian dishes, seasonal ingredients and an easy conversation around the table.

Valencia | Learn the authentic recipe of paella joining a local chef for a cooking demonstration.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Spanish Heritage

Experience the magic of Spain, discovering Barcelona's architectural delights, Seville's flamenco spirit and Madrid's art at the Prado Museum.

18 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 24 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E396

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA
Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: NH Collection Constanza/Meliá Sarria, Barcelona

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ
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. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: NH Collection Constanza/Meliá Sarria/Torre Melina Gran Meliá, Barcelona

DAY 3 | ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA
Stop at Peñíscola to see the sea-lapped 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 a local specialty during a cooking demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of wine at dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Barceló Valencia

DAY 4 | EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA
Travel toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings. 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) (D)**
Hotel: Gran Luna de Granada

DAY 5 | A SCENIC DRIVE TO SEVILLE
Your journey continues to Seville, the enchanting capital of Andalucía. Spend the evening exploring this delightful city at your leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: Meliá Sevilla, Seville

DAY 6 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN
Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to stroll through the atmospheric Santa Cruz Quarter with a Local Expert, or sit back and enjoy a scenic drive taking in the city's iconic landmarks. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | MOORISH CÓRDOBA
In Córdoba, meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th-century mosque with a catholic cathedral built within. **(B)**
Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | WONDERFUL MADRID
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. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Join your newfound friends at a local restaurant for dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | MADRID AT LEISURE
Enjoy a relaxed start and a full day at leisure to explore Spain's capital. Consider an Optional Experience to the fortified city of Segovia. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 10 | THROUGH GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
Journey through the Guadarrama Mountains to the infinite horizons of Old Castile and continue past the impressive Castillo de la Mota. Travel on to Santiago de Compostela, where the tomb of the Apostle St. James was miraculously discovered in the Middle Ages. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Collection, Santiago de Compostela

DAY 11 | SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
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) (RS)**

DAY 12 | THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO
Travel along the Green Coast of Asturias. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. In Oviedo, visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II with a Local Expert. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: 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)**
Hotel: Eurostars Real, Santander

DAY 14 | BILBAO AND SAN SEBASTIÁN
Admire the architecture of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao. Continue to San Sebastián and admire its beauty during a city tour with a Local Expert. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián

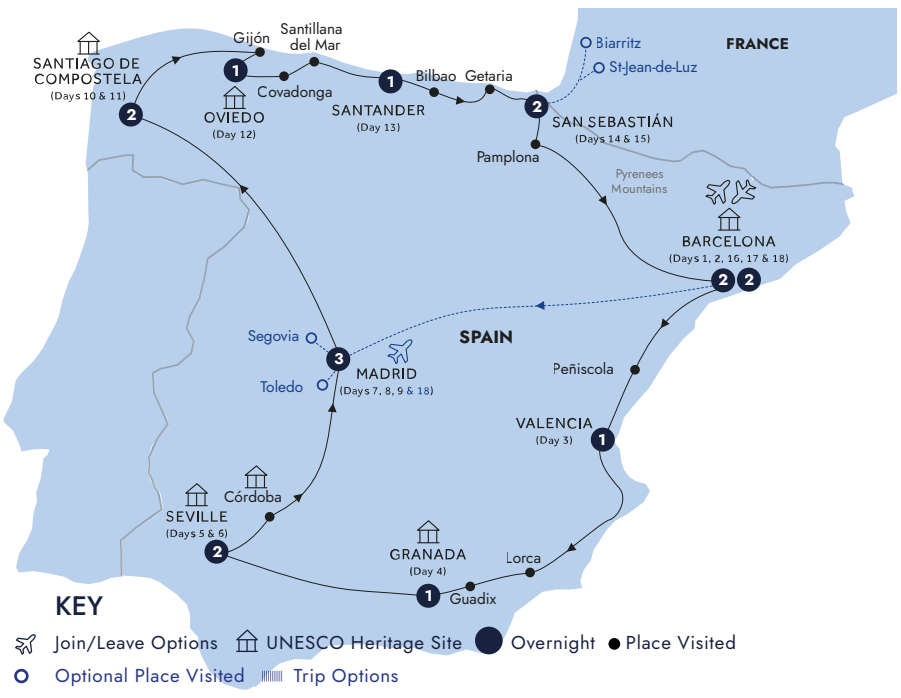
DAY 15 | THE CANTABRIAN COAST
Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk or enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 16 | 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 Cafe Iruña, immortalised in Ernest Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises'? Your travels continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia. **(B)**
Hotel: Labtwentytwo, Barcelona

DAY 17 | BARCELONA AT LEISURE
Enjoy a day completely at leisure. In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant for your delightful dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 18 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID
Today, bid farewell to your travel companions and Travel Director as you transfer to the airport. The 09:00 transfer continues to Madrid, arriving at the airport in the early evening. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Barcelona-El Prat Airport (BCN) at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Barcelona | View the contrasting architectural styles of Gaudí's extraordinary masterpieces, including the Sagrada Família, under construction since 1882.

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

Seville | *Insight Choice* Stroll through Barrio de Santa Cruz with a Local Expert and learn about its history, *or* take a panoramic drive around Seville to observe the city's main districts and landmarks, including the riverfront near Torre del Oro, the avenues created for the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition and the open spaces around María Luisa Park.

Córdoba | Visit the mosque-cathedral and its forest of arches with your Local Expert.

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

Picos de Europa | Visit the holy cave of Covadonga and see the tomb of Pelayo who became the first King of Asturias.

Bilbao | Admire the exterior of Gehry's spectacularly modern Guggenheim Museum.

San Sebastián | Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter, known for its narrow streets, pintxo bars and Basque character.

Seville | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4: Quality Education.

Gijón | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet locals for a delicious Farm-to-Table meal of locally sourced produce that has been prepared just for you. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Valencia | Learn the authentic recipe of paella joining a local chef for a cooking demonstration.

Barcelona | Savour Catalan delicacies that reflect the history of the local culinary culture.

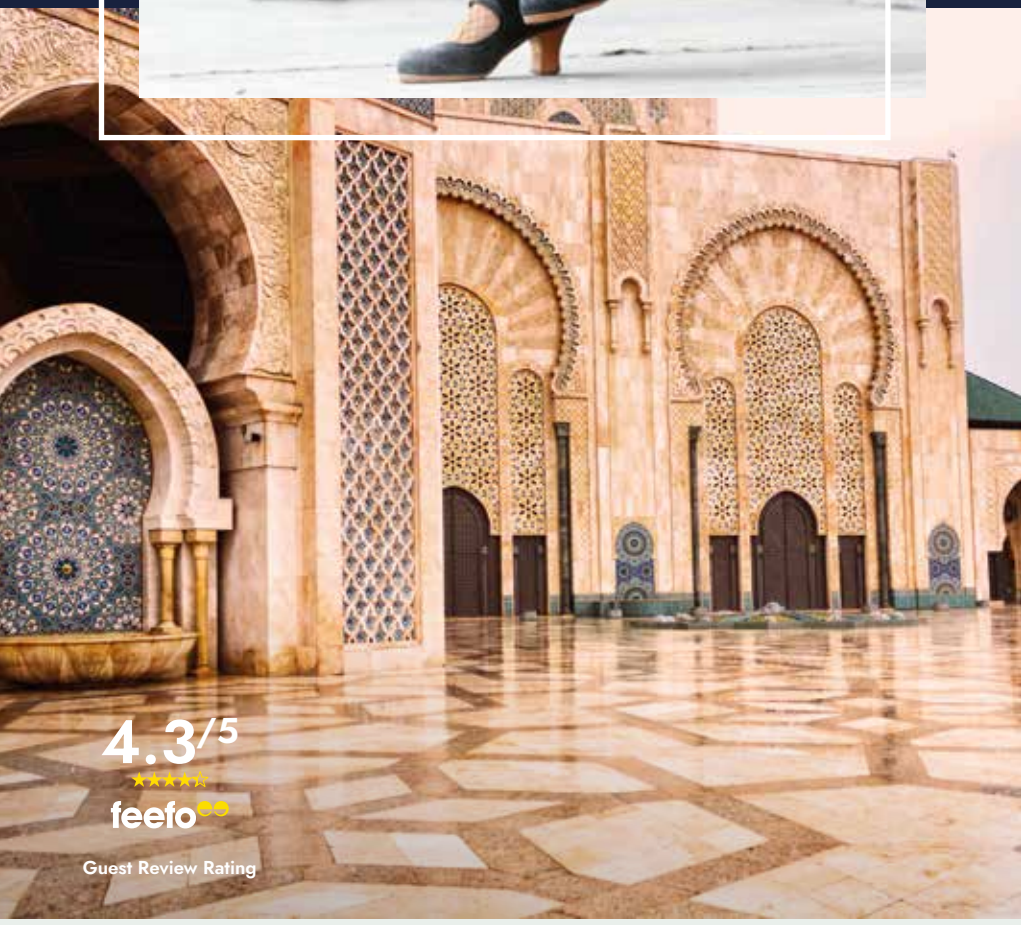
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Treasures of Spain, Portugal & Morocco

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

16 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 22 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: E942

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - November

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LISBON
On arrival at Lisbon International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel. Settle in and relax before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Hyatt Regency/Hotel Corinthia, Lisbon

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES
Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you to see the Belém Quarter, enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém and visit the National Coach Museum. This afternoon is free to explore further as you wish or perhaps visit the Portuguese Riviera. **(B)**
Hotel: Hyatt Regency/Corinthia, Lisbon

DAY 3 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN
Depart Portugal this morning and journey into the sun-drenched Algarve, pausing in one of the picturesque towns for a leisurely lunch and a tranquil glimpse into southern Portugal's coastal charm. From here, cross the border into Spain and continue through the changing landscapes of Andalucía, arriving in Seville by late afternoon. **(B)**
Hotel: Ribera de Triana, Seville

DAY 4 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE
Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to stroll through the atmospheric Santa Cruz Quarter with a Local Expert, or sit back and enjoy a scenic drive taking in the city's iconic landmarks. Later, visit the Seville Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world and the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR TO FES
Set sail across the Strait of Gibraltar to reach Morocco, a historic land of deep-rooted tradition and compelling cultural character. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Heritage Boutique, Fes

DAY 6 | EXPLORE FES
Today, your Local Expert will guide you through the ancient Medina. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ON THE ROAD TO MARRAKESH
During today's journey, see traditional mud-walled villages set against the vast arid plains. Glimpse the Atlas Mountains as you approach Marrakesh, a bustling hub of culture and trade. **(B)**
Hotel: Grand Mogador Menara, Marrakesh

DAY 8 | EXPLORE MARRAKESH
Join a Local Expert to explore the Medina, the historic heart of the city. Visit the intricately decorated Palais Bahia, a 19th-century mosaic-laden masterpiece built to be the greatest palace of its day. **(B) (RS)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 9 | "PLAY IT AGAIN, SAM" IN CASABLANCA
Journey to the west coast of Africa to reach Casablanca. Your Local Expert will reveal the truth to this and other fascinating elements of this storied city. Visit the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Casablanca City Centre, Casablanca

DAY 10 | RABAT AND TANGIER
Travel north to Rabat to see the intricately-decorated Royal Palace and Hassan Tower with your Local Expert. Your journey continues to Morocco's port of Tangier, overlooking the Strait of Gibraltar where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Villa de France, Tangier

DAY 11 | ON TO THE COSTA DEL SOL
Cross the water to Spain and continue on to Gibraltar. Meet your Local Expert for a guided tour of the Rock of Gibraltar. Your travels continue through Andalucía and on to the Costa del Sol, famous for its beaches. **(B)**
Hotel: Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos

DAY 12 | AT LEISURE ON THE COSTA DEL SOL
Enjoy the day at leisure on the sun-drenched Costa del Sol. Relax by the blue Mediterranean waters, stroll along the promenade, savour the specialties in the local restaurants, or consider exploring Málaga, the birth city of Picasso. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 13 | DINING WITH LOCALS AND THE ALHAMBRA PALACE
Continue to Alfarnatejo and stop at the rural mill-factory to taste a selection of different oils. In small groups, you are invited into the home of a local family to join them for a delicious lunch. Continue to Granada, where overlooking the town stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite palace. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Gran Luna de Granada

DAY 14 | TO MADRID IN SEARCH OF DON QUIXOTE
Your journey continues to the north, through countryside immortalised by Cervantes' fictional hero, Don Quixote. **(B)**
Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

DAY 15 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS
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. Visit the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant to toast your adventures during a delicious dinner served with wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 16 | DEPART MADRID
Today, bid a fond farewell to your memorable journey through Spain, Morocco & Portugal as you transfer to the airport and reflect on the experiences and adventures you've had. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Madrid-Barajas Airport (MAD) at 07:00, 09:00 and 11:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lisbon | Explore the capital with your Local Expert.

Seville | *Insight Choice* Stroll through Barrio de Santa Cruz with a Local Expert and learn about its history, *or* take a panoramic drive around Seville to observe the city's main districts and landmarks, including the riverfront near Torre del Oro, the avenues created for the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition and the open spaces around María Luisa Park.

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

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

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Premium Dining

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

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

Madrid | Sit down to dinner with your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Italian Intermezzo

Glide through Venice on a gondola, see Rome's legendary Colosseum and capture that iconic photograph at the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 10 MEALS | DYNAMIC





Trip code: E971/W971

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MILAN
Greet your Travel Director at Milan's Malpensa Airport. Later, head to a traditional restaurant known for its delicious Milanese dishes. Tonight's dinner is a chance to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening. **(D)**
Hotel: Duo Milan Porta Nuova

TRANSFERS: Depart Malpensa Airport at 09:30 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 15:15.

DAY 2 | VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC
Journey across the Veneto plain, rich in agriculture, known for its peach trees & vineyards, with the Dolomite mountains on the northern horizon. Your hotel, exuding authentic Venetian charm, beautifully reflects the history and culture of the surrounding area. As night falls, there's the opportunity to immerse yourself in the magic of St. Mark's Square, with its orchestras and delightful alfresco cafes, providing an unforgettable experience. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Indigo - Sant'Elena, Venice

DAY 3 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Wake up ready to embrace this awe-inspiring city. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, sailing 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 beautiful canals. It's a chance to relax and enjoy traditional songs, as you drift along the city's romantic waterways. Later, you'll visit a glassblowing workshop, where you'll see how beautiful, handcrafted glass is made by expert artisans, preserving centuries-old skills. Spend the afternoon and evening as you wish or take a private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon on an Optional Experience to the island of Burano. Famed for its candy-coloured houses and artisan lace makers, it also features a leaning bell tower that would give Pisa a run for its money. While there, enjoy a superb meal sampling the local specialties. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | TRANQUIL TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE
Stop in Pisa to marvel at the world-famous Leaning Tower, one of Italy's most recognizable landmarks, where Galileo is said to have carried out his pioneering experiments on velocity and gravity. Take time to soak up the atmosphere of the beautiful Piazza dei Miracoli before continuing your journey. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience featuring a traditional Tuscan dinner, perfectly complemented by regional wines, including the celebrated Chianti produced in the vineyards that blanket the surrounding hills. **(B)**
Hotel: Albani Firenze, Florence

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | FREE TIME IN RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

This morning, explore Florence with Insight Choice: choose to visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David, or take a stroll with your Travel Director and enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. Afterwards, join a guided walk with your Local Expert through the Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Signoria, where you'll admire the cathedral, Giotto's bell tower, baptistery and Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, as well as the statues fronting the Palazzo Vecchio. Afterwards, enjoy a demonstration of Florence's renowned leatherwork and gold craftsmanship before an afternoon at leisure. In the afternoon, you may wish to join an Optional Experience to San Gimignano, where medieval towers and artisan shops line the cobbled streets of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. **(B) (D)**

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. Enjoy the backstreets and secrets of pedestrian Rome on an Optional Experience taking a "passeggiata" (stroll) with your Local Expert. Be amazed at sights such as the fascinating Pantheon and the beauty of 17th-century fountains and beautiful piazzas. Why not throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city? **(B)**
Hotel: Villa Pamphili, Rome

DAY 7 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN

In the morning, enjoy the very best of Rome's remarkable highlights, including fast-tracked entry to the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire one of the world's greatest collections of papal art as you wander through galleries filled with priceless treasures, before stepping inside the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's iconic ceiling masterpiece. Afterwards, view the magnificent exterior of St. Peter's Basilica and spend some free time exploring at your own pace, perhaps relaxing in a nearby piazza or discovering more of the Eternal City's timeless charm or join an Optional Experience to the Colosseum. In the evening, savour the authentic flavours of Lazio as you dine on regional specialties and raise a glass with your fellow travellers, celebrating an unforgettable journey through Italy's rich heritage, culture and enduring traditions. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy, savouring the memories of its enchanting cities, historic landmarks and stunning landscapes. Italy's unique allure will linger in your heart long after you leave. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.
Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride. Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.

Pisa | See the marble baptistery, 11th-century cathedral and famous Leaning Tower.

Florence | Witness local artisans at work during a gold and leatherwork demonstration.

Florence | *Insight Choice* See Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor, *or* taste a classic Italian treat cherished by generations of locals when you join your Travel Director at a spot beloved by the city's residents.

Orvieto | Visit Piazza del Duomo and admire the cathedral in this Umbrian hilltop town.

Vatican City | Discover the Sistine Chapel and admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling.

Rome | Uncover ancient wonders in the heart of the Roman Empire with your Local Expert.

Premium Dining

Milan | Appreciate traditional recipes and local wine as you indulge in regional flavours over dinner.

Rome | Embrace the Lazio region's rich culinary heritage during a delightful dinner experience with your travel companions.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Sicily in Depth

Visit Syracuse's Paradise Quarry and Palermo's Palatine Chapel, taste Marsala wine, explore Taormina's cliffside Greek theatre and marvel at Mount Etna.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: E834/E934

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PALERMO
Relax and settle in before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Palazzo Liberty Unique

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 12:00 and 15:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | PALERMO & THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS
Discover Palermo on a walking tour featuring a visit to the stunning 12th-century Palatine Chapel with a Local Expert. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time exploring Palermo Cathedral, a fascinating site with its unique blend of architectural styles reflecting centuries of history. **(B)**

DAY 3 | TRAPANI AND MARSALA
Nestled along its crescent-shaped coastline, Trapani is embraced by the Mediterranean Sea. Discover the age-old tradition of salt production when you visit the colourful salt pans and an ancient stone windmill during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to see where sea water is transformed into salt crystals. Later, enjoy a wine-tasting experience at a local winery and meal with your fellow travelling companions. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Seawater, Marsala

DAY 4 | EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES
Travel along the southern coast of Sicily en route to Agrigento. In Agrigento, explore the Valley of the Temples with a Local Expert. Recognised by UNESCO, these temples are exceptional examples of ancient Greek architecture. Marvel at the imposing Temple of Concordia and the cliff-top Temple of Juno, both overlooking the sea. Reflect on this unforgettable day with your fellow travellers over dinner at the hotel, sharing insights and experiences. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Della Valle, Agrigento

DAY 5 | DISCOVER VILLA ROMANA DEL CASALE AND RAGUSA
Travel inland to the Villa Romana del Casale, a luxurious Roman villa renowned for its rich and intricate mosaics. This UNESCO World Heritage Site, inscribed in 1997, showcases the opulence of ancient Rome. Continue to Ragusa and explore the labyrinthine alleyways of Ragusa Ibla with your Local Expert. The town, with origins dating back to the Bronze Age, was once inhabited by the Sicels tribe, who gave their name to Sicily. Admire the remarkable Sicilian Baroque architecture that has earned Ragusa UNESCO recognition. In the evening, savour the rich flavours of locally sourced ingredients with a delicious Farm-to-Table dinner at a charming local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Mediterraneo Palace, Ragusa

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | MODICA
Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or join an Optional Experience to the town of Noto. Later, explore the town of Modica, rebuilt after the 17th-century earthquake, and discover its artisanal techniques used to create the town's celebrated handmade chocolate. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ANCIENT SYRACUSE
Discover Syracuse through Insight Choice. Opt for sightseeing with your Local Expert at Syracuse's Paradise Quarry, home to the unique Ear of Dionysius, an ear-shaped grotto with remarkable acoustics. Next, visit the impressive Greek theatre, carved from solid rock, and one of the largest of the ancient world. Alternatively, take time to explore the atmospheric Old City on the island of Ortigia, a labyrinth of narrow streets lined with palaces. This historic area is where the famed mathematician Archimedes famously ran through the streets, exclaiming 'Eureka!' Continue your journey along Sicily's picturesque Ionian Riviera to the charming resort of Giardini Naxos or Marina Forza d'Agrò (departure dependent). **(B)**
Hotel: Sant Alphio Garden

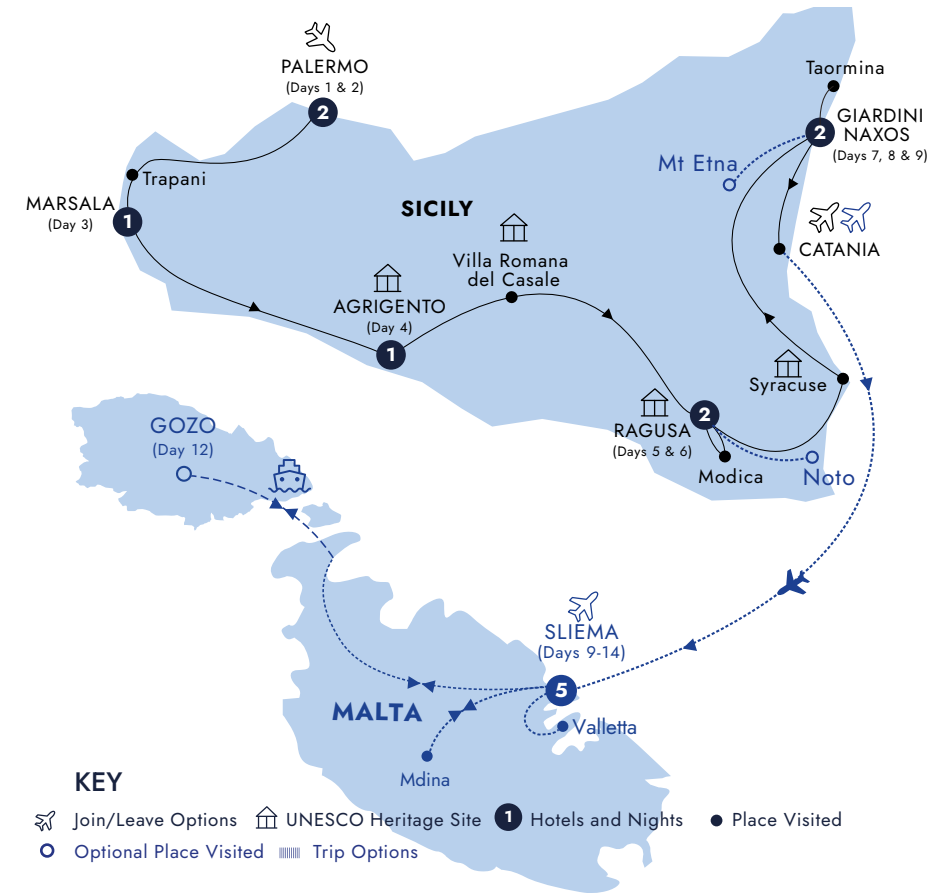
DAY 8 | TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE
Your hotel faces east, offering early risers a glimpse of why D.H. Lawrence dubbed this 'The Dawn Coast of Europe'. After breakfast, consider an Optional Experience through the vineyards to Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. Journey to Taormina, perched on Mount Tauro with views of the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna. With your Local Expert, visit the ancient Greek theatre, set on a cliff and open to the sky. Celebrate your time in Sicily with a delightful dinner at a local restaurant, savouring Sicilian cuisine with exquisite Italian wines. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | END THE TOUR IN CATANIA OR CONTINUE TO MALTA
Your Sicily tour has now come to an end. Appreciate views of Mount Etna on your way to the airport. You also have the option to continue this tour to Malta. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Catania (CTA) Airport at 06:30 and 08:30.

Malta Option
Personalise your holiday by adding a six-day Malta post-extension. Scan the QR code opposite and select your options for itinerary details.

Small Group Option
With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Palermo | Visit the spectacular 12th-century Palatine Chapel and admire its sombre exterior that gives away few clues to the riches inside.

Agrigento | Explore the Valley of the Temples and its impressive Hellenistic ruins like the well-preserved Temple of Concordia and the clifftop Temple of Juno, overlooking the vast Sicilian landscape.

Modica | Discover the town's handmade chocolate, watch the craft unfold and sample the distinctive flavour.

Syracuse | *Insight Choice* Explore Paradise Quarry and see the Greek theatre, *or* visit Ortigia, Syracuse's characterful island old town.

Taormina | Visit the ancient Greek Amphitheatre, majestically set atop a cliff. Take a seat to enjoy views of Mount Etna through the theatre's time-worn arches.

Trapani | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Explore how the ancient tradition of salt extraction has been handed down from generation to generation. Set in a breathtaking natural landscape, home to pink flamingos and various aquatic birds, the salt pans and windmills create a picturesque scene against a backdrop of sea and sky. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Marsala | Discover the elegant flavours of this distinctive Sicilian wine as you enjoy a wine-tasting experience.

Ragusa | Savour Ragusa's flavours with a local Farm-to-Table meal.

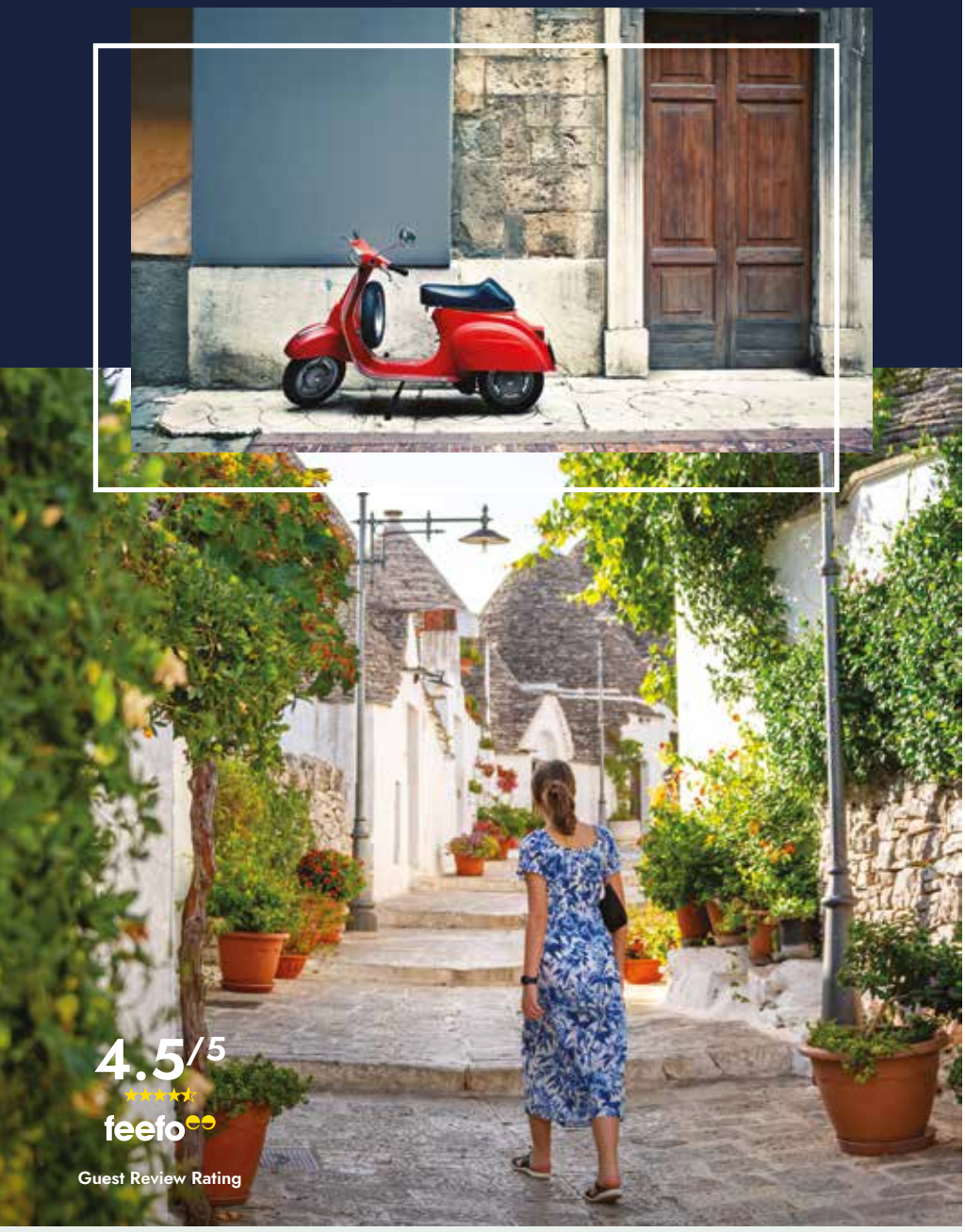
Giardini Naxos | Your final dinner reflects some of Sicily's top culinary heritage.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Southern Italy

Experience the cuisine and hospitality of Puglia, tour the town of Alberobello with a local, explore the Sassi of Matera, discover Lecce and cruise to Capri.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | BALANCED



Trip code: E821

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Agent or see **insightvacations.com/country-roads-of-southern-italy**

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and getting to know your fellow travellers over a delicious dinner with wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu GHR, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH A LOCAL

Rome is a city of art, antiquity, grand piazzas and magnificent palaces. Join a Local Expert to bring millennia of history to life as you explore the Vatican City before crossing the Tiber River into the heart of ancient Rome. See the vast Circus Maximus, once the setting for spectacular chariot races, admire the triumphal Arch of Constantine and discover the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit, where tales of gladiators and emperors echo through the ages. Along the way, take in some of the city's most celebrated landmarks and soak up the atmosphere of the Eternal City. Later, perhaps continue with an Optional Experience to explore the second-century Catacombs and uncover the fascinating origins of early Christianity beneath Rome's bustling streets. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ALBEROBELLO

The brilliant blue sky set against the whitewashed buildings of southern Italy's towns and villages is sure to inspire any curious traveller. After a scenic journey south from Rome, you'll arrive in Puglia, where the iconic trulli of Alberobello await. In the late afternoon, join a Local Expert for a guided stroll through this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn how these unique, conical-roofed dwellings were ingeniously constructed without mortar, and hear the stories behind their origins and preservation. As you wander through this enchanting town, you'll uncover the region's rustic charm and gain fresh insights into traditional Apulian life — an experience that's both authentic and unforgettable. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello

DAY 4 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

Today is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Spend the morning unwinding at your hand-picked hotel or head back into Alberobello to further explore its storybook streets at leisure. If you're looking to uncover more of Puglia's rural beauty, join an Optional Experience to the White Town of Ostuni and visit a traditional olive mill to learn about the region's time-honoured cultivation practises. Later in the afternoon, there's the opportunity to venture to

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

the Adriatic coast on an Optional Experience to Polignano a Mare, famed for its dramatic limestone cliffs and sea-view terraces — a perfect spot to savour the golden hour. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | DISCOVERING LECCE
Italy will enchant the most curious of travellers. Enjoy a visit with your Local Expert to one of the most beautiful cities of southern Italy, Lecce. The town is often referred to as the Florence of the South due to its dazzling architecture, ornate Baroque buildings and monuments dating back to Roman times. Amble along its spider's web of streets offering a kaleidoscope mix of long-range vistas and alluring glimpses. Next is the pretty seaside town of Gallipoli where you'll view the Greek Fountain and medieval castle before making your way to a viewpoint looking out over the Ionian Sea. Later, deepen your discoveries joining an Optional Experience for a Masseria dinner. **(B)**

DAY 6 | JOURNEY SOUTH TO MATERA
Visit Matera with a Local Expert for an in-depth exploration of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi — a labyrinth of cave dwellings, churches, staircases and arches, hewn out of the solid rock. You may recognise Matera as the biblical backdrop for the film 'The Passion of the Christ'. Continue to the small village of Grottole. Once a thriving community, it has lost much of its activity and population. Meet the advocate behind a local initiative dedicated to revitalising the traditional way of living in the area. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, explore the historic old town to learn about the fascinating history of the village. Enjoy an aperitif with local snacks, supporting efforts to preserve the area's culture. This evening, reflect on your day of discoveries over dinner with your fellow travellers. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: UNAHOTELS MH Matera

DAY 7 | POMPEII AND SORRENTO
Buried beneath volcanic ash following the dramatic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79, the archaeological site of Pompeii offers a fascinating glimpse into life in ancient Rome. Explore remarkably preserved streets, homes and public buildings with your Local Expert, who brings the city's history vividly to life as you walk through this extraordinary UNESCO-listed site. Continue to the picturesque resort town of Sorrento, perched on the southern cliffs of the Bay of Naples, where sweeping coastal views stretch across the sparkling waters to Mount Vesuvius. With its charming lanes, colourful shops and inviting cafes, Sorrento provides the perfect setting to soak up the relaxed atmosphere of southern Italy. **(B)**
Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 8 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
This morning, meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through the narrow alleyways on the sun-drenched island of Capri. Explore the island with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire the views over the Faraglioni Rocks. Alternatively, enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | DEPART SORRENTO
This morning, wave goodbye to your fellow travellers as you depart Sorrento on a coach transfer to Naples Airport and Rome Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at Naples International Airport (NAP) at 09:15 and Leonardo da Vinci Airport (FCO) at 13:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Uncover ancient wonders in the heart of the Roman Empire with your Local Expert.

Alberobello | Explore the fascinating history and limestone construction of the trulli on a guided stroll.

Matera | Visit the famous Sassi or cave dwellings, once home to around 20,000 people and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Capri | *Insight Choice* Explore the island's natural beauty on a visit to the Gardens of Augustus with views of the Faraglioni Rocks, *or* savour the flavours of the island with a tasting of its renowned limoncello.

Capri | Cruise by jetfoil to this famous isle through beautiful blue Mediterranean waters.

Grottole | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Participate in the fascinating Wonder Grottole Project. This regeneration initiative works to rehabilitate the abandoned historic centre and preserve village life. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Alberobello | Enjoy a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table meal featuring recipes and flavours typical of the region.

Sorrento | Embrace the essence of southern Italy at dinner with your new friends.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Tuscany & Central Italy

Live 'la dolce vita' from ancient Rome to hilltop Siena.
Learn pasta-making and truffle-hunting in Umbria.
Indulge in the world's best gelato in San Gimignano.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | DYNAMIC





Trip code: E822

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Settle in before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: St. Martin, Rome

TRANSFERS: Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | UMBRIA AND ON TO PERUGIA
See the imposing Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican City before crossing the Tiber into Ancient Rome and imagining the gladiatorial combats and sounds of roaring spectators as you visit the mighty Colosseum with your Local Expert. Journey north to the Umbrian village of Baschi. Immerse yourself in the flavours and culture of the region and learn about the secrets of Italian food culture as you join Giovanni and his dog Chris for a truffle hunting session. Afterwards, be entertained by Chef Lorenzo with a fun pasta demonstration and enjoy a delicious lunch accompanied by Orvieto Classico wine. Join a Local Expert in Perugia to navigate the underground labyrinth of little streets, alleys and arches. Walk along Corso Vannucci, resplendent in pale-pink stone, passing the princely Priors' Palace, the cathedral and the finely sculptured Great Fountain in the main square. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Sangallo Palace, Perugia

DAY 3 | PERUGIA SIGHTSEEING & FREE TIME
This morning, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, visit an artisanal workshop to meet Marta — recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant — and her team of weavers. Discover how the fascinating art of loom weaving has been passed down through generations and learn how this ancient craft is being preserved today. Later, enjoy free time to explore the many delights of Umbria's capital city or join an Optional Experience to Cortona. In the evening, take your pick from a hand-picked selection of Perugian restaurants for a Dine-Around experience — choosing the ambience and menu that suit you best. Buon appetito! **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ASSISI, IN SEARCH OF ST. FRANCIS
Journey to Assisi, one of Italy's most beautiful medieval hilltop towns, set high up in the mountains and enclosed by fortress walls. In the valley, see the famous 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. Step inside the massive, 13th-century Basilica of St. Francis with your Local Expert to learn how Giotto masterfully painted frescoes that inspired a variety of Renaissance artists. **(B) (RS)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

> *This tour combines extensive sightseeing with moments of relaxation, giving travellers the opportunity to discover new places while also enjoying time to unwind.*
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DAY 5 | TUSCANY TO SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO
Follow the shores of Lake Trasimeno and continue to the narrow, cobbled streets of Siena. Standing in the shell-shaped Campo, imagine the frenzied atmosphere of the biannual Palio horse race and see the Town Hall. Explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval Cathedral or, alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert. Travel to the medieval town of San Gimignano, where your Travel Director will show you the medieval skyscrapers, serpentine streets and hidden squares. The town is also home to world champion gelato maestro Sergio Dondoli. At his artisan ice cream parlour on Piazza della Cisterna, the silky-smooth frozen treats are beautifully displayed in a range of unique flavours for you to try. Your home for the next three nights is nestled in the Tuscan countryside. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cappuccina Country Resort & Spa, San Gimignano

DAY 6 | TUSCANY AND FREE TIME
Enjoy your day at leisure, embracing the beauty and relaxed pace of the Tuscan countryside. Take time to unwind at your hotel, or, you could choose to join an Optional Experience to the charming walled city of Lucca, renowned for its Renaissance architecture, picturesque streets and rich cultural heritage. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | FLORENCE AND TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE EXPERIENCE
The morning is devoted to the Renaissance city of Florence. A fascinating walking exploration with a Local Expert takes you to the marble-clad cathedral crowned by Brunelleschi's dome. See the baptistery with its beautiful Gates of Paradise and Giotto's splendid bell tower. Walk on to Piazza della Signoria with its open-air gallery of Renaissance sculptures, followed by free time to shop for top-quality Florentine leather or gold. Toast to your travels during a delicious Farm-to-Table dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy tasting flavoursome dishes prepared with locally grown ingredients, home-made pastas, traditional Chianti wine, all sourced from the farm in the Tuscan region. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | COUNTRY DRIVE TO ANCIENT ROME
Enjoy the rolling Tuscan hills as you journey south through the Italian countryside. This morning, visit the medieval spa town of Bagno Vignoni, renowned for its mineral-rich thermal baths, then continue to the 'model' Renaissance town of Pienza, famous for its delicious pecorino cheese, before making your way to Rome. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu GHR, Rome

DAY 9 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA
Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Visit the Colosseum, echoing with crowds and ghostly gladiator cries.

Assisi | See St. Mary of the Angels Church and join your Local Expert to walk through the cobbled streets and beautifully preserved medieval laneways of this quaint town.
Discover why the Basilica of St. Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of Europe.

Siena | *Insight Choice* Visit the cathedral with your Local Expert, *or* enjoy a tasting of a typical cake of the region, Panforte.

San Gimignano | Visit this characterful Tuscan town, often called the 'Medieval Manhattan' of Italy.

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

Perugia | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet Marta, an Umbrian weaver creating employment opportunities for local women and preserving the ancient craft of loom weaving. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Umbria | Explore the art of Italian cooking with Chef Lorenzo and take part in a truffle hunting walk followed by lunch.

Perugia | Choose your own ambience, cuisine and drinks for an intimate culinary experience on your Dine-Around evening.

San Gimignano | Try Sergio Dondoli's award-winning gelato.

Tuscany | Admire the beautiful views at Il Vecchio Maneggio before sitting down to your Farm-to-Table dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Northern Italy

From the Dolomites to the shores of the Italian Lakes, discover the romance of Verona, the glamour of Milan and sip prosecco in Veneto.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: E823

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ITALY
After a warm welcome at Milan's Malpensa Airport, transfers depart for your hotel. Later meet your Travel Director and join a local historian to navigate through Milan's history. See the impressive facade of Milan Cathedral and the world-famous La Scala Opera House. Linking the two is the elegant glass-vaulted shopping arcade of Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, lined with luxury boutiques. Mingle and get to know your fellow travellers during dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Duo Milan Porta Nuova

TRANSFERS: Depart Malpensa Airport at 09:30 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 15:30.

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 see 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. Continue on to Trento, regarded as one of Italy's most appealing cities to live in. **(B)**
Hotel: NH Trento

DAY 3 | CLIMB UP TO CORTINA D'AMPEZZO
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 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) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: De la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo

DAY 4 | THE DOLOMITES AT LEISURE
Enjoy 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) (RS)**

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 in Conegliano, where great care

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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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. Continue on to the unique and remarkable island city of Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic and check into your hotel. **(B)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 6 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Wake up ready to embrace this awe-inspiring city. Enjoy a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop, where you'll see how beautiful, handcrafted glass is made by expert artisans, preserving centuries-old 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 canals. Relax and listen to traditional local songs as you drift along the romantic waterways, then enjoy a free afternoon to explore Venice your way. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's Square with its orchestras and alfresco cafes? **(B)**

DAY 7 | ITALY'S LAKE DISTRICT
Depart enchanting Venice and journey to Lake Garda. Admire the castle and views over the lake from the stylish resort of Sirmione perched on the tip of its peninsula. Cross the fertile lands of Lombardy to Lake Maggiore where Baveno beckons. Later you have a choice of cuisine and ambience from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

DAY 8 | LAKE COMO AND LAKE MAGGIORE
Nestled in the foothills of the Alps, enjoy the glamour of the Italian Lakes, long favoured by Europe's rich and famous. Revel in the atmosphere of Como, known for its silk tradition, elegant lakeside setting and stylish streets, during your orientation of the town. Later, perhaps see more of Lake Como's grand villas and storied shoreline, where aristocratic estates and lake views reveal another layer of this celebrated region. **(B) (RS)**

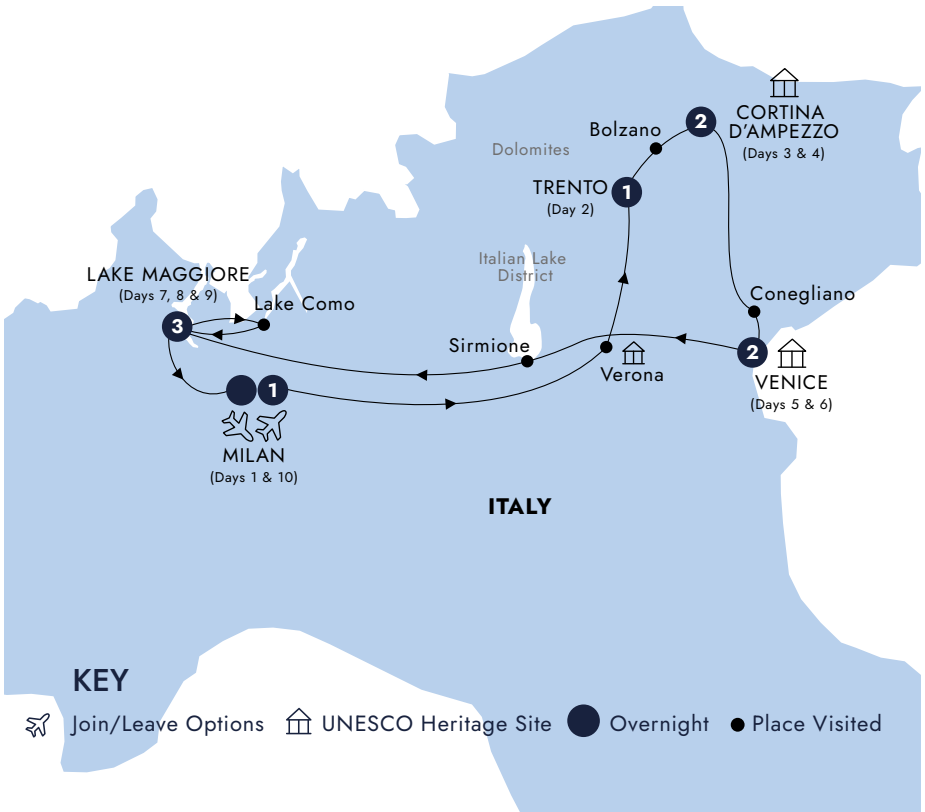
DAY 9 | ITALIAN LAKES AT LEISURE
Relish a full day to relax and enjoy this popular resort and beautiful lake. Napoleon came here to plan his Italian Campaign, and Mussolini and Chamberlain met here before World War II to sign the Treaty of Stresa. Perhaps take a cruise out to the lovely Borromean Islands? Isola Bella is where Carlo Borromeo built his charming Palace. Savour delicious Farm-to-Table cuisine during your dinner, accompanied by some exquisite Italian wines. Raise a glass to your travels and newfound friends. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | DEPART ITALY
Your journey draws to a close in the morning and transfers arrive at Milan's Malpensa Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Depart your hotel to arrive at Malpensa Airport (MXP) at 07:30 and 10:30.

Small Group Option

Experience this itinerary differently with a Small Group version of this tour, averaging 16 travellers. Learn more about small group tours at insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Milan | The city's history is brought to life during a guided walking tour, featuring the impressive Milan Cathedral and the world-famous La Scala Theatre.

Verona | *Insight Choice* See the statue of Dante and the Gothic tombs of the Scala family on a walking tour through grand piazzas, *or* embark on a Shakespeare-themed walk to recount famous moments from Romeo and Juliet's story, ending in Piazza dei Signori.

Trento | See pristine streets decorated with stone castles and modern edifices.

Bolzano | Wander Bolzano's streets and squares, noticing its Tyrolean-style buildings and the mountain backdrop that frames daily life.

Cortina d'Ampezzo | Enjoy an orientation of Cortina, a small ski resort town framed by the Alps.

Venice | Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.
Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.

Como | Take in the exquisite views of the lake and its alpine backdrop as you explore this magnificent town.

Premium Dining

Conegliano | Taste prosecco in a local winery and learn how it rivals French sparkling wine.

Baveno | Choose your dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants.

Lake Maggiore | Gather on the shores of Lake Maggiore to toast your journey, enjoying a Farm-to-Table dinner and local wines during a relaxed final evening.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

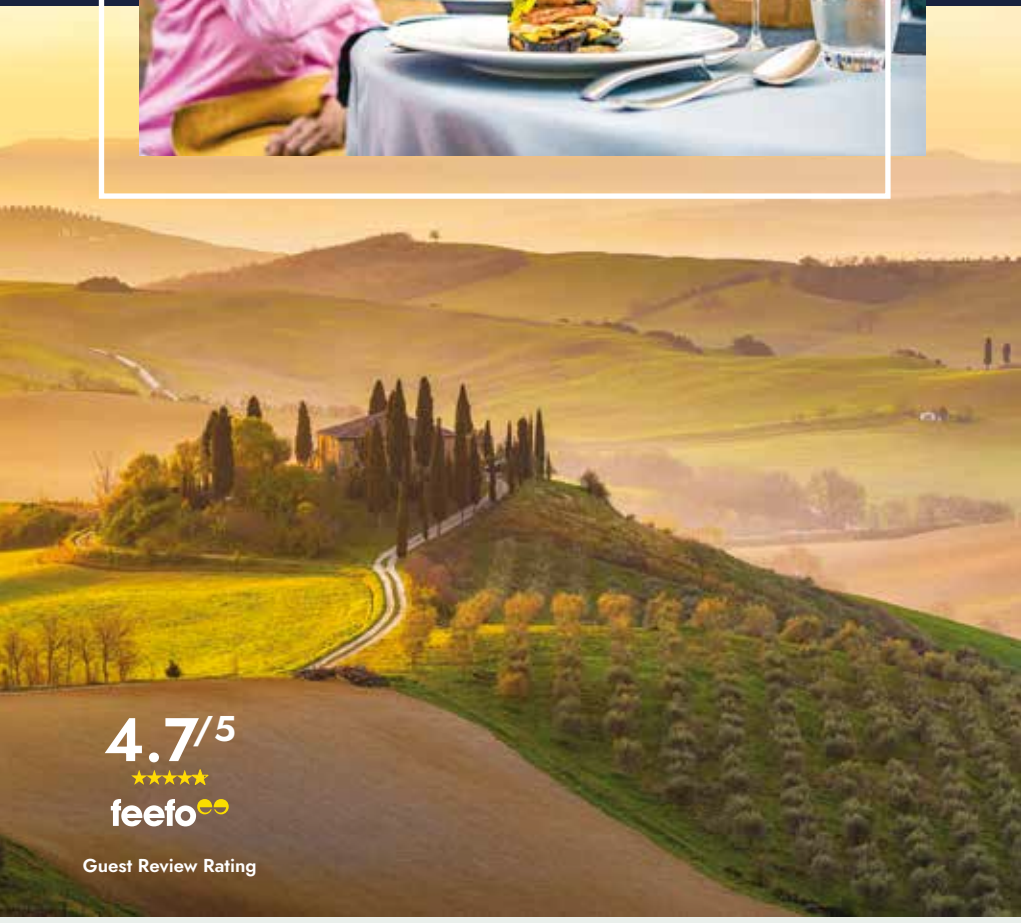
Best of Italy

Live a true Italian experience, discovering Rome's ancient history, Florence's Renaissance treasures and the Amalfi coast. Glide by gondola in Venice and explore Capri.

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: E922/W922

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Settle in before joining your Travel Director and get to know your fellow travellers over Roman specialties during dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL
Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, full of priceless art treasures collected by the Popes. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, and see the beautiful exterior of St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the Tiber River to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Admire the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine and discover the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon and the stunning piazzas and fountains of Rome. **(B)**

DAY 3 | SAN GIMIGNANO TO FLORENCE
Journey from Rome into Tuscany, stopping in UNESCO-listed San Gimignano to explore its medieval towers and cobbled streets. Enjoy a regional dinner with local wines, then continue on to Florence. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Starhotels Tuscany/Roma, 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, take a stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. After, continue on foot to admire the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. This city is renowned for its intricate crafts, so later in the day, enjoy a demonstration of traditional leatherwork and goldsmithing. **(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. Continue through the marshes of the Venetian Lagoon before crossing the causeway into the enchanting floating city of Venice. As evening falls, day-trippers leave the city to return to the mainland, allowing you to appreciate the peace and tranquility of Venice. Tonight, indulge in a

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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delicious dinner, savouring the unique flavours of Venetian cuisine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Venezia Santa Lucia/Avani Rio Novo

DAY 6 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Cruise by private boat past churches and palaces reflecting the rich architectural history of Venice from the 13th to the 18th centuries. Arrive close to St. Mark's Square and stroll along the waterfront, passing the iconic Bridge of Sighs and the majestic Doge's Palace. Turn the corner into St. Mark's Square and be captivated by the grandeur of the basilica. Board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Later, experience a Venetian glassblowing workshop, where you'll witness the artistry of master craftsmen in action. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ASSISI
Continue to Assisi. Ascend to the upper town to meet your Local Expert. Step inside the monumental Basilica of St. Francis, a 13th-century marvel whose frescoes by Giotto marked a turning point in European art. Enjoy free time to soak up the serenity of Assisi. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Giotto, Assisi

DAY 8 | SORRENTO ON THE COAST
Travel south, passing Cassino. Continue your journey along the spectacular clifftop road to reach the resort of the Sorrento coast. This charming area overlooks the Bay of Naples and provides stunning vistas of Mount Vesuvius. After checking in to your hotel, spend the rest of the day at your leisure, exploring the beautiful surroundings or relaxing in the comfort of your accommodation. **(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! 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. 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 AND ROME
Continue to Pompeii, the opulent Roman town preserved by layers of ash from the disastrous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Vesuvius National Park and visit Casa Barone. Your journey continues to Rome, where an elegant dinner with local wine awaits you 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) (L) (D)**
Hotel: NH Roma Centro/Radisson Blu Rome

DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA
Bid farewell to the glories of Italy, savouring the memories. The country's unique allure will linger in your heart long after you leave. **(B)**

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

Small Group Option

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Uncover ancient wonders in the heart of the Roman Empire with your Local Expert.

Florence | *Insight Choice* Taste a classic Italian treat cherished by generations of locals when you join your Travel Director at a spot beloved by the city's residents, *or* see Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor.

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Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.
Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.

Assisi | Discover why the Basilica of St. Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of Europe.

Capri | Explore whitewashed houses, winding lanes, chic boutiques and artisans' studios on a guided tour of this island once favoured by film stars.

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Vesuvius National Park | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit Casa Barone, a small family-run farm 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. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Rome | Savour dinner at a uniquely Roman restaurant, offering a perfect exploration of Lazio's typical flavours.

Tuscany | Feast on authentic regional delights as you relax over a leisurely dinner paired with local wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Grand Italy & Sicily

Journey through Italy's Renaissance art, Florentine flavours and the sun-warmed landscapes of the largest island in the Mediterranean on this unforgettable adventure.

17 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 24 MEALS | DYNAMIC





Trip code: E921

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Settle in before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu GHR, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL
Join a Local Expert for an in-depth experience bringing millennia of history to life. Explore the Vatican Museums. Marvel at Michelangelo's iconic frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Continue across the Tiber to ancient Rome to see the Circus Maximus and the Arch of Constantine. Discover the legends of the Colosseum on a guided visit. **(B)**

DAY 3 | PISA AND SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE
Enjoy a delightful drive to Pisa. With a Local Expert, view the incredible Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery. Your journey continues to the pretty seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure

DAY 4 | THE CHARMS OF THE CINQUE TERRE
Head to the famous Cinque Terre. With a Local Expert, approach one of the fishing villages by boat. In Monterosso, spend some time exploring before continuing to the village of Portofino, famed for its colourful houses. **(B)**

DAY 5 | LAKE MAGGIORE
Head north to beautiful Lake Maggiore in the Italian Lakes District and the town of Baveno. In the afternoon, why not join an Optional Experience cruise to Isola Bella to explore the palace. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

DAY 6 | ON TO VENICE
Your Italy and Sicily tour continues past the Soave vineyards, the city of Padua and on to the canals of Venice. In the evening, enjoy dinner with your travelling companions. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Indigo - Sant'Elena, Venice

DAY 7 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Cruise by private boat past Venice's historic churches and palaces before arriving near St. Mark's Square. Stroll along the waterfront, passing the Bridge of Sighs and Doge's Palace, then admire the grandeur of St. Mark's Basilica. Enjoy a traditional gondola ride through the city's romantic canals before visiting a Venetian glassblowing workshop, where master artisans demonstrate centuries-old techniques. **(B) (RS)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | A SCENIC JOURNEY TO FLORENCE
Bid farewell to Venice and travel south, stopping in Bologna to enjoy Italy's food capital before continuing to Renaissance Florence. End the day with a traditional bistecca alla Fiorentina, Florentina steak, perfectly paired with local Tuscan wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Florence Novoli

DAY 9 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE
Today, explore the city with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Gallery to admire Michelangelo's David, followed by a guided walk past the city's marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated. Alternatively, join your Travel Director for a relaxed stroll and a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. Later, discover Florence's artisan heritage with a leatherwork and gold demonstration. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 10 | POMPEII AND ON TO SORRENTO
Journey to Pompeii. Walk with a Local Expert through the preserved cobbled streets. Later, 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. 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
Visit Matera for an in-depth guided exploration of the extraordinary Sassi. Continue to Alberobello, your home for the next two nights. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello

DAY 13 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO
Admire the trulli of Alberobello, circular structures stacked without using mortar. In the evening, delight at the freshly prepared Farm-to-Table dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

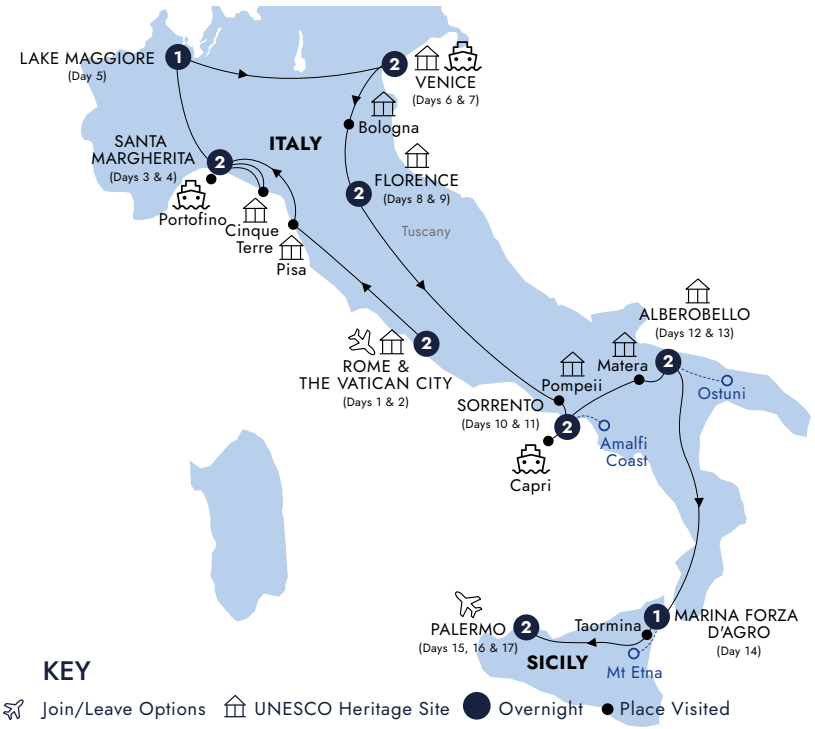
DAY 14 | ALBEROBELLO TO SICILY
Travel to the very 'toe' of Italy and board your ferry bound for Sicily. Continue to Taormina. Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theatre. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Baia Taormina, Marina di Forza D'Agrò

DAY 15 | THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE TO PALERMO
Relax this morning on the stunning Dawn Coast of Europe or choose to join an Optional Experience to majestic Mt. Etna. Later, travel to the vibrant capital city of Palermo. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Federico II Central Palace, Palermo

DAY 16 | PALERMO, CAPITAL OF SICILY
Explore Palermo with your Local Expert, visiting Palermo Cathedral and the Palatine Chapel. Spend the afternoon at leisure or choose an Optional Experience featuring Teatro Massimo and a historic street market. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a dinner of regional Sicilian cuisine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 17 | DEPART PALERMO
Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone-Borsellino Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:00 and 08:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vatican City | Discover the Sistine Chapel and admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling.

Pisa | See the marble baptistery, 11th-century cathedral and famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles.

Cinque Terre | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site with your Local Expert and explore one of the charming fishing villages.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.
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Florence | *Insight Choice* See Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor, *or* taste a classic Italian treat cherished by generations of locals when you join your Travel Director at a spot beloved by the city's residents.

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Capri | Cruise by jetfoil to this famous isle through beautiful blue Mediterranean waters.

Premium Dining

Florence | Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine.

Alberobello | Enjoy a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table meal featuring recipes and flavours typical of the region.

Palermo | Experience local customs as you delve into tantalising flavours and rustic dishes served with Sicilian wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Easy Pace Italy

Feast on an authentic Italian meal in the Tuscan hills, cruise to Venice's Piazza San Marco by private boat and go behind the scenes in Pisa with a Local Expert.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: E803/W803

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Rome is a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and getting to know your fellow travellers over a delicious dinner with wine. **(D)**

Hotel: C-Hotels Fiume Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN

Experience the grandeur of ancient Rome with your Local Expert, beginning in Vatican City. With fast-track entry, explore the Vatican Museums and view the extensive Papal art collection. In the Sistine Chapel, take time to admire Michelangelo's ceiling fresco before continuing to St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world. Later, see the Circus Maximus, once the site of ancient chariot races, and enjoy a guided visit to the Colosseum—Rome's iconic amphitheatre and a lasting symbol of Imperial engineering. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ROME AT LEISURE

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, buried in 79 AD by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, and explore one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world. With your Local Expert, stroll into a 2,000-year-old town revealing fascinating discoveries preserved in time. With the dormant volcano of Vesuvius and panoramic views of the Bay of Naples in the background, you have a few treats in store along the way and then return to Rome, passing the formidable Abbey of Montecassino, the site of an epic battle in 1944. As night falls, why not sip a glass of prosecco at a sidewalk cafe in Piazza Navona and enjoy life's pageantry pass by? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ON TO FLORENCE

Drive through Lazio and the rolling hills of Umbria, often regarded as Italy's green heart. Admire the medieval hilltop towns perched like crown jewels overlooking the valleys below. Journey onwards to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. Explore Florence with Insight Choice: choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. Afterwards, continue on foot to admire the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune, Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Roma, Florence

DAY 5 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Indulge yourself this morning by exploring Florentine luxury goods, including a demonstration of the intricate leatherwork and gold craftsmanship the city is famed for. Next, admire the rolling green hills of Tuscany and the impressive medieval towers of San Gimignano on an Optional Experience this afternoon. Tonight, feast with your fellow travelling companions over a delicious local dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | PISA AND THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE

After a leisurely morning in Florence, explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert. See the Leaning Tower, the baptistery and the colonnaded bell tower, lurching out from behind the cathedral. Visit the organic farm Il Poggio and join a guided walk to learn about olive oil and wine production. After taking in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, enjoy tasting the farm's fine wines and olive oil, in addition to an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ON TO VENICE

Today you will journey through the Emilia-Romagna region before arriving in Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. Your luxurious hotel has elegant Venetian touches and views over an unforgettably romantic city. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice

DAY 8 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

Glide past centuries of Venetian history on a private boat, from the pink marble Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs to the golden splendour of St. Mark's Basilica. Join a traditional glassblowing workshop, where expert artisans preserve time-honoured skills. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure exploring museums and churches, shop on the Rialto Bridge, or cruise to nearby islands in the lagoon to experience the age-old lifestyle of Venetian fishermen and lace-makers. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | VENICE AT LEISURE

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? This evening, indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Bid farewell to your fellow travellers and Travel Director as your journey comes to a close. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.





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Premium Dining

Rome | Experience the Italian way of life as you join your local host for a truly authentic home-cooked meal.

Florence | Savour authentic Tuscan delights as you relax over a leisurely dinner paired with local wine in the heart of the city.

Tuscany | Visit Il Poggio to learn about organic olive and grape farming. Then enjoy a tasting and sit down to a fabulous dinner of Tuscan specialties, complemented by stunning views.

Venice | Enjoy a delicious, typically Venetian dining experience.

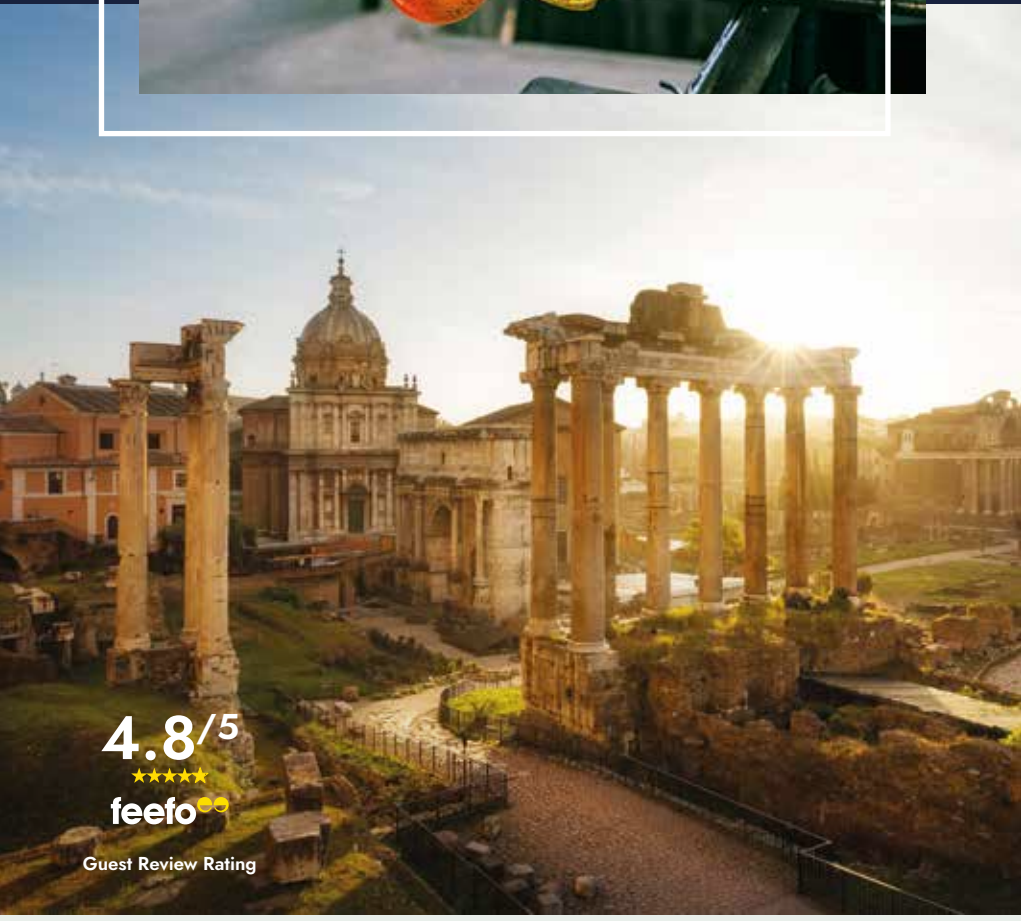
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Treasures of Italy

Delve into Pompeii, discover the beauty of Capri, admire the colours of Cinque Terre and prestige of Portofino before exploring the enchanting city of Venice.

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E980

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director as you indulge in dinner with wine at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

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. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling and see St. Peter's Square. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine, and imagine the bustling ancient sidewalk of ancient Rome. Discover the history and legends of the iconic Colosseum as you view the exterior of this amazing structure. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon, toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain and enjoy free time around Piazza Navona. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ANCIENT POMPEII AND ON TO THE ISLE OF CAPRI/SORRENTO
Journey to Pompeii, frozen in time by Mount Vesuvius's eruption in 79 AD. Walk with a Local Expert through cobbled streets and discover Roman life before enjoying a refreshing lemon granita. Then, continue to your hotel in Capri or Sorrento (date-dependent). Spend the afternoon exploring at your leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: San Michele, Anacapri/Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 4 | THE ISLE OF DREAMS
Take in glorious views of the rugged coastline and sparkling sea. Visit Capri town with its whitewashed houses, winding alleys and cafes. A Local Expert will guide you to the lush Gardens of Augustus for views of the Faraglioni rocks. As twilight falls and day-trippers leave, the island is yours to explore — stroll scenic paths, mingle with locals in the piazzetta, or relax with a glass of wine at an alfresco restaurant. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THE AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE TO FLORENCE
Descend to the port and take the jetfoil across the bay to Naples. Follow the Autostrada del Sole north passing Rome and continuing through the region of Umbria. Journey through idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence, centre of art and culture, and the heart of the Italian Renaissance. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Firenze, Florence

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice: visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David, alternatively, stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. Continue on a guided walk with a Local Expert through the Piazza del Duomo and Piazza della Signoria to admire the cathedral, Giotto's bell tower, baptistery and Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, as well as the statues of Neptune, Hercules and Cacus. Afterwards, witness a demonstration of Florence's renowned leatherwork and gold craftsmanship. In your free time, perhaps explore more of the city or join an Optional Experience to San Gimignano, famed for its medieval towers. **(B)**

DAY 7 | CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO TO SANTA MARGHERITA

Cinque Terre and the Italian Riviera are key highlights of your trip. With a Local Expert, take a boat ride along the Ligurian coast (weather permitting) to admire its fishing villages before landing ashore to spend some time exploring one of the medieval quarters or the popular sandy beach. Continue to the village of Portofino, to admire the colourful houses. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: 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 an afternoon at leisure or perhaps take a cruise to the Borromean Islands? Tonight, dine at one of our carefully selected local restaurants as part of your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

DAY 9 | TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY

Follow the southern fringes of the Alps to the Franciacorta wine region near Lake Iseo. Over 100 vineyards produce the famous sparkling wine of the region and 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 centuries past. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice

DAY 10 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Visit St. Mark's Square where the city's former wealth and power is evident in the riches of St. Mark's Basilica. Pause to admire the Doge's Palace with its adjoining Bridge of Sighs. Take your seat on a gondola and be serenaded through a myriad of beautiful canals, passing water-lapped doorways and Rococo palaces. The rest of the afternoon is yours to discover Venice at leisure. Join a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop, where you'll see how beautiful, handcrafted glass is made by expert artisans, preserving centuries-old skills. Later, you'll cruise the Venetian lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous dinner with wine, sampling the local specialties. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.





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Florence | Witness local artisans at work during a gold and leatherwork demonstration.

Florence | *Insight Choice* Taste a classic Italian treat cherished by generations of locals when you join your Travel Director at a spot beloved by the city's residents, *or* see Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor.

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Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.
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Premium Dining

Italian Lakes | Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants on a Dine-Around evening. Each with its own distinctive ambience and cuisine.

Burano | Cruise to this charming fisherman's island, where you'll enjoy a delicious dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Italian Elegance

Embrace the glamour of Portofino and the Italian Lakes. Breathe in the Dolomites' mountain air, feel the charm of Cinque Terre and try gelato in San Gimignano.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: E923

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and getting to know your fellow travellers over a delicious dinner with wine. **(D)**
Hotel: St. Martin, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN
Enjoy a curated introduction to Rome's iconic landmarks, starting with fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums. With your Local Expert, explore the vast Papal art collection, then enter the Sistine Chapel to take in Michelangelo's masterpiece. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, a triumph of Renaissance architecture. Later, cross the Tiber River into ancient Rome to see the Circus Maximus, once home to dramatic chariot races, and see the mighty Colosseum, the enduring symbol of Imperial power. **(B)**

DAY 3 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE
Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. Continue to your elegant hotel in Tuscany. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cappuccina Country Resort & Spa, San Gimignano

DAY 4 | THE FLAVOURS OF SAN GIMIGNANO
Spend time exploring the maze of alleyways and admire scenic views across the valley. Ascend serpentine alleyways to the artisan gelato parlour of world champion gelato maestro, Sergio Dondoli, for a taste of his finest frozen treats. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO PISA, PORTOFINO AND SANTA MARGHERITA
Drive through the patchwork of vines, olives and cypresses that typify the Chianti hills before continuing to Pisa and see the incredible Leaning Tower, the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Next, journey to the sea and cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to the elegant seaside village of Portofino, the epitome of la dolce vita (should weather permit). Finish your journey in the charming seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure, a true gem on the coast. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | THE CINQUE TERRE
Head to Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Italy's most stunning landscapes. Cruise along the Cinque Terre coastline (weather permitting) with your Local Expert, passing rugged cliffs and pastel-hued villages perched above the Ligurian Sea. Arrive by boat at one of the region's historic fishing communities and enjoy a Sea-to-Table lunch, prepared with the day's local catch. Afterwards, explore at your own pace — wander cobbled lanes, browse artisan boutiques or unwind at a cafe overlooking the village square. **(B) (L)**

DAY 7 | LAKE MAGGIORE
Head north to the beautiful Italian Lake District, a favourite retreat of the rich and famous where Alpine scenery combines with lush vegetation. Relax and enjoy an afternoon at leisure at this popular resort and beautiful lake. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

DAY 8 | CORTINA D'AMPEZZO
Travel through the stunning northern Italian countryside to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. The vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavour of prosecco. Continue through the Dolomites, where soaring peaks and breathtaking Alpine vistas accompany your journey to the elegant mountain resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo, nestled amid some of Italy's most spectacular scenery. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: De la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo

DAY 9 | EXPERIENCE THE DOLOMITES
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) (RS)**

DAY 10 | VENICE, QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC
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. Join a visit to a traditional arts centre, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. With the rest of the afternoon at leisure, why not cruise the Venetian Lagoon to the island of Burano for a meal of local specialties and wine? **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione

DAY 11 | VENICE AT LEISURE
This morning, on your romantic gondola serenade, glide along the atmospheric canals exploring the intimate and hidden parts of this unique city while musicians set the mood with traditional songs. Later, enjoy the magical atmosphere of this incredible city at your own pace. Mingle with the locals at the open air markets near the Rialto Bridge and explore the back lanes and squares where Venetians go about their day. This evening, indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce during a magical dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE
Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport. Here, you'll say goodbye to your Travel Director and fellow travellers as your unforgettable Italian journey comes to an end. **(B)**

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Portofino | Cruise from Santa Margherita Ligure and get a taste of the sweet life in this elegant resort.

Cinque Terre | Visit this unique UNESCO World Heritage Site with a cruise along the Ligurian Coast.

Venice | Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.

Premium Dining

San Gimignano | Try Sergio Dondoli's award-winning gelato.

Monterosso al Mare | Savour a freshly prepared Sea-to-Table lunch of locally sourced produce.

Conegliano | Taste prosecco in a local winery and learn how it rivals French sparkling wine.

Venice | Enjoy a delicious, typically Venetian dining experience.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Italian Escapade

See where gladiators fought in Rome, wind your way through the cypress-lined hillsides of Tuscany and glide by gondola through Venice's canals.

13 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E937

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director as you indulge in dinner with wine at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Villa Pamphili, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

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. Later, cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine and the iconic Colosseum. **(B)**

DAY 3 | SIENA AND MEDIEVAL FLORENCE
Head north to Siena, where winding medieval streets lead you into the heart of the city at the vast Piazza del Campo. Continue through Tuscany's cypress-lined hills and sun-drenched vineyards to Florence, your base for the next two nights. Spend the evening your way — perhaps unwinding at the hotel, exploring the historic centre or joining an Optional Experience featuring a traditional Tuscan dinner paired with local wines. **(B)**
Hotel: Michelangelo, Florence

DAY 4 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE
Join a Local Expert for a walking tour through Florence's Renaissance heart. With Insight Choice, visit the Accademia Gallery to witness Michelangelo's David up close, then see the marble facades of the Duomo, bell tower and baptistery, home to the gilded Gates of Paradise. Alternatively, join your Travel Director for a relaxed stroll to a nearby cafe for a traditional Italian treat. Continue through Piazza della Signoria, where statues of Neptune, Hercules and Cacus stand over the historic centre of civic life. Enjoy free time to wander Florence's streets. After a demonstration of leatherwork and gold craftsmanship, perhaps join an excursion to San Gimignano, known as Tuscany's 'medieval Manhattan'. Admire its iconic towers, hear tales of rival families and explore centuries-old architecture. Your visit also includes a local delicacy. **(B) (D)**

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. Continue to your hotel overlooking Lake Maggiore. **(B)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT
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) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY
Follow the southern fringes of the European Alps to the vineyards of the Franciacorta wine region near the shores of Lake Iseo. Taste the delicious vintages produced by a master vintner at a family-owned estate. Continue to the unique city of Venice. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Melia Venezia Lido, 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. Visit a traditional workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers. Enjoy being serenaded on a gondola ride, gliding through the city's canals in romantic awe. **(B)**

DAY 9 | HILLTOP ASSISI
Journey to the hilltop town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Travel through shifting landscapes into the rugged Apennines. On arrival, see the Church of St. Mary of the Angels. Then continue up Mount Subasio with a Local Expert to visit the Basilica of St. Francis, adorned with frescoes telling the story of the saint's life. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Giotto, Assisi

DAY 10 | SORRENTO ON THE COAST
Journey 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 specialties during a regional dining experience? **(B)**
Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

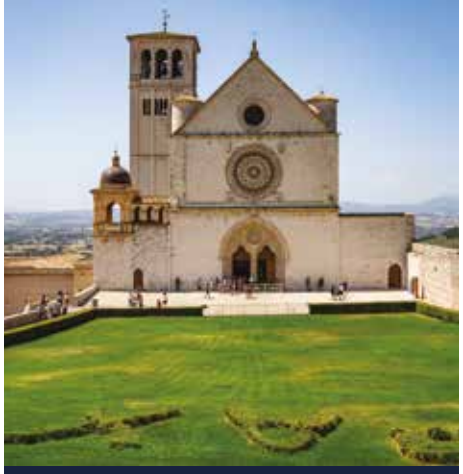
DAY 11 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
Cruise to Capri. Your Local Expert leads you through the narrow alleyways of Capri town, before you descend to the port by funicular and return to Sorrento for some relaxation time. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Positano and the Amalfi Coast? **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | POMPEII AND ROME
Travel north to Pompeii, the ancient city preserved by Mount Vesuvius' eruption in AD 79. Walk its cobbled streets with your Local Expert to explore shops, villas and temples, and see frescoes hidden for centuries. Pass beneath the hilltop Abbey of Montecassino en route to Rome. Later, savour fine food, wine and music over dinner with a private operetta performance. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cardo Roma Autograph collection, Rome

DAY 13 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA
Bid farewell to the glories of Italy, savouring the memories. The country's unique allure will linger in your heart long after you leave. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vatican City | Discover the Sistine Chapel and admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling.

Rome | Uncover ancient wonders in the heart of the Roman Empire with your Local Expert.

Florence | *Insight Choice* Taste a classic Italian treat cherished by generations of locals when you join your Travel Director at a spot beloved by the city's residents, *or* see Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor.

Venice | Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.
Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.

Assisi | Discover why the Basilica of St. Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of Europe.

Capri | Cruise by jetfoil to this famous isle through beautiful blue Mediterranean waters.

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Premium Dining

Florence | Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine.

Lake Maggiore | For your Dine-Around evening, choose from a selection of restaurants featuring regional delicacies.

Rome | Enjoy delicious Italian cuisine and wine accompanied by the rich tremolo of some of Italy's best-loved songs.

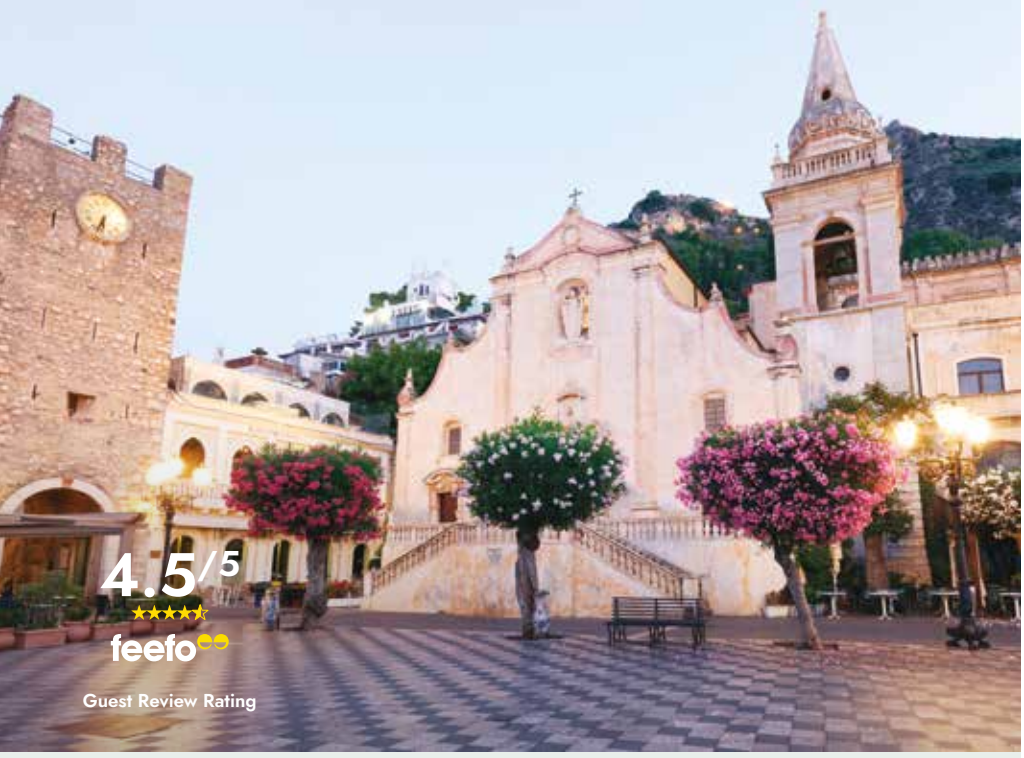
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Country Roads of Southern Italy & Sicily

Experience Italy's finest food and views on this two-week in-depth tour. Explore major cities with Local Experts while enjoying Farm-to-Table dining and historical insights.

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 20 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E725

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome. Settle in before meeting your fellow travellers and your Travel Director. End the day getting to know each other during dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu GHR, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS
Experience Rome's art, antiquity, piazzas, and palaces during a guided walk with a Local Expert. Cross the Tiber River to enjoy ancient Rome. Enter the Colosseum and imagine the roar of the spectators as you hear stories of how ancient Romans liked to be entertained. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ROME TO CAPRI
As you leave the bustling streets of Rome behind, you enter the peaceful charm of the Italian countryside. The roads wind through sun-dappled hills, where fields of golden wheat and rows of olive trees stretch endlessly under a brilliant blue sky. Small villages dot the landscape, their stone houses nestled against rolling hills, offering a glimpse into authentic Italian life and the air carries the scent of wildflowers and citrus groves. The journey southward reveals itself like a beautiful postcard, with views of the sparkling Mediterranean sea beginning to emerge in the distance. As you approach the bay of Naples, the dramatic cliffs and coastal views unfold, the pastel-coloured buildings perched above the shimmering sea, welcome you to the sun-drenched island of Capri as you cruise by jetfoil. **(B)**
Hotel: San Michele, Anacapri

DAY 4 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
This morning, meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through the narrow alleyways on the sun-drenched island of Capri. Explore the island with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire the views over the Faraglioni Rocks. Alternatively, enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | POMPEII AND ALBEROBELLO
With your Local Expert, explore the streets of Pompeii, buried in AD 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Venture on to Alberobello. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello

DAY 6 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO
Join a Local Expert to explore one of Italy's many UNESCO World Heritage Sites — the unique trulli of Alberobello, circular limestone dwellings with domed interiors and distinctive

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

conical roofs, ingeniously built without mortar. You may also opt to join a Local Expert for an exploration of Ostuni, a whitewashed town that echoes the charm of a North African Arab Medina. Stroll through its winding cobbled streets and admire its striking architecture.
In the evening, enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner, showcasing traditional Apulian dishes made with seasonal produce. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ALBEROBELLO AT LEISURE
Today is yours to enjoy at leisure or unwind and make the most of the exceptional amenities at your remarkable hotel. You can also choose to discover cliffside Polignano a Mare with a Local Expert, enjoying Adriatic views and a stroll through the historic hometown of Volare singer Domenico Modugno. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | JOURNEY WEST TO MATERA
Visit Matera with a Local Expert for an in-depth exploration of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi. Continue to the small village of Grottole. Once a thriving community, it has lost much of its activity and population. Meet the advocate behind a local initiative dedicated to revitalising the traditional ways of living in the area. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, explore the historic old town to learn about the fascinating history of the village. Enjoy an aperitif with local snacks, supporting efforts to preserve the area's culture. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: UNAHOTELS MH Matera

DAY 9 | TO SICILY: ACIREALE
Travel to the very toe of Italy and board your ferry bound for Sicily, across the Strait of Messina. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grande Albergo Maugeri, Acireale

DAY 10 | TAORMINA
Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theatre of Taormina, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. Don't miss the chance of an optional drive through the national park to Mount Etna. **(B) (RS)**

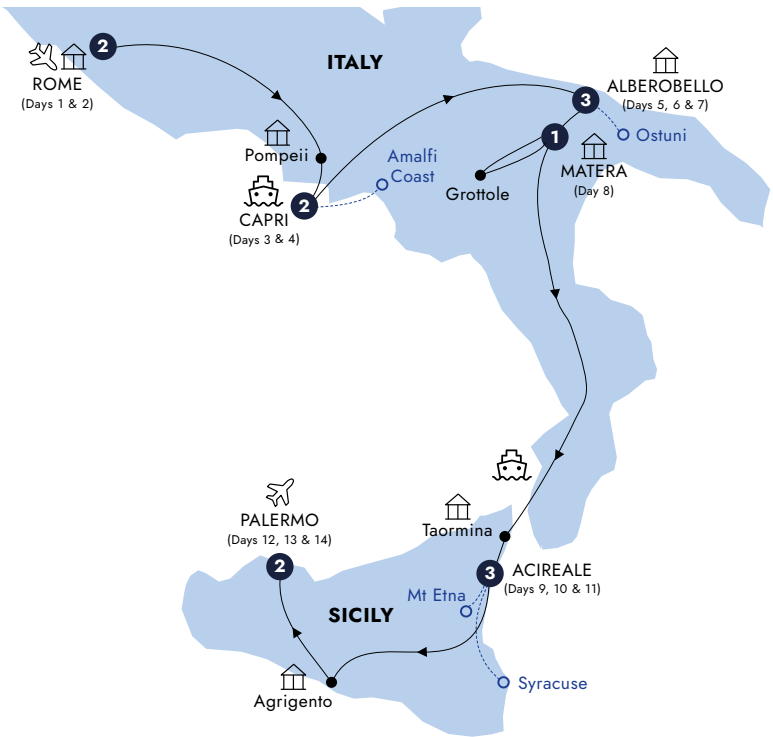
DAY 11 | A NEW DAWN IN SICILY
Early risers may experience what D.H. Lawrence christened the 'dawn coast of Europe'. The day is free to explore at your leisure, or to embark on an Optional Experience to Syracuse. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 12 | AGRIGENTO, THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO PALERMO
Drive to Agrigento and explore 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)**
Hotel: NH Palermo

DAY 13 | PALERMO AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS
Join a historian on a guided walk to see the gems of the old city. Visit the Palatine Chapel and continue to Palermo Cathedral with its blend of architectural styles. The afternoon is free to explore on your own. In the evening, join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | DEPART PALERMO
Your journey draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone–Borsellino Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:00 and 08:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Visit the mighty Colosseum with a Local Expert.

Capri | *Insight Choice* Explore the island's natural beauty on a visit to the Gardens of Augustus with views of the Faraglioni Rocks, *or* savour the flavours of the island with a tasting of its renowned limoncello.

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Matera | Visit the famous Sassi or cave dwellings, once home to around 20,000 people and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Taormina | Visit the ancient Greek Amphitheatre, majestically set atop a cliff. Take a seat to enjoy views of Mount Etna through the theatre's time-worn arches.

Agrigento | Explore the Valley of the Temples and its impressive Hellenistic ruins like the well-preserved Temple of Concordia and the clifftop Temple of Juno, overlooking the vast Sicilian landscape.

Grottole | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Participate in the fascinating Wonder Grottole Project. This regeneration initiative works to rehabilitate the abandoned historic centre and preserve village life. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Rome | Savour dinner at a uniquely Roman restaurant, offering a perfect exploration of Lazio's typical flavours.

Alberobello | Enjoy a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table meal featuring recipes and flavours typical of the region.

Palermo | Experience local customs as you delve into tantalising flavours and rustic dishes served with Sicilian wine.

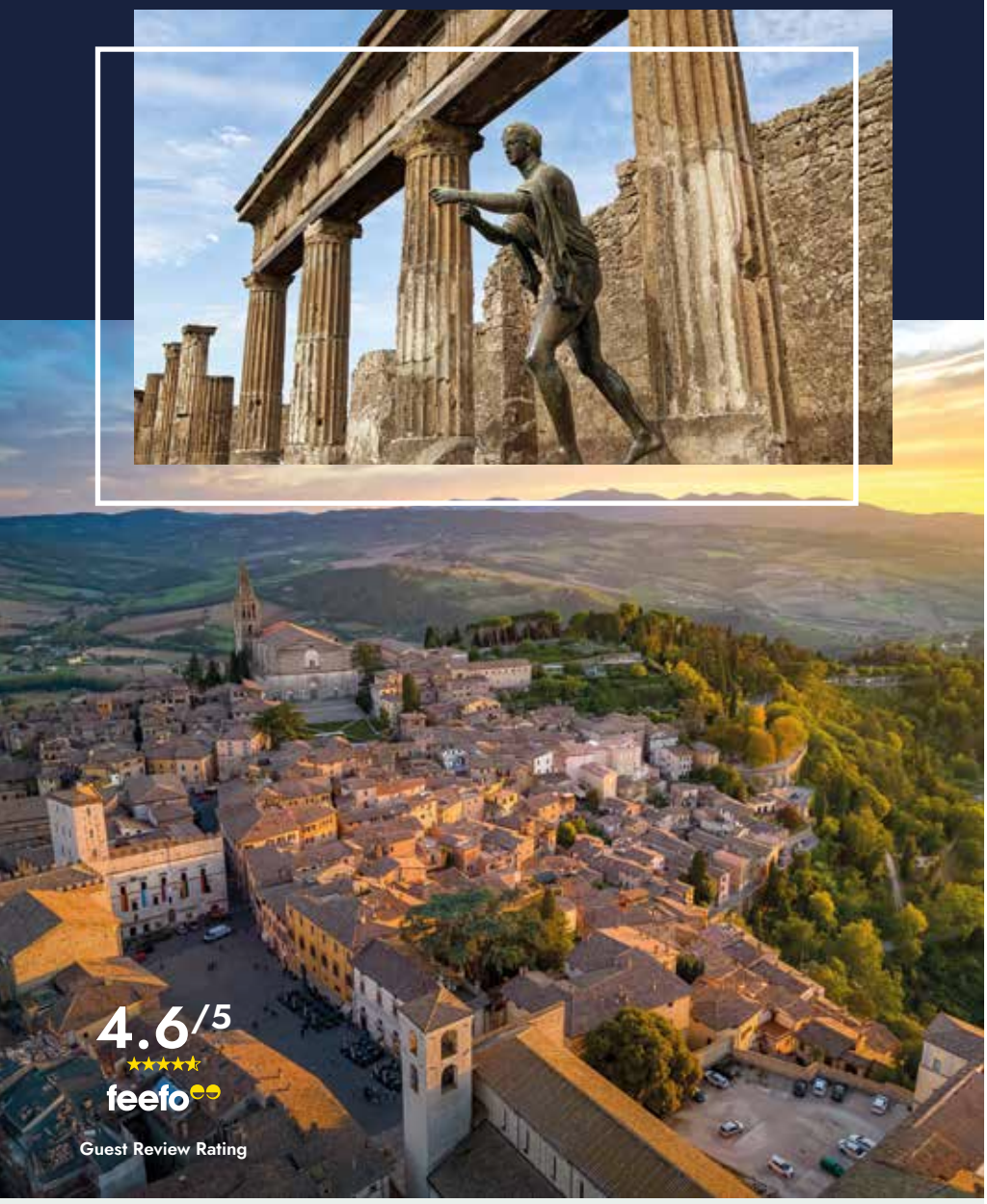
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Country Roads of Italy

Marvel at Rome's ancient wonders, set sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri, cruise along the Cinque Terre's coast and savour the flavours of Parma's most famous cheese.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED

WOMEN-ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE



Trip code: E722

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Settle in before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: C-Hotels Fiume Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH A LOCAL
Today is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert to discover the modern-day city and how people lived in Ancient Rome. See St. Peter's Square in Vatican City, then cross the Tiber River for a visit to the iconic Colosseum. **(B)**

DAY 3 | CASTEL GANDOLFO
Venture to Castel Gandolfo to explore the artistic treasures of the Villa Barberini Gardens. Marvel at the intricately designed mosaic flower beds and fountains. After visiting the former papal gardens, continue south, where the sparkling turquoise waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea meet dramatic cliffs and fishing villages that shimmer along the coastline. **(B)**
Hotel: San Michele, Anacapri

DAY 4 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
Discover the Isle of Capri, a jewel of the Bay of Naples. With your Local Expert, explore the narrow alleyways, admire the views and Mediterranean atmosphere before descending to the port by funicular railway for the return to Sorrento. **(B)**

DAY 5 | POMPEII AND TODI
Journey to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii and explore with your Local Expert. Travel through Umbria to Todi and savour the medieval ambiance during your orientation. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant with a glass of Orvieto Classico wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Fonte Cesia, Todi

DAY 6 | TODI
Immerse yourself in the enchanting medieval town of Todi, where you can wander through picturesque streets, marvel at historic architecture, and enjoy stunning views of the surrounding Umbrian countryside. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ASSISI AND ON TO PERUGIA
On arrival in Assisi, see St. Clare's Church and the Roman Temple of Minerva. A Local Expert walks with you down the Via San Francesco for a guided visit to the Basilica of St. Francis. Continue to Perugia for a guided exploration through the Old Town. **(B)**
Hotel: Sangallo Palace, Perugia

DAY 8 | PERUGIA, THE JEWEL OF UMBRIA
Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit an artisanal loom-weaving workshop and meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. **(B) (RS)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 9 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE AND TUSCANY
Journey to Renaissance Florence. Walk with a Local Expert to see the marble-clad cathedral, bell tower and Gates of Paradise on the baptistery. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Piazza della Signoria. Journey through the vineyards of Tuscany and enjoy a delicious wine tasting before arriving at your elegant hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cappuccina Country Resort & Spa, San Gimignano

DAY 10 | SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO
This morning explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval Basilica of St. Domenico or alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert. Continue to the hilltop town of San Gimignano. Enjoy a gelato from Sergio Dondoli's award-winning creations. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | ON TO LUCCA
Travel to Lucca, a city perfectly preserved within encircling medieval ramparts. Later, perhaps explore Pisa? **(B) (D) (RS)**
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 before cruising along the coastline (weather permitting). **(B)**

DAY 13 | ON TO PARMA
Journey to Parma, where you'll meet Paolo and learn about the process of making Parmigiano-Reggiano. Taste samples of the famous cheese, accompanied by a glass of wine. **(B)**
Hotel: Starhotels Du Parc, Parma

DAY 14 | MODENA AND ON TO VENICE
Visit a local producer of Modena's famed balsamic vinegar and enjoy a tasting. Continue to Venice, where you'll be serenaded as you glide by gondola past water-lapped doorways and Rococo palaces. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky/Carlton on The Grand Canal, Venice

DAY 15 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Experience a traditional Venetian glassblowing workshop. Visit St. Mark's Square to admire St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the adjoining Bridge of Sighs. Cruise the Venetian Lagoon to Burano and enjoy a sumptuous dinner with wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 16 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE
Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE). **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

Women-Only Option

We also offer a Women-Only version of this tour, designed by women, for women, and averaging 18 travellers. See more on page 173, visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent for details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Visit the mighty Colosseum with a Local Expert.

Capri | Explore whitewashed houses, winding lanes, chic boutiques and artisans' studios on a guided tour of this island once favoured by film stars.

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Assisi | Discover the Basilica of Saint Francis.

Siena | *Insight Choice* Visit the Basilica of St. Domenico with your Local Expert and discover its connection with St. Catherine of Siena, *or* enjoy a tasting of a typical cake of the region, Panforte.

Cinque Terre | Visit this unique UNESCO World Heritage Site with a cruise along the Ligurian Coast.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.

Perugia | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet Marta, an Umbrian weaver creating employment opportunities for local women and preserving the ancient craft of loom weaving. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

San Gimignano | Try Sergio Dondoli's award-winning gelato.

Parma | Witness the cheese-making process of Parmigiano-Reggiano at Caseificio San Bernardino.

Burano | Cruise to this charming fisherman's island, where you'll enjoy a delicious dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Best of Germany

Tour the iconic sights of Germany from Berlin's icons and Dresden's Baroque treasures to Munich's Marienplatz and the fairytale halls of Neuschwanstein.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BERLIN
Your journey begins in Berlin, Germany's capital and largest city. In the evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN
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. **(B)**

DAY 3 | DRESDEN, A BAROQUE PHOENIX ON THE ELBE
In Dresden, join your Local Expert to see the Frauenkirche, 'The Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the huge 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 Baroque architecture. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Dresden

DAY 4 | MEDIEVAL ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER
Join a Local Expert in Weimar to explore the city of literary luminaries Goethe and Schiller. Later, drive to Rothenberg ob der Tauber for your Dine-Around evening. Choose from a hand-picked selection of restaurants within the walls of the old town. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber

DAY 5 | ROTHENBURG AT LEISURE
Enjoy an inspiring stroll through the narrow-cobbled streets with a Local Expert before taking in panoramic views on the historic city walls walk. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure for further exploration on your own, or perhaps a guided visit to the medieval town of Nuremberg. **(B)**

DAY 6 | FRANKFURT AND MAINZ
Continue your travels through to Frankfurt and take in the city's famed landmarks with a Local Expert. See the gable-roofed Römer, European Central Bank, Frankfurt Cathedral's Coronation Site, and the eminent Paulskirche. Complete your visit with a tasting of local Apfelwein.Your hotel is in the nearby town of Mainz, a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans. Enjoy a guided visit of the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to one of history's most important inventors. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Mainz

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | CASTLES OF THE RHINE EXPERIENCE
Begin the day with a relaxing cruise along the Rhine, passing steep vineyards, half-timbered villages and turreted castles. Arrive in Bacharach for a vineyard walk with a Local Expert, offering insight into this UNESCO-listed wine region. Afterwards, enjoy a Farm-to-Table lunch at Stüber's, where regional dishes are prepared using local, seasonal ingredients, accompanied by a tasting of local wines. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 8 | HEIDELBERG AND SCHWANGAU
In Heidelberg, explore the cobbled Altstadt with a Local Expert and view the Gothic Church of the Holy Spirit and the red sandstone castle. Continue to the Black Forest to enjoy authentic Black Forest Gateau and browse hand-carved cuckoo clocks, then take a scenic drive along Lake Constance to charming Schwangau at the foot of the Bavarian Alps. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ameron Neuschwanstein, Schwangau

DAY 9 | NEUSCHWANSTEIN AND FÜSSEN
Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle (subject to availability), 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 Courtyard. Later, walk through the streets of Füssen's Old Town and explore its Heritage Museum in the former Benedictine monastery of St. Mang. **(B)**

DAY 10 | THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL OF MUNICH AND DACHAU
A beautiful Alpine drive brings you to the village of Oberammergau, famous for its passion play which has been performed here ever since the villagers made a solemn vow in 1634. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit the workshop of a local wood sculptor. Travel to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site for a moment of commemoration and remembrance. Reflect on the weighty history that marks the site and observe the importance of its preservation. **(B)**
Hotel: Munich Marriott

DAY 11 | MUNICH AT LEISURE
Explore Munich with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a walking tour through the city centre, or visit the famous Residenz to see its museum and Treasury. This afternoon is at leisure to explore Bavaria's capital at your own pace. Perhaps visit one of Munich's many art galleries and museums, relax with a coffee in Marienplatz or join an Optional Experience featuring a guided tour of Nymphenburg Palace followed by a visit to BMW Welt. In the evening, round off your German experience with dinner. Prost! **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | AUF WIEDERSEHEN, MUNICH!
Say Auf Wiedersehen to your new friends as your trip comes to an end. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Berlin | With your Local Expert explore this vibrant city, passing Ku'Damm, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Tiergarten, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island.

Dresden | See the Frauenkirche, the colossal 'Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the cathedral, Semper Opera House and Zwinger Palace.

Weimar | Delve into history on a city tour with a Local Expert.

Mainz | Enjoy a guided visit of the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to one of history's most important inventors.

Heidelberg | Explore the Old Town with a Local Expert to see Heidelberg University, the Church of the Holy Spirit, which once housed the Palatinate's library and enjoy panoramic views of the Renaissance castle.

Munich | *Insight Choice* Embark on a culinary walking tour in the heart of the city, *or* visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria.

Oberammergau | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Meet Marion, a skilled artisan and graduate of the Oberammergau Carving School, at her workshop in the renowned village of wood carvers and learn the art of wood carving. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Berlin | Savour local specialties in Germany's capital city during dinner.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber | Select one of Rothenburg's excellent restaurants, each with its own distinctive ambience and cuisine, for your Dine-Around evening.

Bacharach | Enjoy a Farm-to-Table lunch featuring local produce and indulge in a wine tasting experience.

Munich | Delight in authentic Bavarian specialties at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Glorious Switzerland

Take a once-in-a-lifetime trip across Switzerland, breathing in the Alpine air of Zermatt and relaxing in luxury by lakeside Lucerne.

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: E965

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

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. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a short stroll to your dinner. The evening is full of Swiss delight, as you enjoy the cosy decor while being served typical Swiss specialties including cheese fondue. **(D)**
Hotel: N'vY Manotel, Geneva

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00, 13:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | MONTREUX, CHILLON AND THE MATTERHORN VILLAGE OF ZERMATT
Start your day with highlights of Geneva, the City of Gardens. See the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Then relax and enjoy the enchanting scenery as you 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 your host at Chillon Castle for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. Keep a lookout for where the writer is rumored 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 before dinner in a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hemizeus & Iremia Spa, Zermatt

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN ZERMATT
Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking, or spend a whole day relaxing in the fresh Alpine surroundings. Perhaps take an optional ride on Europe's highest cable car to the snow-capped Klein Matterhorn for a magnificent panorama of the highest peaks in Switzerland, Italy and France? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ELEGANT LUGANO
Descend to Täsch and rejoin your coach before climbing the Simplon Pass, an Alpine route Napoleon expanded into a 63 km (39 miles) road completed in 1805. Built with bridges and galleries cut into the rock, it became a key crossing between Switzerland and Italy. From the 2,000 m (6,562 ft) summit, descend towards Lake Maggiore for a lunch stop in Italy. Perhaps choose an Optional Experience by boat to Isola Bella, where terraced gardens surround a Baroque palace on the Borromean Islands. Continue to Lugano, in Ticino, Switzerland's only canton where Italian is the sole official language. **(B)**
Hotel: De La Paix, Lugano

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | GRISON ALPS TO CHIC ST. MORITZ

Head north into the high mountain country of the Grison Alps today. Ascend the San Bernardino and Julier Passes to arrive in the sparkling Engadine Valley, known for its invigorating climate characterised by clear skies and its high-altitude location in the Alps. Upon arrival in the cosmopolitan resort of St. Moritz, your Travel Director will provide a brief orientation, showcasing the spa quarter and the brilliantly sparkling glacial lake. Afterwards, you'll have time to explore further on your own or perhaps embark on a train journey over the Bernina Pass. **(B) (D)**
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

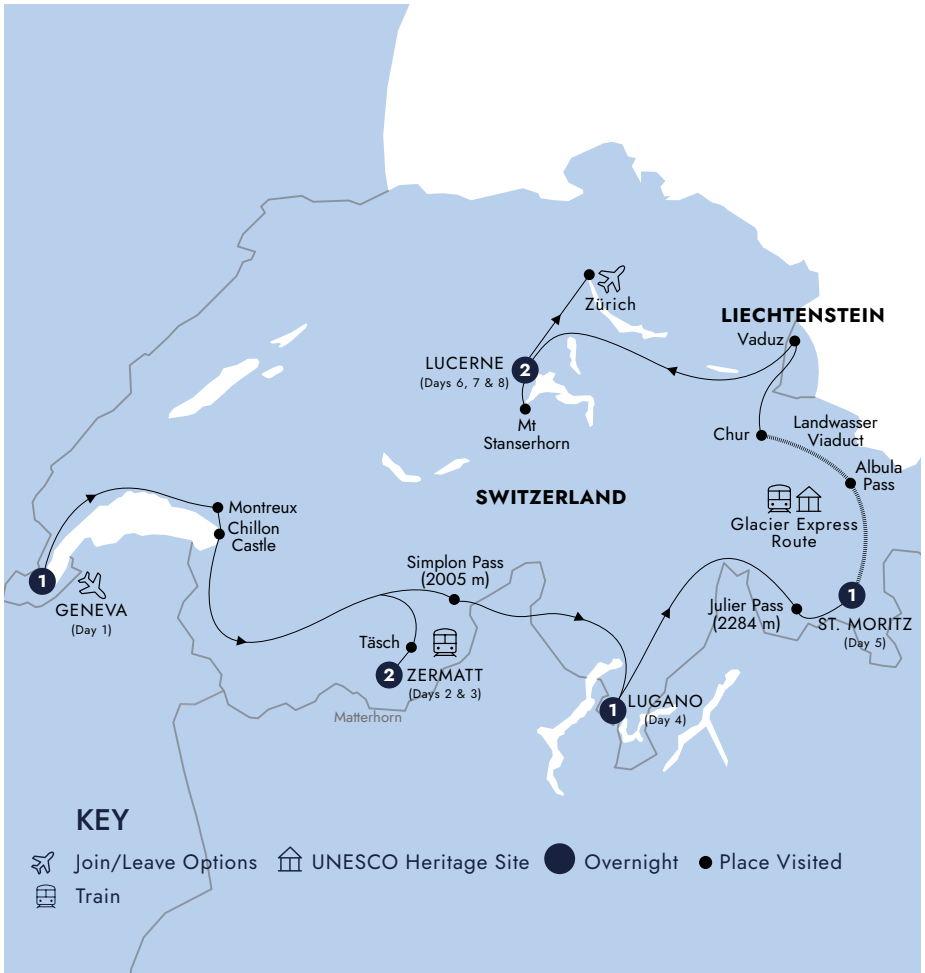
DAY 7 | THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN

Commence the day with a morning stroll along lakeside promenades or shopping for fine watches while enjoying the scenery. Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up to the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Celebrate new friends and enjoy dinner in a restaurant at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

Bid farewell to Lucerne and the alpine landscapes that have shaped your journey before travelling to Zürich, where you say goodbye to your Travel Director and travellers as your Swiss adventure comes to a close. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at airport at 08:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Geneva | Join your Travel Director to see Geneva's iconic Jet d'Eau and the colourful Floral Clock, set within the city's lakeside gardens.

Lake Geneva | Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artifacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

Lugano | Explore this Italian-speaking Swiss city by the sparkling lake with your Travel Director.

St. Moritz | Take in the elegant spa quarter and the sparkling glacial lake of this chic alpine resort, famed for its high-altitude glamour.

Vaduz | Admire Vaduz Castle, the Royal family of Liechtenstein's residence perched above the capital and surrounded by snow-peaked mountains year-round.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Stanserhorn | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Journey to the top of Mount Stanserhorn on a panoramic, open-top cable car powered by solar energy, and enjoy spectacular views from the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Geneva | What better way to start your journey than with a typical Swiss meal including cheese fondue?

Zermatt | Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Zermatt with your fellow travellers and Travel Director.

Lucerne | Toast to new friends and Swiss adventures during your dinner in a restaurant at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Switzerland

Glide through Switzerland's alpine beauty, from Mount Stanserhorn views and Bern's historic streets to Gruyères, St. Moritz and a Farm-to-Table dinner in Montreux.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: E728

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LUCERNE
Welcome to Switzerland, a land of snow-capped summits and romantic lakes that has attracted poets, musicians and travellers for centuries. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a pleasant dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:30 and 13:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ASCEND THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN
Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up to the summit. 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. Continue to the fortified town of Gruyères, where there is time at leisure. From Montreux, travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to visit a 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 that owns the farm is preserving the estate for future generations on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Eden Palace Au Lac, Montreux

DAY 4 | LAKE GENEVA AND THE SWISS COUNTRYSIDE
On the western bay of Lake Geneva, visit Chillon Castle for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' Return to Montreux where the rest of the day is free for you to explore on your own or relax as you wish at your hotel. **(B)**

DAY 5 | GENEVA AND SCENIC LAKE CRUISE
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) (RS)**

DAY 6 | MARTIGNY, SION AND ZERMATT
Journey to Martigny to view the Roman Amphitheatre before visiting Barryland, the only park in the world dedicated to the St. Bernard dog. 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, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Resort Alex, Zermatt

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | ZERMATT AT LEISURE
Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking or relaxing in your alpine surroundings. Perhaps take a trip to the Klein Matterhorn to view the magnificent snow-capped top of the world. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT TO LUGANO
Travel to Täsch for a scenic drive to Brig, where you'll commence your ascent of the Simplon Pass, taking in magnificent views over the Alps from the 2,006 m (6,581 ft) summit. Stop in the Italian town of Stresa and perhaps join an Optional Experience to the stunning Isola Bella? Continue to Lugano for the evening. **(B)**
Hotel: De La Paix, Lugano

DAY 9 | THE GLAMOUR AND GLITZ OF ST. MORITZ
Journey to the three Fortifications at Bellinzona to 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)**
Hotel: Crystal/Steffani, St. Moritz

DAY 10 | LEISURE TIME IN ST. MORITZ
Enjoy a day at leisure to mingle with the jet-setters in this elegant resort 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) (RS)**

DAY 11 | THE GLACIER EXPRESS
Step aboard the Glacier Express to experience one of the world's great railway journeys. Cross the Landwasser Viaduct before heading down through the Oberalp Valley to rejoin the coach at Andermatt. Drive through the dramatic Schöllenen Gorge passing the Devil's Bridge. Marvel at the Wetterhorn Peaks as you travel along the Grindelwald Valley. Follow the sparkling Lütschine River to Lauterbrunnen, at the head of the Valley of Waterfalls, and see the Staubbach Falls plunge 297 m (974 ft) from the plateau above. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Sunstar Grindelwald

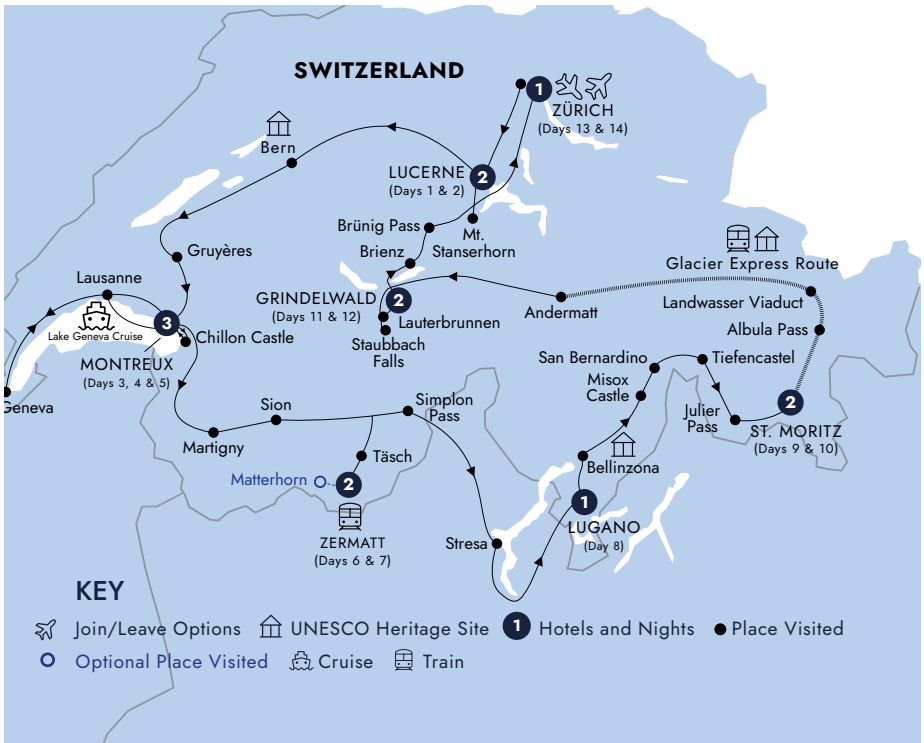
DAY 12 | GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE
Enjoy a full day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald, a charming village nestled in the Bernese Alps. Perhaps take a cogwheel train ride to the summit of the Jungfrau mountain. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 13 | RURAL SWITZERLAND TO ZÜRICH
Admire the spectacular lake views as you journey to Brienz, renowned for its woodcarving traditions, to visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving Centre. Return to Zürich for an orientation tour with your Travel Director and see the Bahnhofstrasse, Grossmünster, River Limmat and Frauenmünster. In the evening, join your travel companions at a local restaurant and toast to your adventures. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hyatt Regency Zürich Airport

DAY 14 | DEPART ZÜRICH
Say a fond farewell to Switzerland and your newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey. Your final hotel is located at the airport, just a short walk from the terminal, so there's no need to arrange a transfer. **(B)**

Small Group Option

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lake Geneva | Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artifacts, treasures and history of the chateau.
Enjoy first-class seats as you cruise on the serene waters of the King of Lakes.

Bellinzona | Join your Local Expert to explore this UNESCO-listed city, home to three medieval castles.

St. Moritz | With your included mountain railways pass, explore St. Moritz by cable car, funicular, chairlift and select public transport options, with crisp alpine air at every turn.

Lauterbrunnen | Enjoy your orientation of the village that takes its name from 'many fountains,' referring to the 72 waterfalls that are within the surrounding valley.

Staubbach Falls | In Lauterbrunnen's Valley of the Waterfalls, marvel at Staubbach Falls as they cascade nearly 300 m (984 ft) from a sheer cliff face in a breathtaking display.

Stanserhorn | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Journey to the top of Mount Stanserhorn on a panoramic, open-top cable car powered by solar energy, and enjoy spectacular views from the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 15: Life on Land.

Lake Geneva | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit a family-run winery overlooking the lake. Enjoy a tasting and learn about the family's sustainable agricultural practises before your Farm-to-Table dinner. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Lucerne | Toast to new friends and Swiss adventures during your dinner at a local restaurant.

Zermatt | Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Zermatt with your fellow travellers and Travel Director.

Zürich | Raise your glass and enjoy a delicious dinner featuring Swiss classics at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Bavaria, Switzerland & Austria

From the famed beer taverns of Munich to the Disney-inspiring turrets of Neuschwanstein Castle among the Alps, Central Europe reveals its storybook side.

12 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E727

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA
Arrive in Vienna, Austria's elegant capital, and enjoy the afternoon before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: InterContinental Vienna

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS
Join your Local Expert on a private tour of Empress 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. See the city's many highlights, including St. Charles' Church, the Hofburg Palace, Parliament and State Opera House. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ON TO SALZBURG
A short drive through wonderful Austrian countryside leads us to Salzburg. En route, visit Melk Abbey and Mondsee's Basilica St. Michael, easily recognizable due to its appearance in 'The Sound of Music'. **(B)**
Hotel: ARCOTEL Castellani Salzburg

DAY 4 | THE CITY OF MOZART
Join your Local Expert, who will show you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residenzplatz, the city's imposing fortress, and the immense cathedral in the Old Town. Visit Mozart's birthplace where you will enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia and musical instruments of the great composer. In the evening, relish the authentic experience of Farm-to-Table dining. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | SALZBURG TO MUNICH
This morning, board a boat across Lake Chiemsee to explore the island sites of picturesque Herrenchiemsee. Visit King Ludwig II's grandest palace, inspired by Versailles and set amid Alpine lake scenery. Stop at the nearby Fraueninsel, home to a Benedictine convent dating back to the 8th century. Enjoy time at leisure in the manicured palace gardens before continuing by boat to Gstadt. From here, journey by coach to Munich, capital of Bavaria and home of the world-famous Oktoberfest. This evening, enjoy a traditional Bavarian experience with your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a lively local beer hall. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Pullman Munich

DAY 6 | EXPLORE MUNICH AND DACHAU
Enjoy an orientation of Munich's sites including the university, Victory Arch and the Marienplatz, where crowds gather at the Town Hall to watch the antics of the Glockenspiel. Afterwards, explore with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a culinary walking tour in the city centre. Alternatively, visit the Munich Residenz, Germany's largest inner-city palace and former

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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seat of Bavarian royalty. Travel to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site for a moment of commemoration and remembrance. Reflect on the weighty history that marks the site and observe the importance of its preservation. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ON TO INNSBRUCK
Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle (subject to availability), bristling with turrets and pinnacles, built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin courtyard. Continue to Oberammergau, home of the Passion Play since 1634. See the immense theatre and admire the colourful painted chalets before driving on to the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck, set in a valley of snow-capped mountain peaks. This evening, for your Dine-Around experience, choose from a fantastic selection of restaurants in Innsbruck. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Innsbruck

DAY 8 | BEAUTIFUL INNSBRUCK
Awake to the beautiful Alpine city of Innsbruck. A Local Expert will guide you through the city to see the 14th-century houses of the Old Town, the impressive Imperial Palace and the delightful Golden Roof. Visit a nearby ski jump, set against staggering mountain vistas. Meet one of the ski jumpers and observe a demonstration jump. **(B)**

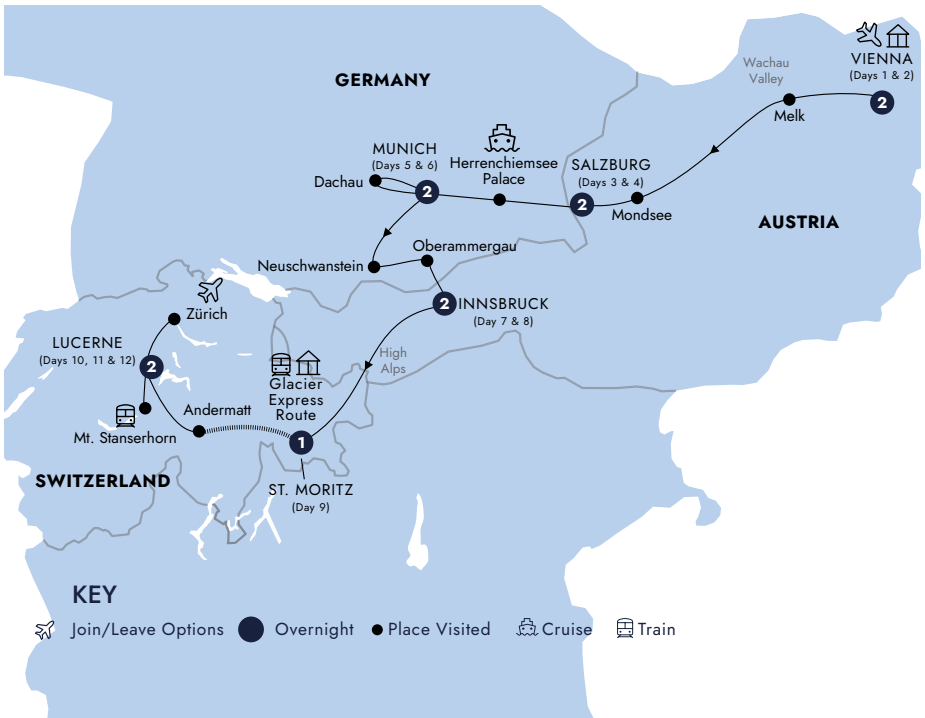
DAY 9 | THE ENGADINE VALLEY AND CHIC ST. MORITZ
Take in the stunning views of the beautiful Engadine Valley, as you enter Switzerland headed for the chic Alpine resort of St. Moritz. Enjoy the town's marvellous scenery, fresh air and maybe visit its many museums or shop for souvenirs. Perhaps experience one of Europe's outstanding train journeys over the Bernina Pass. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Crystal/Steffani, St. Moritz

DAY 10 | ALL ABOARD THE GLACIER EXPRESS AND ON TO LUCERNE
Embark on an iconic train journey onboard the Glacier Express, taking in vistas of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. Rejoin the coach at Andermatt. Continue north, following the staggering Schöllenen Gorge through William Tell country. Your Travel Director will show you the beautiful and poignant Lion Monument, which honours the Swiss Guards in Lucerne. **(B)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

DAY 11 | DINNER AT THE 'ROOF OF EUROPE' IN STANSERHORN
Enjoy the morning at your leisure, exploring the city's 14th-century covered wooden bridge, painted gables, old walls and watchtower 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 join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a seasonal juice tasting at a former Capuchin monastery. Embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and cable car to the summit of the stunning Stanserhorn. On a clear day, enjoy views stretching as far as Alsace in France and the Black Forest in Germany. Here, amid true Alpine majesty, your journey literally peaks with an unforgettable dinner, hosted in Drehrestaurant Rondorama, located atop the mountain. Savour 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) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH
Your Alpine adventures end this morning with a transfer to Zürich Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at Zürich Airport (ZRH) at 08:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vienna | View the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche and a private guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace.

Salzburg | Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace. Visit the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace and Residence Square. See the imposing fortress and the immense cathedral.

Munich | *Insight Choice* Visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria, *or* embark on a culinary walking tour in the heart of the city.

Oberammergau | Explore the town and see the theatre where the Passion Play has been performed since 1634.

Innsbruck | Stroll the streets of the picturesque Old Town with a Local Expert. Learn about its history and admire the Baroque and Gothic architecture.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Stans | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Taste a refreshing seasonal juice at a renovated Capuchin monastery producing sustainable crops from the alpine region. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine at a local restaurant.

Innsbruck | Choose from a selection of Innsbruck's vibrant restaurants for your Dine-Around evening.

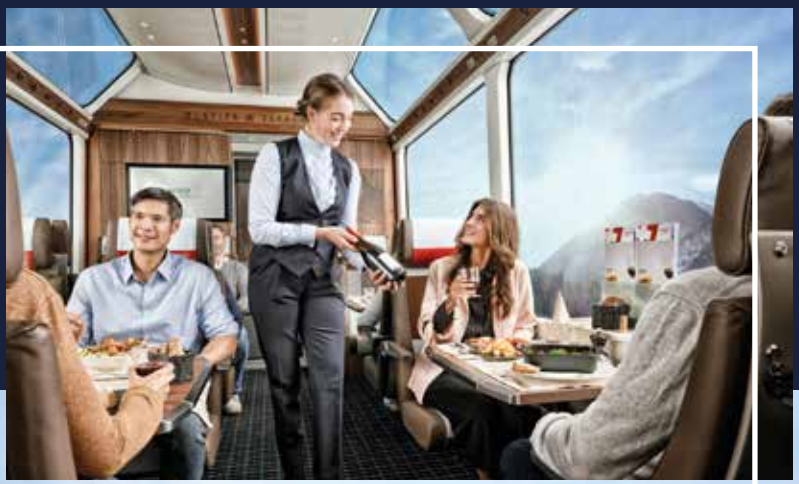
Stanserhorn | Enjoy expansive mountain views over Lake Lucerne for your special dinner.

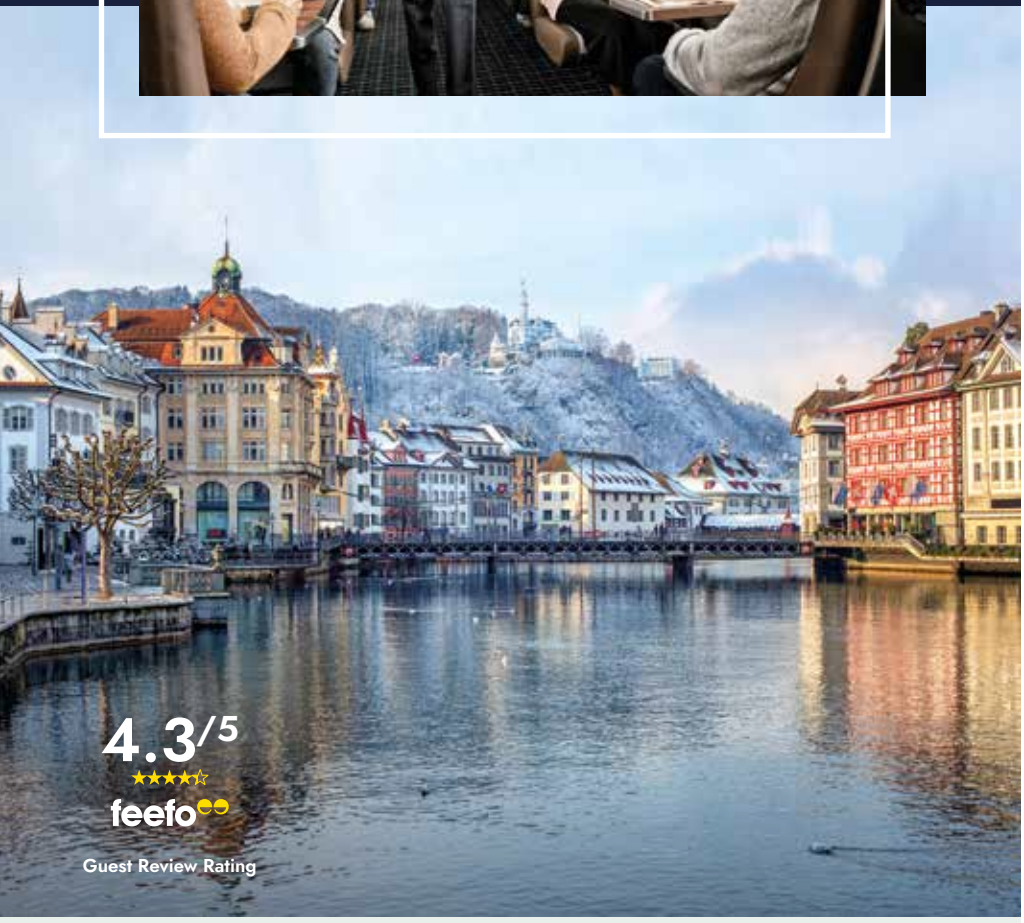
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Magical Switzerland

From festive Lucerne to St. Moritz's alpine glamour, scenic rail journeys through the Albula Pass, Landwasser Viaduct and Rhône Valley lead to lakeside Geneva.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: W850

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - March, November - December

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

DAY 1 | ZÜRICH AND LOVELY LUCERNE
Welcome to Switzerland, an enchanting winter wonderland of frozen waterfalls, peaceful cosy villages, snow-laden forests and imposing mountain ranges crowned by breathtaking peaks. Upon your arrival at Zürich Airport, you'll be transferred to your hotel in Lucerne allowing you to unwind and immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the lake and majestic mountains that frame the city. Stroll through the charming streets, where the atmosphere is filled with a sense of calm. In the evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a light dinner and drinks. **(D)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:30 and 13:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | LUCERNE AND ST. MORITZ
Begin your day exploring Lucerne, a captivating 14th-century city still protected by medieval fortifications. Your Travel Director will highlight the city's treasures, including the iconic covered wooden bridges, intricately painted gables, and the famous Lion Monument, commemorating the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending the French monarchy during the Revolution. Afterward, enjoy some free time to discover Lucerne's excellent shops or take a leisurely lakeside walk, where you can soak in the tranquil atmosphere and stunning views. The bustling markets and quaint cafes offer a glimpse into local life. Later, embark on a scenic journey along the dramatic Walensee, passing through the historic town of Chur to reach the fashionable ski resort of St. Moritz. Located in the Engadine Valley and twice host to the Winter Olympics in 1928 and 1948, St. Moritz sits among the awe-inspiring Grisons Alps, offering a blend of natural beauty and sophisticated elegance. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Laudinella, St. Moritz

DAY 3 | ST. MORITZ AT LEISURE
This day is entirely yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps start with a leisurely breakfast before exploring the chic resort's spa quarter, known for its luxurious wellness facilities and relaxing ambiance. Admire the traditional sgraffito plaster-coated facades that adorn many of the local buildings, showcasing intricate designs and rich history. If shopping is on your agenda, St. Moritz's stylish boutiques offer a range of high-end fashion and unique local crafts, while the vibrant local market is perfect for finding artisanal goods and souvenirs. Alternatively, take an epic rail journey over the Bernina pass, which runs through a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offering breathtaking views of the alpine landscapes, from glistening glaciers to verdant valleys, making it an unforgettable adventure. **(B) (RS)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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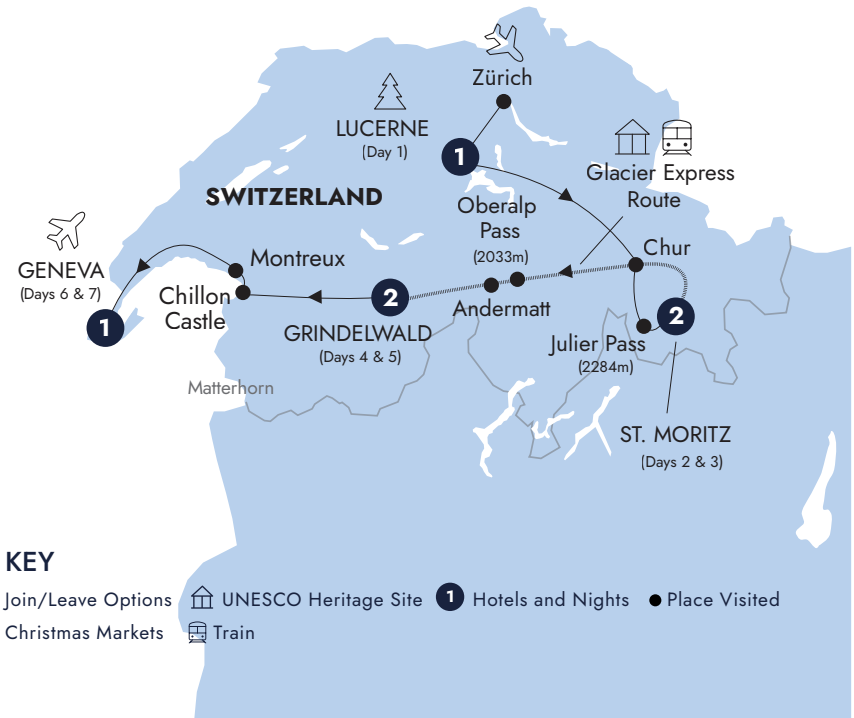
DAY 4 | SCENIC RAIL JOURNEY
Enjoy a spectacular ride through the heart of the Swiss Alps, with lunch included. The panoramic journey descends through the tunnels of the Albula Pass and traverses the stunning Landwasser Viaduct, a marvel of engineering that soars above deep gorges. As the train joins the broad Rhine Gorge, it meanders beside rock-strewn rivers, climbing through snowy pastures and woodlands. After spiralling to the highest point of the route, the icy Oberalp Pass, you'll descend to Andermatt. Here, rejoin the coach and drive through the dramatic Schöllenen Gorge, passing the Devil's Bridge, a site steeped in local legend. Marvel at the Wetterhorn Peaks as you travel along the Grindelwald Valley, with each turn of the route revealing stunning views that capture the essence of the Swiss Alps. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Sunstar Grindelwald

DAY 5 | GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE
Enjoy a full day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald, a charming village nestled in the Bernese Alps. Perhaps take a cogwheel train ride to the summit of the Jungfrau Mountain, where you can marvel at the panoramic views of the surrounding alpine splendour. The Jungfraujoch, known as the "Top of Europe," offers stunning vistas and a chance to explore the Ice Palace and the Sphinx Observation Deck. Alternatively, hike one of the many trails that wind through the lush valleys and up into the high mountains, where the diverse flora and fauna are a delight for nature enthusiasts. If you prefer a more relaxed pace, spend your day shopping in the quaint village shops or simply soaking in the serene beauty of the area. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | CHILLON CASTLE AND GENEVA
Journey to the shores of Lake Geneva and visit the stunning Chillon Castle, once home to the Counts of Savoy. This medieval fortress, perched on the edge of the lake, offers a glimpse into Switzerland's rich history and provides stunning views across the water. Enjoy a picturesque drive alongside the lake to reach the vibrant town of Geneva. Here, you'll visit the Red Cross Museum for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, where you'll discover how this globally renowned organisation delivers critical support and humanitarian aid to refugees and migrants. In the evening, celebrate your newfound friendships at a local restaurant with a traditional fondue dinner, enjoying the flavours of Swiss cuisine in a warm, convivial setting. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Royal Manotel, Geneva

DAY 7 | DEPART GENEVA
Your magical journey through Switzerland concludes after breakfast. You will be transferred to Geneva Airport, where you'll bid farewell as you reflect on the unforgettable memories and experiences of your Swiss adventure. As you head home, you'll carry with you the sights of this beautiful country, enriched by the connections made and the stories gathered along the way. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at airport at 08:00 and 10:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

St. Moritz | Take in the elegant spa quarter and the sparkling glacial lake of this chic alpine resort, famed for its high-altitude glamour.

Grindelwald | Explore this famous glacier village and filming location for the James Bond film 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service'.

Lake Geneva | Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artifacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

Montreux | Explore one of the most beautiful walks along Lake Geneva.

Geneva | Join your Travel Director to see Geneva's iconic Jet d'Eau and the colourful Floral Clock, set within the city's lakeside gardens.

Geneva | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the fascinating Red Cross Museum. Learn how this world-renowned organisation provides assistance to refugees, migrants and asylum seekers. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Lucerne | Enjoy a savoury dinner surrounded by the natural beauty of Lucerne.

Geneva | You will be delighted with a delicious fondue dinner at local restaurant, a real Swiss treat.

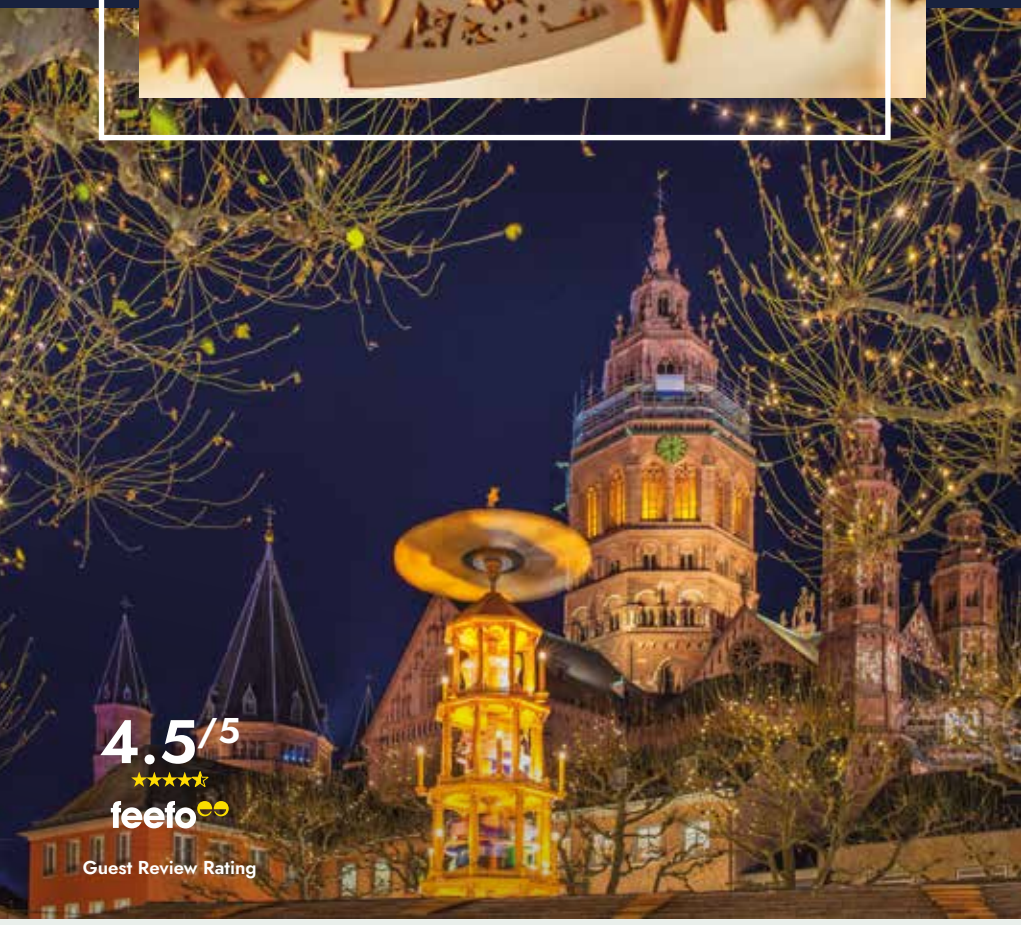
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Winter Wonderland

Medieval streets and Alpine scenery shape this festive journey from Mainz and Rothenburg to Salzburg, Innsbruck and Mount Pilatus.

9 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY





DAY 1 | FRANKFURT AND ON TO MAINZ

Welcome to Germany. From the Rhine Valley to the Alps, experience lively cosmopolitan cities, historic old towns and breathtaking natural scenery. Transfers are available from Frankfurt Airport to your Mainz hotel. Mainz has been a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a walk through the Cathedral Quarter to witness the magnificent architecture of the city's Dom. At a local restaurant, enjoy an evening of good food and wine as you get to know your Travel Director and fellow travellers. **(D)**

Hotel: Hilton Mainz

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:30 and 12:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER AND THE ROMANTIC ROAD TO MUNICH

Head to fortified Rothenburg ob der Tauber, overlooking the winding Tauber River. Once through the medieval walls, you are immediately transported back into the 16th century, as cobblestone streets lead you to the medieval market square with its Town Hall. Perhaps visit Tilman Riemenschneider's 'Holy Blood' altarpiece in St. Jakob's Church or pop into the Christmas shop where you'll find the festive spirit all year round? Follow parts of the Romantic Road to fun-loving Munich. **(B)**

Hotel: The Westin Grand, Munich

DAY 3 | THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL OF MUNICH

During your orientation you will see Victory Arch and the university, concluding in the Marienplatz with its soaring Gothic Town Hall and colourful Glockenspiel. Join a Local Expert on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to discover lost Advent traditions. The rest of the day is at leisure. Why not try a foaming stein of beer at the world-famous Hofbräuhaus? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | LAKE CHIEMSEE TO SALZBURG

Travel alongside the beautiful Lake Chiemsee and cross the Austrian border to Salzburg, 'alive with the Sound of Music'. Walk with your Local Expert through the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace and admire the city skyline, crowned by the majestic Hohensalzburg Fortress. Cross the Salzach River to see Mozart's birthplace on the Getreidegasse, a lively shopping street lined with charming wrought-iron signs. Visit Mozart's birthplace to learn more about his life, and enjoy a musical interlude performed on his original pianoforte. For those arriving before Christmas, visit the festive Christmas market and meet a local stallholder for a taste of traditional Lebkuchen and a fragrant cup of Glühwein. Follow the narrow lanes of the Old Town to the domed cathedral and the splendid Residenz Fountain, before having time at

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Trip code: W600

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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leisure to enjoy as you please. In the evening, perhaps visit an Austrian chalet for dinner, drinks and the opportunity to learn about life in the countryside. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: ARCOTEL Castellani Salzburg

DAY 5 | INNSBRUCK
In the morning, a scenic journey takes you through snow-capped mountains to Innsbruck. See the magnificent Golden Roof in the Old Town, then loose yourself in the festive atmosphere as you spend some time exploring Innsbruck's magical Christmas markets. The giant Christmas tree dominates the square and is adorned in lights and decorations. Browse the market stalls, selling handmade trinkets that make perfect gifts for friends and family, along with delicious local treats of home-made biscuits, jams and delicious, soul-warming Glühwein. Next, delight in a visit to the magical world of Swarovski Crystal, followed by a dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAY 6 | LIECHTENSTEIN AND LUCERNE BY THE LAKE
Meet your coachman and take in the delightful scenery and pure fresh air on a horse-drawn carriage ride. Next, depart for Lucerne travelling through delightful scenery as you make your way to the Arlberg Tunnel. Stop in Vaduz, capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, one of Europe's smallest countries. Cross the Swiss border and continue to lakeside Lucerne. Your Travel Director will show you the covered wooden Chapel Bridge and you'll learn about the poignant history of the Lion Monument. Then you are at leisure to shop for Swiss watches or delicious chocolate. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

DAY 7 | LOVELY LUCERNE
Start the day with a spectacular cable car ride with incredible views up Mount Pilatus. Back in Lucerne, you are free to admire the superb baroque Jesuit Church, stroll along lakeside promenades, or explore the old walls and watch towers of the medieval fortifications. Perhaps join a cruise along Lake Lucerne. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | HEIDELBERG
Stop at Schaffhausen to see the Rhine River thundering over the Rhine Falls. Cross the German border and venture deep into the Black Forest. Following the Rhine Valley north, head for the town of Heidelberg, set on the banks of the River Neckar and dominated by its magnificent red sandstone castle. Stroll through the old town with your Travel Director. Perhaps see the old Student Prison. In the evening, you will toast to your penultimate day in the company of your newfound friends at dinner accompanied by wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: ATLANTIC Heidelberg

DAY 9 | DEPART FRANKFURT AIRPORT
Say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your festive Winter Wonderland exploration comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at airport at 09:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Munich | See Feldherrnhalle in the Odeonsplatz, the Palace of the Dukes of Wittelsbach, the Marienplatz, the Hofbräuhaus and St. Peter's Church.

Salzburg | Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace.

Vaduz | Admire Vaduz Castle, the Royal family of Liechtenstein's residence perched above the capital and surrounded by snow-peaked mountains year-round.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Mount Pilatus | Enjoy a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Pilatus to witness a panorama of snow-capped peaks as you take in the pristine mountain air.

Rhine Falls | Visit Europe's largest waterfall, where 600,000 litres of water plunge every second.

Heidelberg | Explore one of Germany's most enchanting cities during your orientation with your Travel Director.

Munich | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Stop to taste seasonal treats as you discover the lost and forgotten Advent traditions that play a significant role in regional cultural revitalization. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Mainz | Enjoy getting to know your fellow travellers as you savour a delicious dinner in a local restaurant.

Innsbruck | Savour a special dinner at Swarovski Crystal World.

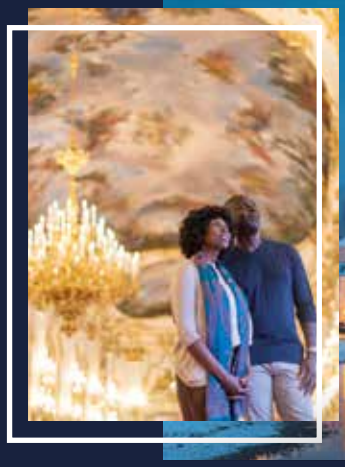
Heidelberg | Toast the culmination of your travels at a rousing dinner.

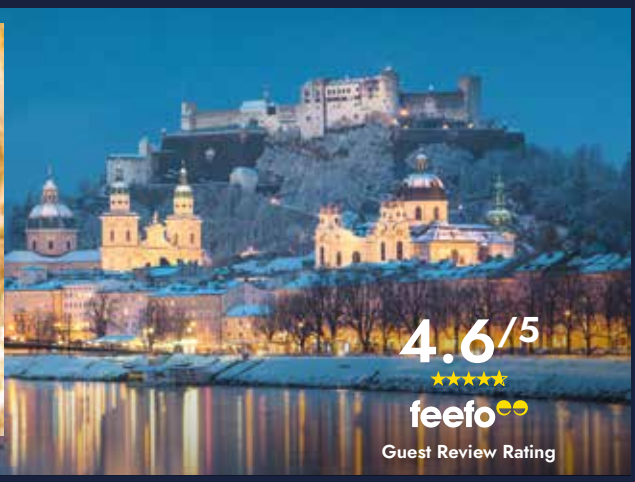
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Christmas Markets of Austria & Bavaria

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Journey through the snow-capped peaks of the Austrian Alps on this grand tour of Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace, Salzburg's 500-year-old Christmas Market and Munich's six-story-tall Christmas tree.

Advent traditions shape this festive journey, from the Habsburg setting of Schönbrunn Palace to Salzburg's old town, where music drifts through the Christmas Market and stalls serve gingerbread and Glühwein.

Meet a local market stallholder for a tasting and learn how these seasonal flavours remain part of local tradition. In Seefeld, Insight Choice invites you to choose between a horse-drawn carriage ride through snow-dusted countryside or coffee and cake in a Tyrolean cafe. Innsbruck adds Alpine character, with mulled wine at its Christmas Market and time for Swarovski crystal. Neuschwanstein Castle brings decorated interiors, mountain views and its reputed link to Walt Disney, while Munich's MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience uncovers lost and forgotten Advent traditions in the Bavarian capital.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Christmas Markets
- Overnight
- Place Visited

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vienna | Stand beneath frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded Rococo frames where Mozart performed as a child prodigy.
Tour the Ringstrasse with your Local Expert to gain insights into the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche.

Salzburg | Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace. With a Local Expert, see Mozart's family home and the 500-year-old Christmas market in front of the cathedral.

Innsbruck | Walk the narrow streets on an orientation of the Old Town, lined with medieval houses and arcades, to see the Golden Roof.

Oberammergau | Explore the town and see the theatre where the Passion Play has been performed since 1634.

Munich | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Stop to taste seasonal treats as you discover the lost and forgotten Advent traditions that play a significant role in regional cultural revitalization. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine at a local restaurant.

Innsbruck | Indulge in regional specialties during dinner at a local restaurant.

Munich | Revel in the celebratory atmosphere of the city's famous markets as you enjoy a festive dinner with wine and good cheer.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Trip code: W520

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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Alpine Christmas Markets

9 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | LEISURELY





There is nothing quite like Christmas among the Alps with the festive Munich Christmas Market, Salzburg's snow-capped spires and an indulgent cup of Glühwein.

Salzburg's music, Freiburg's Black Forest traditions and Strasbourg's centuries-old market give this Christmas journey its festive depth.

In Salzburg, your Local Expert connects the city's seasonal atmosphere with Mozart's story before you browse the Christmas Market and taste festive treats. At Swarovski Crystal Worlds, dinner places Tyrolean craft and contemporary design at the centre of the evening. Freiburg brings medieval streets, gabled houses and market squares into view, while Strasbourg shows why its Christkindelsmärik has drawn visitors for centuries, with Alsatian stalls scented by cinnamon and spice. Your tour closes in Zürich, where Diana and her team of socially engaged Local Experts lead a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, sharing the city's highlights through local stories and community perspective.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Overnight
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Munich | *Insight Choice* Embark on a culinary walking tour in the heart of the city, *or* visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria.

Salzburg | Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace.

Innsbruck | Walk the narrow streets on an orientation of the Old Town, lined with medieval houses and arcades, to see the Golden Roof.

Lindau | Explore the Harbour and Old City Hall. Walk the medieval streets of this island-town and browse the shops on Maximillium Strasse.

Freiburg im Breisgau | Enjoy a romantic walk through the medieval cobbled streets and soak in the festive magic.

Strasbourg | Explore the Christmas markets and enchant your senses with the scent of cinnamon.

Zürich | Enjoy the traditional Christmas markets in Zürich's Old Town.

Zürich | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Uncover the old town of Zürich during a fun and educational walking tour. Join Diana and her team who are raising awareness on social issues, such as food insecurity, and supporting the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Black Forest | Indulge in a delightful dinner of local German specialties, accompanied by wine.

Zürich | You'll enjoy good food, wine and a well-laden table with a touch of Grossmünster charm during your cosy dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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

Trip code: W550



Christmas Markets of Germany

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Berlin | With your Local Expert explore this vibrant city, passing Ku'Damm, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Tiergarten, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island.

Leipzig | Visit Thomaskirche where Bach worked as a Kapellmeister, a conductor, and where his remains are now buried.

Dresden | See the Frauenkirche, the colossal 'Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the cathedral, Semper Opera House and Zwinger Palace.

Nuremberg | Guided by your Travel Director, explore the Christkindlmarkt stalls and perhaps shop for local treats such as Rostbratwürste, Lebkuchen or Glühwein.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber | Stroll the cobbled streets of this fairytale town, where half-timbered houses and festive market stalls create a magical December scene.

Munich | See Feldherrnhalle in the Odeonsplatz, the Palace of the Dukes of Wittelsbach, the Marienplatz, the Hofbräuhaus and St. Peter's Church.

Munich | *Insight Choice* Visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria, *or* discover the lost and forgotten Advent traditions during an experience that advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Munich | Revel in the celebratory atmosphere of the city's famous markets as you enjoy a festive dinner with wine and good cheer.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Take a once-in-a-lifetime trip across Germany, sipping beer in Munich, dining on German delicacies in Berlin and experiencing the Christmas pyramids in Dresden.

Begin your journey in Berlin before taking in the musical surrounds of the Leipzig Market, where locals gather to sing and celebrate the festive season.

Join a Local Expert in Dresden to admire city sights like the enormous Procession of the Dukes mosaic, Zwinger Palace and the Semper Opera House. Dresden, home to Germany's oldest Christmas market, offers the chance to taste Christstollen, a traditional Christmas cake recipe dating back to medieval times. Visit the Nuremberg Market's Christkindlmarkt stalls with the chance to sample authentic German Rostbratwürste. Stop in the fortified town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a fairytale come true at any time of year but with an unrivaled beauty in December. Munich's delightful Marienplatz market provides a uplifting end to this insightful journey.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Christmas Markets
- Overnight
- Place Visited

Trip code: W500

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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

Christmas Markets of Poland, Prague & Germany

8 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 10 MEALS | BALANCED



Take your taste buds on a tour of the Czech Republic, discover the food markets of Prague, explore the Kraków Christmas Market in the city's Old Town district, and indulge in Berlin.

Ascend Wawel Hill with your Local Expert to view the Renaissance castle and visit the Cathedral, the final resting place of Poland's kings.

Experience the charm of Wrocław, the Venice of Poland, with its 150 bridges, five rivers, twelve islands, and the Baroque splendour of the Rynek Christmas markets. On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, taste traditional gingerbread made with locally sourced ingredients. Take your taste buds on a tour in the vibrant food markets of Prague. In Berlin, blend seasonal celebrations with historic landmarks. See the remains of the Berlin Wall, admire the restored Reichstag, and soak up the festive magic among the market stalls of Gendarmenmarkt square.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Overnight
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Kraków | Take in the ambience with a walk around the magnificent Cloth Hall in the Market Square to see the Christmas Market. Join your Local Expert for an in-depth exploration through the former Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz to Podgórze and see the Ghetto Square.

Wrocław | Enjoy an orientation of the market, located in Rynek. Spend time exploring the vast array of stalls bursting with local crafts and tasty treats.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Explore the Jewish Quarter with a Local Expert, *or* visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle.

Dresden | See the Frauenkirche, the colossal 'Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the cathedral, Semper Opera House and Zwinger Palace.

Berlin | With your Local Expert explore this vibrant city, passing Ku'Damm, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Tiergarten, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island.

Wrocław | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Get a taste of forgotten varieties of gingerbread, traditional from Lower Silesia region. Using only local ingredients, these treats are a true delight. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Kraków | Dine in a local restaurant with your Travel Director and fellow travellers, enjoying regional dishes and relaxed conversation that marks the beginning of your travels together.

Berlin | Enjoy dinner of delightful German cuisine and wine at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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

Trip code: W530

Country Roads of Central Europe

Be swept through grand capitals and storybook towns, from Vienna's boulevards and Kraków's medieval squares to Český Krumlov, Prague Castle and Budapest's Danube views.

9 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: E957

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA
Your journey begins in Vienna, the capital of Austria. Spend your afternoon at leisure before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a pleasant dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | STATELY VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS
Join a Local Expert for a 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. Get your camera ready for a drive around the Ringstrasse, a grand boulevard built along the lines of the old city walls, showcasing many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, the magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, the Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Continue exploring Vienna by joining a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience for all your senses, take to the floor in a Viennese waltz dance workshop that supports the visually impaired community. **(B)**

DAY 3 | CHARMING ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND GOLDEN PRAGUE
Once over the Czech border, head for picturesque Český Krumlov, where you will begin 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, the capital of the Czech Republic. **(B)**
Hotel: Lindner Prague Castle

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. The afternoon is free for you to explore at your leisure. **(B)**

DAY 5 | REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ THEN ON TO KRAKÓW
Enjoy a drive through the rolling Czech countryside before crossing into Poland where you will stop at Oświęcim, better known by

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

its German name of Auschwitz. Join a guided tour of the memorial and museum, which bore witness to the terrible atrocities of the Holocaust. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Cracow, Kraków

DAY 6 | THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

In the morning, why not join an Optional Experience and journey into a glistening subterranean world at the 600-year-old Wieliczka Salt Mine? 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. Alternatively, enjoy a morning at leisure before joining your fellow traveller to ascend Wawel Hill and visit the cathedral, with your Local Expert. 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 hand-picked local restaurants on your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | THROUGH SLOVAKIA TO BUDAPEST

Journey into the Slovakian region of Orava and see the picturesque Oravský Hrad Castle before continuing through the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains to arrive in Budapest, the capital of Hungary. Your evening is at leisure to stroll the historic streets, or perhaps indulge your senses as you dine aboard a cruise along the Danube River. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, Budapest

DAY 8 | BUDAPEST, THE QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital by one of the students. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. Afterwards, explore Budapest with a Local Expert. Visit Heroes' Square and drive down elegant Andrássy Boulevard in Pest, and wander the medieval streets of Buda to enjoy views from the Fisherman's Bastion. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax by the Danube or browse the boutiques of Vaci Street. For dinner, you are treated to mouth-watering Hungarian specialties, accompanied by specially selected wines.
(B) (D) (RS)

DAY 9 | DEPART BUDAPEST OR VIENNA

Your Bohemian journey concludes after breakfast with transfers arriving at Budapest Airport. The 07:00 transfer continues to Vienna Airport, arriving at midday. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD) at 07:00 and 11:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Cesky Krumlov | Discover this UNESCO-listed medieval town, crowned by a 13th-century castle and set along the Vltava River.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Explore the Jewish Quarter with a Local Expert, *or* visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle.

Auschwitz | Visit the Auschwitz Memorial and Museum with a Memorial Guide Educator, viewing preserved barracks, guard towers and the barbed-wire perimeter of the former German Nazi concentration and extermination camp.

Kraków | Join your Local Expert for an in-depth exploration through the former Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz to Podgórze and see the Ghetto Square.
Visit the 14th-century St. Mary's Basilica, the most important church in the city.

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.

Vienna | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Learn the Viennese waltz in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired. 'Dancing without Barriers' takes place inside a specially designed sensory studio. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine at a local restaurant.

Kraków | For your Dine-Around evening, choose your style of dining from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants, unique in Polish flavour.

Budapest | Sit down to a Hungarian dinner amid the architectural delights of the city.

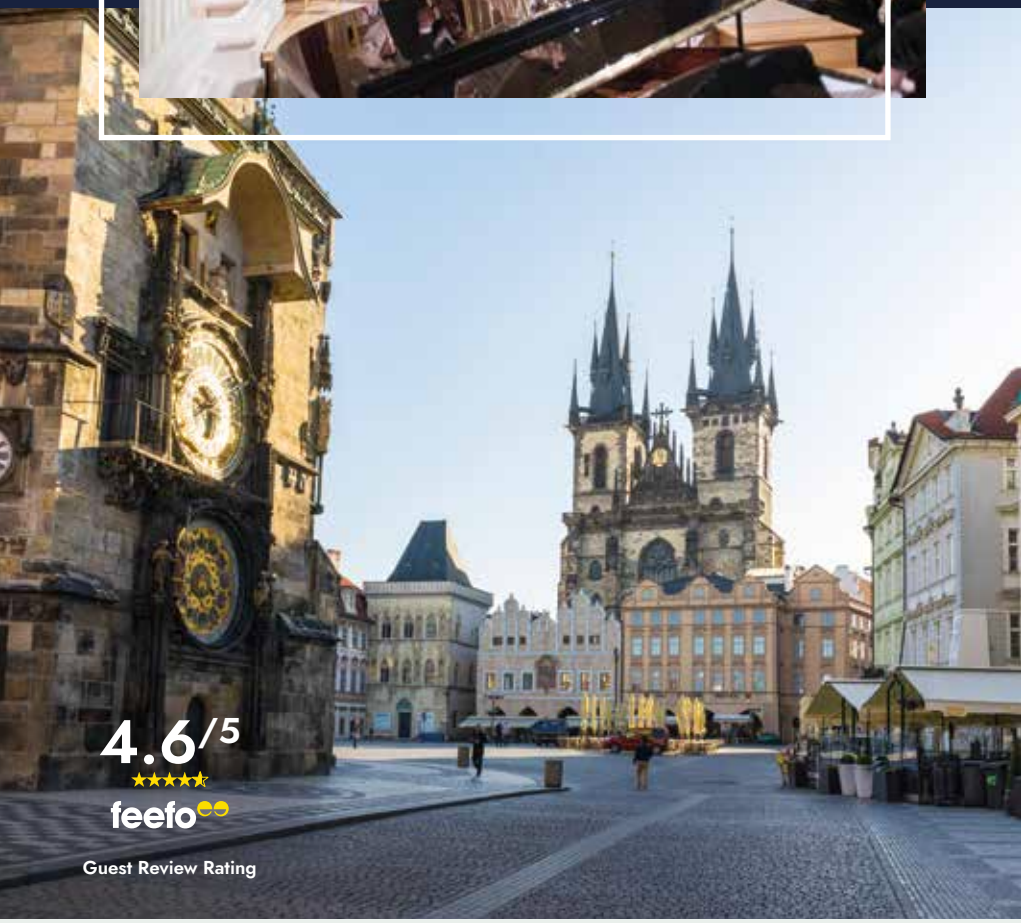
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Highlights of Eastern Europe

Delight your senses as you travel through Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin and Prague, discovering Gothic cathedrals, royal palaces, classical music and 20th-century history.

14 DAYS | 6 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

Budapest sets the scene for a memorable journey around Eastern Europe. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a local restaurant for dinner, a treat of mouth-watering Hungarian specialties. **(D)**

Hotel: Kempinski Corvinus Budapest

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | DELVE INTO BUDAPEST

Visit the Liszt Academy of Music for a guided tour, followed by an enchanting recital (on some occasions, the Liszt Academy will be replaced by an organ recital at the Matthias Church). Explore the Old Town of Buda with a Local Expert to admire the facade of Matthias Church and take in the views from the Fisherman's Bastion. In the evening, perhaps choose an Optional Experience to see this fairy-tale city as you cruise along the Danube and enjoy a meal of Hungarian specialties. **(B) (RS)**

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)**

Hotel: Mercure Kraków Stare Miasto

DAY 4 | KRAKÓW SIGHTSEEING AND AUSCHWITZ MEMORIAL

Join 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. Join a Local Expert at Oświęcim, better known throughout the world by its German name, Auschwitz, infamous for its role during the Holocaust. Spend reflective moments amid the remains of the concentration camp and the memorials to those who died. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | ON TO WARSAW

Choose to join an Optional Experience to Wieliczka Salt Mine or enjoy time at leisure. Then continue across the Polish plains to Warsaw, the nation's capital. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Sheraton Grand Warsaw

DAY 6 | THE POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

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. **(B) (RS)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | WIELKOPOLSKA TO BERLIN
Your route leads westward, across the rolling farmlands of the central plains, over the Oder River to enter Germany. **(B)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Berlin Ku'damm

DAY 8 | THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN
Discover Berlin's reinvention with your Local Expert. See the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate, then cross into former East Berlin to view Unter den Linden and Museum Island. **(B) (RS)**

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. Head for Prague in the afternoon. Upon arrival to 'The Golden City', enjoy a 'Dine-Around' progressive dinner experience in the heart of Prague's Malà Strana district. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hermitage Prague

DAY 10 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES
Explore Prague with your Local Expert, walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. The city is then yours to explore. Perhaps 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, paired with hearty Czech cuisine. **(B)**

DAY 11 | BOHEMIAN ČESKÝ KRUMLOV
Travel to the medieval town of Český Krumlov to walk the narrow cobbled streets and visit the centuries old castle. After the day trippers have left, soak up the unique atmosphere of this UNESCO World Heritage Site at a local restaurant. Enjoy a traditional Czech dinner of local specialties. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: OLDINN, Český Krumlov

DAY 12 | STATELY VIENNA
Cross the border into Austria and enjoy a delightful journey to Vienna. The afternoon is free for you to explore this stately capital. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

DAY 13 | THE HABSBURGS OF VIENNA
Join your Local Expert for a visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Take some great photos on a circuit of the Ringstrasse 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 cafe to enjoy local specialties 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. Enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Austrian fare with drinks at a local restaurant, before sitting down to an extraordinary concert of Viennese classical music. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | DEPART VIENNA OR BUDAPEST
Today, bid farewell to your new friends before you transfer to the airport. The transfer continues to Budapest Airport, arriving at approximately 13:30. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at Vienna International Airport (VIE) at 08:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.

Berlin | With your Local Expert explore this vibrant city, passing Ku'Damm, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Tiergarten, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island.

Cesky Krumlov | Discover this UNESCO-listed medieval town, crowned by a 13th-century castle and set along the Vltava River.

Vienna | Stand beneath frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded Rococo frames where Mozart performed as a child prodigy.
Tour the Ringstrasse with your Local Expert to gain insights into the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche.

Vienna | *Insight Choice* Savour coffee and Sachertorte at a traditional Viennese coffeehouse, *or* learn the Viennese Waltz inside a specially designed sensory studio during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, advancing United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Prague | Stroll through Malá Strana and across Charles Bridge on a Dine-Around evening, stopping at a selection of Prague restaurants to experience different flavours of the Golden City.

Vienna | Delight your senses as you savour an Imperial Viennese dinner, then take in a classical music concert paying homage to the genius of Strauss and Mozart.

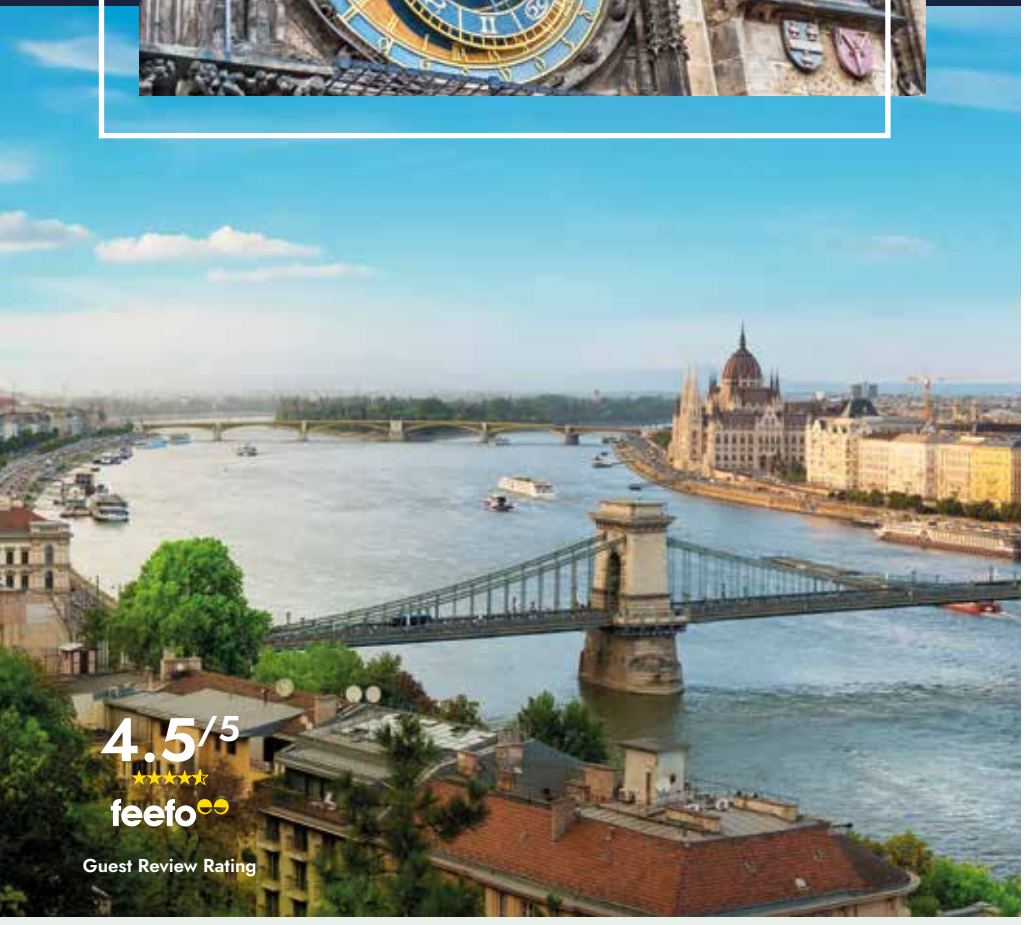
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Easy Pace Budapest, Vienna & Prague

Imperial capitals and fairytale towns shape this journey, from Budapest's Castle District and Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace to Český Krumlov and Prague's spires.

10 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: E705

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUDAPEST
Welcome to the wonderful Hungarian capital of Budapest. Enjoy your day before meeting your Travel Director and travel companions this evening. Tonight you are in for a treat with your dinner. Dine in elegance as you savour hearty, Hungarian delicacies accompanied with specially selected wines. **(D)**
Hotel: PURO Budapest

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE
Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital by one of the students. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. Drive along the elegant boulevards en route to Heroes' Square. Across the river in Buda, walk with your Local Expert in the Castle District area. **(B)**

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN BUDAPEST
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 cafe. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ON TO STATELY VIENNA
Travel to 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, sit down to a meal of authentic Viennese cuisine, a perfect complement to this enchanting city. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Am Konzerthaus - MGallery Collection, 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 Empress Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Then, ready your camera for a dazzling drive around the famous Ringstrasse. 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, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese cafe to enjoy local specialties of coffee and Sachertorte or MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience by taking to the floor in a Viennese waltz dance workshop, supporting the visually impaired community.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Dancing without Barriers, in a specially designed sensory studio, will be a unique experience for all your senses. The afternoon is at your leisure. **(B)**

DAY 6 | VIENNA AT LEISURE
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. Ask your Travel Director to recommend local attractions and restaurants as you appreciate the long summer evening in one of Europe's most elegant cities. **(B) (RS)**

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. Upon arrival in ''The Golden City'', you are invited to a Dine-Around progressive dinner experience in a number of exciting venues in the heart of Prague's Malà Strana district, topped off with a visit to the famous Charles bridge! **(B) (D)**
Hotel: K+K Central, Prague

DAY 8 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES
Explore Prague with your Local Expert. Walk the courtyards of the castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. The city is then yours to explore. Perhaps 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, paired with hearty Czech cuisine. **(B)**

DAY 9 | PRAGUE AT LEISURE
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 dinner of local specialties at a restaurant.
(B) (D) (RS)

DAY 10 | DEPART PRAGUE
Your journey comes to an end after breakfast, leaving you with lasting memories of the remarkable destinations, experiences and connections made along the way. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Budapest | See Heroes' Square, Andrássy Boulevard and the Danube's bridges linking Buda and Pest, then explore the shops along Váci utca.
Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.

Győr | Stop in this Baroque riverside city at the meeting point of four rivers.

Vienna | *Insight Choice* Savour coffee and Sachertorte at a traditional Viennese coffeehouse, *or* learn the Viennese Waltz inside a specially designed sensory studio during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, advancing United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Vienna | Travel along the Ring Road to see the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche.

Cesky Krumlov | Discover this UNESCO-listed medieval town, crowned by a 13th-century castle and set along the Vltava River.

Prague | Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle.

Premium Dining

Budapest | Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, where you can indulge in traditional Hungarian flavours!

Vienna | Savour a traditional meal of Austrian specialties at a local restaurant.

Prague | Stroll through Malá Strana and across Charles Bridge on a Dine-Around evening, stopping at a selection of Prague restaurants to experience different flavours of the Golden City.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Highlights of Poland

Discover a rich cultural journey, from Kraków's historic sights and Warsaw's resurgent spirit to Poznań's traditions, Zakopane feasting and Highlander folklore in the Tatra Mountains.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: E975

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KRAKÓW
Your journey through Poland begins in picturesque Kraków. Meet your Travel Director for a walk around the Rynek Główny, Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the famous Sukiennice Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Church and the many historic townhouses, palaces and churches. Be sure to listen for the trumpeter's call! Later, enjoy getting to know your fellow guests over a fabulous dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Cracow, Kraków

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 12:00 and 15:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW
In the morning you can join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine or 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. **(B)**

DAY 3 | TO THE HIGH TATRA MOUNTAINS AND ZAKOPANE
Journey into the Tatras, the highest range of the Carpathian Mountains. Arrive at the resort town of Zakopane, famous for its wooden houses and winter sports. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of the town. Enjoy a rousing dinner, accompanied by Goral Highlander folklore entertainment at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Zakopane

DAY 4 | REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ, THEN ON TO WROCŁAW, THE VENICE OF POLAND
Travelling past the birthplace of Pope John Paul II to your first stop, the city of Oświęcim, better known throughout the world by its German name, Auschwitz. With a Memorial Guide-Educator, experience a moving visit to the Auschwitz Memorial and Museum. Continue along the Oder River to the city of Wrocław, known in Polish as Miasto Spotkań, or the meeting place. Throughout its long history, Wrocław has belonged to Poland, Bohemia, Austria, Prussia and Germany. With your Local Expert, see the brightly coloured facades of the noble mansions and the flower markets at Plac Solny. Take in the Baroque splendour of the Rynek, and be introduced to Wrocław's cheeky gnomes. This evening, there is an opportunity to join your Travel Director for a craft beer at the Piwnica Świdnicka, the oldest restaurant/cellar in Poland, founded in 1273. **(B)**
Hotel: Wyndham Wroclaw Old Town

DAY 5 | POZNAŃ, CRADLE OF THE POLISH NATION
Visit Ostrów Tumski, known as Cathedral Island, a fascinating place of legend, often overlooked by other visitors. Explore Poznan with Insight

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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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) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Sheraton Poznań

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, expanded 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. Follow the Vistula River to the Baltic Sea and Gdańsk, with a lovingly restored historic district. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Hotel & Suites Gdansk

DAY 7 | THE BALTIC BELLES OF GDAŃSK
Spend the morning with a passionate Local Expert and learn captivating and fun facts about the city. From across the harbour see Westerplatte, the scene of the first fighting between Polish and German troops in 1939, and stop at 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. With the rest of the day at your leisure, perhaps attend an evening concert of Poland's best-loved composer, Frédéric Chopin? **(B)**
Hotel: Sheraton Grand Warsaw

DAY 9 | EXPLORING THE PROUD POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW
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. At dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes at a cosy Warsaw restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | DEPART WARSAW
Time to say goodbye to your new friends as your journey through Poland comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:30 and 10:00.

Small Group Option

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Wrocław | See the noble mansions and flower markets of the Plac Solny, absorb the Baroque splendour of Rynek and Wroclaw's cheeky gnomes.

Poznan | *Insight Choice* Join a local resident for a walking tour through the Old Town, *or* learn about the local delicacy, St. Martin's croissant.

Gniezno | Visit Gniezno Cathedral to see the monumental bronze doors cast around 1175, noted for their detailed panels showing scenes from the life of St. Adalbert. Inside, you'll also view chapels and crypts that reflect the cathedral's long association with Poland's earliest rulers and archbishops.

Toruń | Discover this outstanding UNESCO World Heritage Site, founded by the Teutonic Knights in 1233.

Gdańsk | Explore the medieval city and see the historical sights of Weterplatte and the Gdańsk Shipyards.

Malbork | Visit the 13th-century fortified Gothic brick castle, the largest castle in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Warsaw | See the Old Town, Palace of Culture and visit the Chopin Memorial in the Lazienki Park.

Premium Dining

Kraków | Dine in a local restaurant with your Travel Director and fellow travellers, enjoying regional dishes and relaxed conversation that marks the beginning of your travels together.

Zakopane | Enjoy dinner accompanied by Góral Highlander music and dance, with performers using regional instruments such as the fiddle and shepherd's flute. You'll hear the sharp, rhythmic patterns typical of the Tatra Highland.

Warsaw | Find out what the buzz is all about in the Polish capital during your dinner at a favourite restaurant.

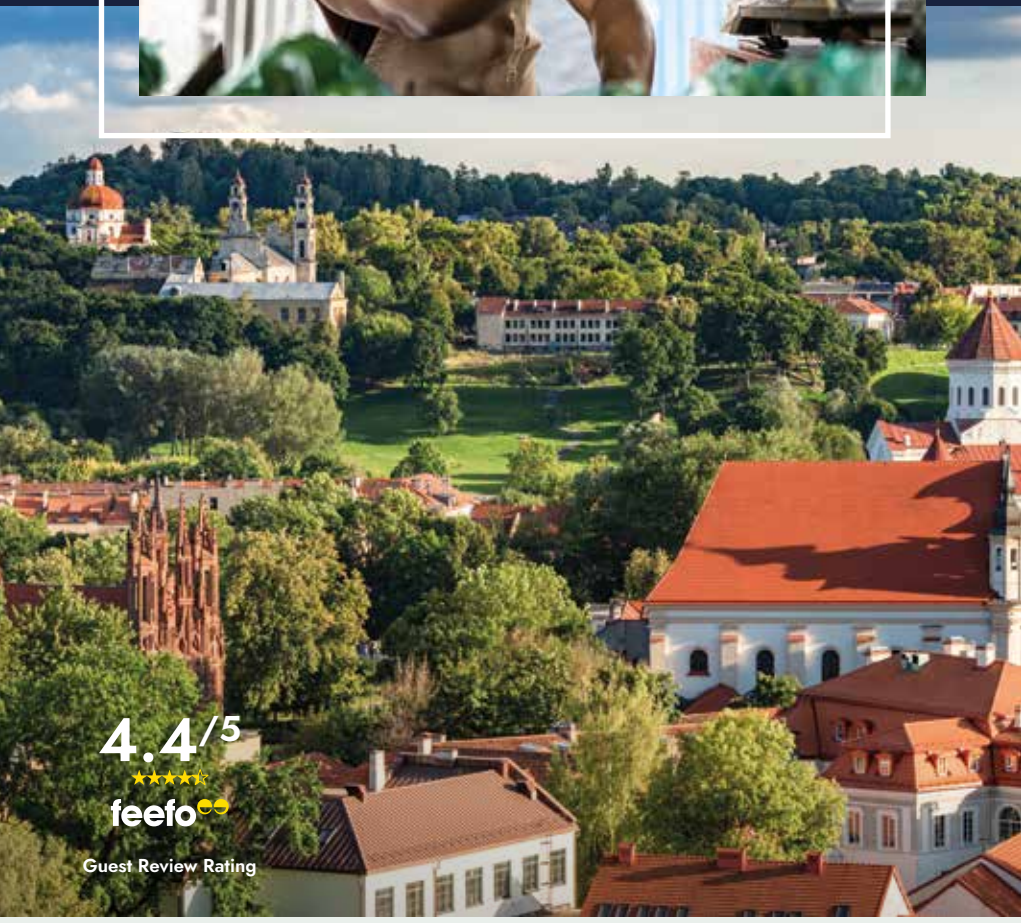
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Warsaw & The Baltic States

Uncover the history and cultural richness of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, from Vilnius' atmospheric Old Town to the vibrant flavours of Riga's Central Market.

8 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 10 MEALS | BALANCED





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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: E979

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - September

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE WARSAW
Welcome to Warsaw! Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director for dinner at an authentic local restaurant full of Polish charm that serves delicious traditional meals, accompanied by wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Sheraton Grand Warsaw

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

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) (RS)**

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. Your hotel for the next two nights is located in the heart of Vilnius. All major sights are within easy walking distance and you can enjoy views of the Old Town Square from the on-site restaurant. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Lietuva, Vilnius

DAY 4 | VILNIUS AND THE CASTLE OF TRAKAI
Visit the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, the neoclassical cathedral and the charming Old Town. Walk along the streets of bohemian Užupis, a Vilnius neighbourhood that proclaimed itself a republic in 2002. Your Local Expert 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

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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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) (D)**

> *The Baltic States are so rich in history and tradition, each with its own unique identity, all brought together in one seamless journey. Starting in Warsaw adds accessibility and context — and it links perfectly (on selected dates) with Northern Capitals for an even longer holiday.*
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DAY 5 | THE VOTIVE HILL OF CROSSES AND THE ART NOUVEAU NIRVANA OF RIGA

Head north to visit the unusual Votive Hill of Crosses near Šiauliai, the symbol of resistance against the Soviet occupation. Tonight, your hotel is set in the most ideal location of the city, overlooking Riga's Vērmane Garden and just a short stroll from the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town. **(B)**

Hotel: Radisson Blu Latvija Conference & Spa, Riga

DAY 6 | RIGA SIGHTSEEING AND ONTO TALLINN

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. Enjoy the vibrant colours and flavours when sampling some of the local delicacies as you wander through the maze of stalls. Your travels continue along the shores of the Gulf of Riga and across the Estonian border to reach Tallinn. Hailed by travel aficionados 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)**

Hotel: Mövenpick Hotel Tallinn

DAY 7 | SURRENDER TO THE MAGIC OF TALLINN

Explore Tallinn with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walking tour with panoramic views leading to the Town Hall Square. Alternatively, stroll the fairytale 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 dinner. Toast to your trip, as you savour a freshly prepared meal, rich with traditional flavours and accompanied with wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | DEPART TALLINN

Your trip comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 05:00 and 10:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Warsaw | See the Old Town, Palace of Culture and visit the Chopin Memorial in the Lazienki Park.

Vilnius | Admire the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, the neoclassical cathedral and the pretty Old Town.

Riga | Experience Riga's Old Town with a Local Expert and visit the Domkirk and city walls, the House of the Three Brothers and the castle of the Livonian Knights.

Tallinn | *Insight Choice* Walk through the fairytale Old Town with your Local Expert and hear about Estonian arts and crafts, *or* Join your Local Expert for a scenic walking tour of the city with panoramic views and a visit to the Town Hall Square.

Warsaw | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® 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. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Warsaw | Your dinner is at an authentic local restaurant full of Polish charm and serving delicious traditional meals accompanied with wine.

Vilnius | Your Travel Director offers you a varied selection of leading restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening, a culinary experience not to be missed.

Tallinn | Indulge in a thoughtfully prepared dinner featuring traditional local flavours, perfectly paired with wine and the company of your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Dalmatian Elegance

Sail Croatia's Dalmatian Coast, visiting historic Split, Dubrovnik's UNESCO-listed Old Town, a local winery on Hvar and Mljet's saltwater lakes and St. Mary Isle.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | LEISURELY





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Trip code: E860

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

Welcome to Croatia. On arrival at Split Airport, transfer to your hotel and settle in before your Adriatic journey begins. The rest of the day is at leisure. You may wish to take a stroll through Split's historic streets, relax by the waterfront or sample Dalmatian cuisine at a local restaurant before embarking on your cruise tomorrow.
Hotel: Cornaro, Split

WELCOME: Meet your Local Host from 16:30 - 18:00.

DAY 2 | ELEGANCE ON THE ADRIATIC

Join your Local Expert for an intimate exploration of Split's Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the greatest surviving Roman structures. Step inside the emperor's mausoleum, now the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, and see the Temple of Jupiter, later converted into a baptistery. Sail Croatia's Dalmatian Coast, visiting historic Split, Dubrovnik's UNESCO-listed Old Town, a local winery on Hvar and Mljet's saltwater lakes and St. Mary Isle. Board your coastal cruiser and meet your Cruise Manager. Enjoy lunch on board as you sail to Hvar. On arrival, stroll through the old town to its Renaissance cathedral and hilltop fortress. Later, visit a local winery in the town centre to sample signature varietals. This evening, perhaps dine al fresco, enjoy a seaside aperitif or explore Hvar's vibrant cafe culture.
(B) (L) (RS)
Hotel: MV Futura/MV Avangard/ MV Maritimo

DAY 3 | THE PELJEŠAC PENINSULA

Cruise from Hvar to the Pelješac Peninsula, known since the 14th century for its vineyards and maritime trade. Pause for a swim in one of the Adriatic's secluded bays before a freshly prepared lunch onboard. As you near Trstenik, join an olive oil tasting onboard to explore the peninsula's deep-rooted tradition of small-batch production. Journey inland to Kuna, a village tied to monastic heritage and agriculture. End the day with a Farm-to-Table dinner on the Antunović estate, where Dalmatian specialties are prepared using ingredients sourced directly from the family's farm. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | MLJET AND DUBROVNIK

Sail to the island of Mljet, home to one of Croatia's most treasured national parks. Accompanied by your Cruise Manager, explore a landscape shaped by legend and geology — Mljet is said to be the island where Odysseus was held captive by the nymph Calypso. Visit the park's renowned saltwater lakes, whose striking colour comes from a unique mix of marine and freshwater ecosystems. Board a small boat across the larger lake to St. Mary Isle, where a 12th-century Benedictine monastery sits in serene isolation. Return to your ship for lunch, then enjoy a memorable cruise along Dubrovnik's

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ancient city walls, offering panoramic views of the terracotta rooftops and fortress towers. Arrive in port for time at leisure before dining on board and spending the night docked in the city. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

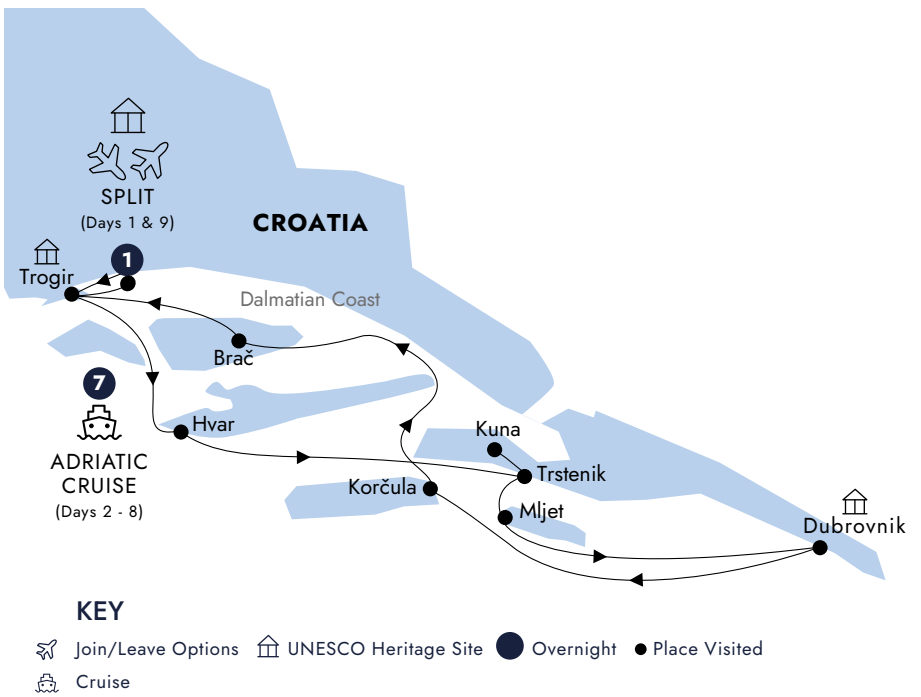
DAY 5 | DUBROVNIK, A 'PARADISE ON EARTH'
This morning, join a guided walking tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site enclosed by remarkably preserved medieval walls. Discover the city's rich maritime past, from its days as the Republic of Ragusa to its role in resisting Ottoman and Venetian expansion. Then take the cable car to Mount Srđ, where views stretch across the Adriatic and the Elaphiti Islands. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy at leisure. You may wish to explore further with an Optional Experience: sea kayaking beneath the city walls or take a Game of Thrones filming locations tour, which reveals how Dubrovnik became King's Landing. Alternatively, explore the city's museums, walk the medieval ramparts, or unwind at one of the open-air cafes along the promenade. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | CRUISE TO KORČULA
Sail north this morning towards Korčula, passing forested islands and secluded inlets along the Dalmatian coast. Pause in a quiet bay to enjoy lunch on board, surrounded by calm turquoise waters. Arrive in Korčula, often referred to as 'Little Dubrovnik' for its medieval walls and red-roofed skyline. Meet your Local Expert, Andrea, for a guided walk through the Old Town's narrow streets, laid out in a herringbone pattern to protect against wind and sun. Learn about Korčula's link to Marco Polo and its centuries of Venetian influence. The evening is at leisure. You may choose to explore further with an Optional Experience buggy ride across the island, a wine tasting at Tasovac Winery, or a traditional Dalmatian dinner featuring locally sourced seafood and island-grown produce. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 7 | THE ISLAND OF BRAČ
Cruise from Korčula this morning with a swim stop in one of the Adriatic's quiet bays, an ideal moment to unwind before lunch is served on board. Arrive on the island of Brač, known for its white limestone, exported as far as the White House, and laid-back coastal villages.
The afternoon is yours at leisure. You might choose to explore the island's cultural sites, such as the Blaca Hermitage or local art workshops, or simply enjoy the waterfront. This evening, join the Captain's Dinner, an onboard celebration featuring regional dishes and live entertainment. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | TROGIR
Sail north this morning towards Trogir, a small island town connected to the mainland by a 17th-century stone bridge. With origins dating back to the 3rd century B.C., Trogir is a living museum of Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance architecture. On arrival, join a guided walking tour through its UNESCO-listed old town, where you'll explore narrow alleyways, hidden courtyards and historic landmarks including the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, noted for its 13th-century portal carved by Master Radovan. The rest of the day is yours at leisure — perhaps enjoy a harborside meal, visit the town's small museums or explore the local market. You'll dock overnight in Marina Baotić, giving you more time to experience Trogir's well-preserved historic centre. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 9 | DEPART TROGIR
After breakfast, disembark your ship in Marina Baotić and transfer to the airport for your onward journey. **(B)**





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Split | Visit the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace and see St. Duje's, the Golden Gate and the cellars.

Hvar | Explore this delightful island, walk to the town's main square, see the yacht-filled harbour and the Renaissance cathedral.
Sample Hvar's signature varietals at a family-run winery.
Sample local olive oils aboard your vessel and learn how Pelješac's traditions, native olives and landscapes shape each distinct flavour.

Mljet National Park | Cross the larger of Mljet's saltwater lakes by boat to St. Mary Isle and explore the 12th-century Benedictine monastery, a national heritage site.

Dubrovnik | Discover the Pearl of the Adriatic on a guided tour, then ascend Mount Srd by cable car for breathtaking panoramic views.

Korčula | Join a guided tour through the fortified Old Town, known for its distinctive herringbone street layout designed to minimise wind and sun exposure.

Trogir | Explore Dalmatia's best-preserved medieval town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on a guided walk through its historic streets and landmarks.

Premium Dining

Kuna Pelješka | Visit the Antunović family farm to savour peka-style dishes and taste wines and cheeses rooted in Dalmatian tradition.

Brac | Delight in a Captain's Dinner aboard with live ensemble entertainment, enjoying a four-course meal as you celebrate your journey with your fellow travellers.

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SMALL GROUP TOUR

Adriatic Escape

Discover Roman arenas, Venetian craft and Lake Bled's pletna boats along the northern Adriatic, from Postojna's caves to Krk's family-owned winery and Venice's canals.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Welcome to Zagreb, Croatia's vibrant capital. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers before enjoying dinner, the perfect start to your journey. **(D)**

Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB SIGHTSEEING AND ON TO LJUBLJANA

Explore Zagreb with your Local Expert, beginning in the Lower Town near the Art Pavilion and the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. You'll walk the formal paths of Zrinjevac Park before riding the funicular up to the Upper Town for St. Mark's Church and a view of the Lotrščak Tower, once part of the city's defensive walls. Later, continue across the border to Slovenia and arrive in Ljubljana. Join a walking tour that follows the riverbanks and main squares, crossing the bridges that link the historic centre. In the afternoon, visit the Sonček association for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meeting artists with cerebral palsy who craft distinctive Slovenian souvenirs. This evening, enjoy dinner of local specialties in a Ljubljana restaurant. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Eurostars uHotel, Ljubljana

DAY 3 | LAKE BLED, JEWEL OF THE SLOVENIAN ALPS

Travel to Lake Bled, one of Slovenia's best-known Alpine lakes, long recognised as a historic spa resort. With Insight Choice, choose to board a traditional wooden pletna boat to Bled Island, climbing to the 15th-century church to ring its bell, or visit Vila Bled, once a presidential residence, to sample Bled's kremšnita cream cake with coffee on the terrace overlooking the water. Return to Ljubljana for an afternoon at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 4 | POSTOJNA CAVES AND ACROSS THE BORDER TO CROATIA

Leave Ljubljana and travel south to Postojna Cave, one of Europe's best-known karst cave systems and a show cave visited since the 19th century. Inside, you'll travel by underground train into the heart of the cave, then continue on foot through chambers marked by stalactites, stalagmites and limestone columns formed by water over millions of years. Continue across the border into Croatia towards Rijeka, a major Adriatic port once known as Fiume under Habsburg rule. After settling into the hotel, spend time along the waterfront or on the Korzo promenade, and perhaps join an Optional Experience to Opatija to follow its seafront promenade and try coastal specialties in a local restaurant. **(B)**

Hotel: Hilton Rijeka Costabella Beach Resort and Spa, Croatia

DAY 5 | EXPLORE THE ISLAND OF KRK

Enjoy a relaxed start before travelling from Rijeka across the bridge to Krk, one of the largest islands in the Adriatic and an early centre of Croatian literacy and rule. In Krk Town, explore

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with a Local Expert, visiting St Mary's Cathedral, whose origins trace back to an early Christian basilica, and viewing the Frankopan Castle, seat of a powerful medieval noble family. Continue to a family-owned winery for a Farm-to-Table lunch, with dishes prepared from seasonal island ingredients and paired with local wines such as Žlahtina. Return to Rijeka in the afternoon and spend the evening at leisure. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 6 | ROVINJ AND PULA, JEWELS OF ISTRIA
Leave Rijeka and travel south into Istria for a morning in Rovinj, a former island town later linked to the mainland. With time at leisure, perhaps walk the harbourfront and old fishing port, follow stone lanes that climb towards the Church of St. Euphemia or step into small galleries and workshops along Grisia Street. If you're ready for an early lunch, take a table in a harbour-side konoba to try grilled Adriatic fish, mussels cooked buzara-style or pasta with local truffles with a glass of Malvazija. In the afternoon, continue to Pula, Istria's largest city, known for its Roman amphitheatre and Augustan temple, and settle into the hotel. **(B)**
Hotel: Park Plaza Histria, Pula

DAY 7 | DISCOVER ROMAN PULA
Join a Local Expert to uncover Pula's layered history, beginning at the Pula Arena, one of the largest and best-preserved Roman amphitheatres still standing. Built in the 1st century CE under Emperor Augustus, the arena could seat up to 20,000 spectators. From here, continue to the Temple of Augustus on the former Roman Forum and the Arch of the Sergii, a 1st-century BCE triumphal arch that marks one of the old approaches into town. The afternoon is at leisure in Pula; you might visit the local market, walk the waterfront around the marina or take a short trip to the Verudela peninsula for a coastal stroll. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | PIRAN, JEWEL OF THE ISTRIAN COAST, AND ON TO VENICE
Leave Pula and travel north into Slovenia for a morning in Piran, a coastal town that spent centuries under Venetian rule. Spend the morning at leisure in Piran: walk around Tartini Square, follow narrow streets to the small harbour or climb towards St. George's Church and the town walls for views over the bay. In the afternoon, cross into Italy and drive across the Venetian Plain to Venice, an island city built in a lagoon and long recognised for its role in Adriatic trade and politics. **(B)**
Hotel: BW Premier Collection CHC Continental, Venice

DAY 9 | THROUGH THE CANALS OF VENICE
See Venice's age-old traditions come to life as you watch master artisans demonstrate the delicate craft of Murano glassblowing. Then, experience the city as it was meant to be seen, by gliding through its labyrinth of canals on a traditional gondola. This evening, come together for a final dinner, celebrating your journey in this extraordinary floating city. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE
Say goodbye to your Travel Director and your small group as your journey through the northern Adriatic – from Croatian ports and islands to Slovenian lakes and the Venetian lagoon – comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

Small Group Tours

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Ljubljana | Explore this elegant capital and see the castle City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge.

Lake Bled | *Insight Choice* Board a traditional pletna boat to Bled Island, climb to the Church of Mother of God and ring the Wishing Bell, *or* visit Vila Bled and enjoy Bled's famous cream cake, kremšnita, with coffee.

Krk | Uncover the island's history with your Local Expert, from its Roman roots to its medieval fortifications, visit St. Mary's Cathedral and see Frankopan Castle.

Pula | Discover one of Europe's best-preserved Roman arenas, dating back to the 1st century, with your Local Expert.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.
Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.

Ljubljana | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet inspiring individuals at Sonček – Cerebral Palsy Association of Slovenia, a social enterprise dedicated to empowering adults with disabilities through meaningful employment and community integration. Learn how their Care and Work Centre provides guidance, care and adapted jobs, allowing members to create handcrafted souvenirs, artwork and other unique items. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Krk | Savour a Farm-to-Table lunch at a family-owned winery on Krk, where fresh, locally sourced ingredients highlight the island's culinary traditions. Enjoy regional specialties paired with Krk's signature Žlahtina wine while learning about the estate's winemaking heritage.

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Country Roads of Croatia

Chart a course from Zagreb to the Dalmatian coast, with Split, Dubrovnik, Ston oysters and the forest-fringed lakes of Plitvice National Park.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB
Welcome to Croatia, the Land of a Thousand Islands. Your journey starts in Zagreb, where you will join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS
Join your Local Expert to explore Croatia's two-tiered capital. See the Art Pavilion, Academy of Sciences and Arts, and Zrinjevac Park. Ride the funicular to St. Mark's Church and Lotrščak Tower, then walk down through the Stone Gate to the Square. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon at your hotel or consider an Optional Experience to Kumrovec, birthplace of Tito. **(B)**

DAY 3 | POSTOJNA CAVES AND OPATIJA
At the world-famous Postojna Caves, descend into a stunning subterranean world. Marvel at the 5 m (16 ft) 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)**
Hotel: Opatija Marriott Resort & Spa

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) (D)**

DAY 5 | PRISTINE PLITVIČE LAKES NATIONAL PARK
Enjoy the scenery of the Adriatic coast in the morning, where you will journey past sparkling deep blue seas studded with rocky islands, before heading inland to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitviče with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitviče Lakes National Park, or meet one of the women behind the Tara Community Centre. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo

DAY 6 | THE DALMATIAN COAST TO SPLIT
The green forests of Plitviče 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. Travel through Mediterranean olive groves on your way to Trogir, a city founded by the Greeks in 3rd century BCE. Admire the cathedral and Renaissance Čipiko Palace before continuing to the historic city of Solin. In the evening, don't miss the opportunity of dinner in a traditional konoba. **(B)**
Hotel: President Solin, Split

DAY 7 | ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR
The Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace here, and today it forms the heart of the Old Town of Split. With your Local Expert, explore the

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1,700-year-old palace cellars and learn the story of the infamous emperor. Continue through the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares to see St. Duje's, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum, and the Golden Gate. 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) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort

DAY 8 | EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR
Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the hidden coves, secluded beaches, old monasteries and villages of Hvar. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | ON THE TRAIL OF MARCO POLO TO KORČULA
Cruise back to the mainland and continue your journey to the island of Korčula, known for its grace, history and rich culture. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Liburna, Korcula

DAY 10 | CAPTIVATING KORČULA
Join a knowledgeable Local Expert for a walking tour of the Old Town. Stroll towards the main square of Korčula where the Cathedral of St. Mark dominates the ancient skyline. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC
Journey to the beautiful southern slopes of the Pelješac Peninsula. Weather permitting, cruise the tranquil waters of the bay of Mali Ston and admire the surrounding untouched natural beauty, as you enjoy a glass of traditional Croatian brandy. Stop at a shellfish farm and meet 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 by a glass of wine. Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik to join a walking exploration of the city, guided by a Local Expert. Get a glimpse into local life, as you explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th-century bastions of the Old Town. **(B)**
Hotel: Dubrovnik Palace

DAY 12 | OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO
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
Make the most of a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Relax by the pool, shop in the markets or perhaps take the opportunity to visit Cavtat, one of the most enchanting seaside resorts in Croatia. This evening, should weather permit, you're invited to embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik. Savour authentic flavours of local specialties over dinner with your fellow travellers.
(B) (D) (RS)

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK
Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Postojna Cave | Explore Postojna Cave, a karst system with more than 20 km (12 miles) of surveyed passages and one of the first caves in Europe to introduce an underground railway in the 19th century. Inside, discover the cave's role in karst research and spot endemic species such as the proteus, or "olm", that live in these underground waters.

Plitvice Lakes National Park | *Insight Choice* Join a Local Expert to explore Plitviče Lakes National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land, *or* meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts enabling employment and engagement in the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Split | Explore the Jewish Quarter, Narodni Trg, the centre of Old Split, and Trg Braće Radić, the Square of the Radić brothers.

Hvar | Enjoy a panoramic orientation from the comfort of your coach as you travel from the ferry port in Stari Grad to your hotel in the heart of Hvar Town.

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

Premium Dining

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

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

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Treasures of the Balkans

Explore Romania, Croatia and Bulgaria's hand-picked sights from Roman ruins in Sofia to a private after-hours tour of Bran Castle.

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUCHAREST
Your Balkan adventure begins in Romania's capital, Bucharest. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Bucharest

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 13:30 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | BUCHAREST AND CASTLES OF TRANSYLVANIA
Join a Local Expert for a tour of University Square and the former communist headquarters. Visit the Parliament Palace, then savour a private dinner in the newly renovated Queen Marie's Tea House. This evening, enjoy an exclusive visit to the iconic Bran Castle, said to inspire Bram Stoker's Dracula. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Aurum, Brașov

DAY 3 | BRAȘOV AND SINAIA
Travel along the Prahova Valley to the elegant mountain resort of Sinaia to visit Peleș Castle. Return through the Carpathian Mountains to the charming medieval city of Brașov. With your Local Expert, walk around Town Hall Square, lined with beautiful red-roofed houses and dominated by the Black Church. **(B)**

DAY 4 | VELIKO TARNOVO
Travel south from Brașov, crossing into Bulgaria and arriving in Veliko Tarnovo, the country's former medieval capital, built across hills above the Yantra River. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Yantra Grand, Veliko Tarnovo

DAY 5 | TO SOFIA
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)**
Hotel: Grand Millennium Sofia

DAY 6 | SOFIA AT YOUR PACE
Enjoy your day at leisure. Perhaps visit the Rila Monastery to gain fascinating insights into Bulgaria's largest and most famous Eastern Orthodox monastery. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | SKOPJE
Cross the border and continue to Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia, for sightseeing with a Local Expert. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Skopje Marriott

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

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Skanderbeg Square for an insider's look at the Albanian capital with a Local Expert. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Tirana

DAY 9 | JOURNEY TO MONTENEGRO'S BUDVA
Soak up Montenegro's natural beauty as you drive towards Budva where you will have the day to explore 'Montenegro's Miami'. Head to Stari Grad (the Old Town) surrounded by 15th-century ramparts to explore its labyrinthine lanes and small squares where you could choose to sit back and watch the world go by. **(B)**
Hotel: TQ Plaza, Budva

DAY 10 | 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 11 | DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING
Join a Local Expert to see Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace, the city walls and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. This evening, choose from a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | MOSTAR AND SARAJEVO
Journey to Mostar where you'll see the famous Stari Most and the Old Bridge with your Local Expert. Explore the cobbled streets of the Old Town, stretching on both sides of the bridge and filled with shops selling traditional handicrafts. 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) (D)**
Hotel: Swissotel Sarajevo

DAY 13 | SARAJEVO, CITY OF CULTURE
Explore Sarajevo with Insight Choice. Choose to meet an expert on the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's astonishing Tunnel of Hope. Alternatively, join a nature walk to the spring of the Bosna River, a protected park, led by a conservation guide for your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. **(B)**

DAY 14 | THE SERBIAN CAPITAL OF BELGRADE
Trace your way along the Drina River, taking in beautiful landscapes of lush, green mountains that create magical forest canyons, winding through deep valleys as you make your way to Belgrade. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Radisson Collection, Old Mill Belgrade

DAY 15 | THE BEST OF BELGRADE
Join a Local Expert to see the best of Belgrade. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before joining your fellow travellers for dinner this evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 16 | FAREWELL BELGRADE
Your journey through the Balkans has come to an end. All that's left is to say a fond doviđenja as you bid your new friends farewell. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 09:00 and 12:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Bran | During a private after-hours visit of Bran Castle, learn about the story of the infamous Count Dracula, followed by dinner.

Bucharest | See University Square and the former Communist Headquarters. Walk the cavernous halls of the vast Palace of Parliament.

Arbanasi | Visit a traditional 17th-century merchants' house and enjoy the acoustics in the Church of the Holy Nativity.

Skopje | Explore Square Macedonia and see the Stone Bridge before walking through the Old Bazaar.

Kotor | Visit the Stari Grad, also referred to as the Old Town, perfectly positioned on a beautiful bay.

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

Sarajevo | *Insight Choice* Take a nature walk to the spring of the Bosna River, a protected park just beyond the city, led by a conservation guide. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land, *or* meet a Bosnian War expert at the Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope and hear a first-hand account of the city's 44-month siege.

Sarajevo | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Enjoy dinner at a Sarajevan family home and savour and hear stories about their culture. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Dubrovnik | Choose to dine at one of the varied selection of charming restaurants offered on your Dine-Around evening.

Belgrade | Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner.

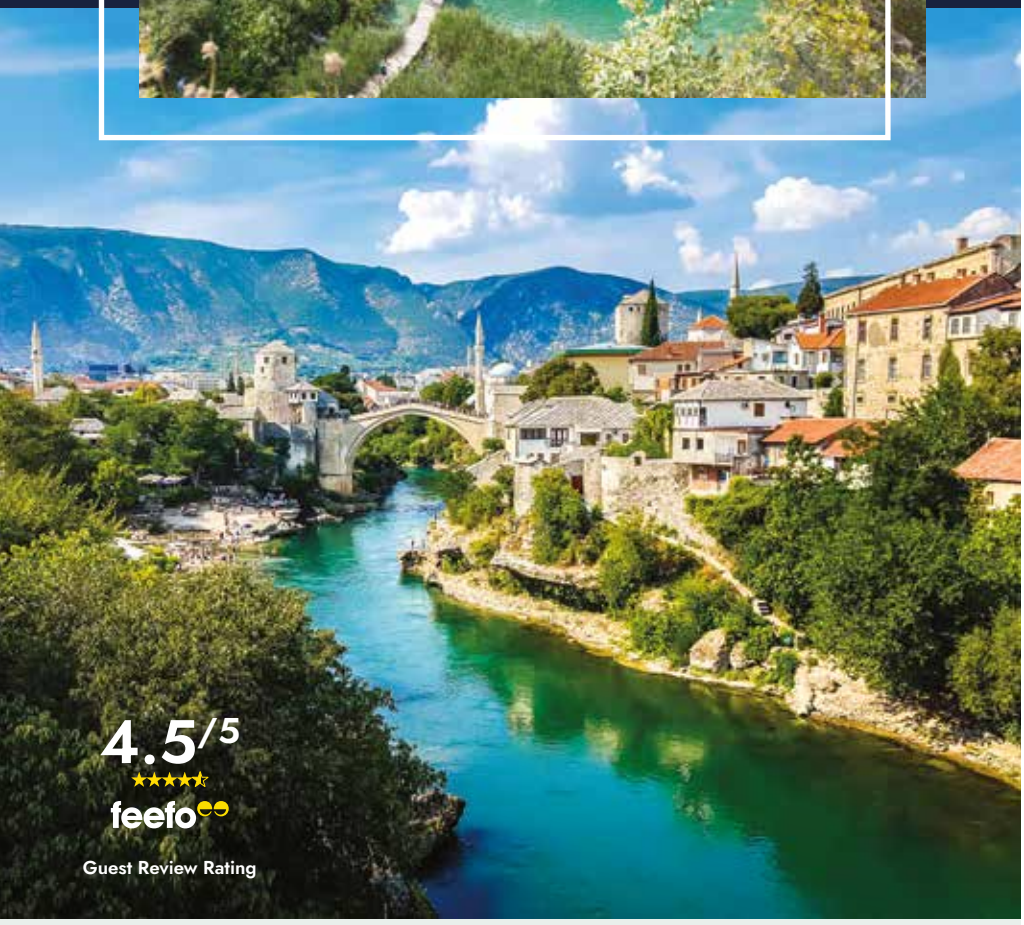
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Eastern Capitals & Dalmatian Riviera

From Vienna to Ljubljana and onto Dubrovnik, take in the natural wonders of Plitviče National Park, the historic wartime Sarajevo Tunnel of Hope and the ancient town of Trogir.

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April - September

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA
Take time to settle in and begin discovering Vienna's imperial streets, historic coffee houses and celebrated musical heritage. Later, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING STATELY VIENNA
Join a Local Expert for a tour of Empress Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Then enjoy a drive around the famous Ringstrasse, 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: Exe Lev Ljubljana

DAY 4 | EXPLORING LOVABLE LJUBLJANA
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. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Postojna Caves? Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS
Spend the morning in Slovenia during which you can join an optional visit to stunning lake Bled, or relax with locals in a nearby cafe before journeying into Croatia, where on arrival in Zagreb, you meet your Local Expert for an exploration of this capital. Take a walk to see the Art Pavilion, the Academy of Sciences and Art, and pass Zrinjevac Park. You will then board the city's funicular to St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower, take a walk back down through Stone Gate and back to the square. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb

DAY 6 | ZAGREB AT LEISURE
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) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ON TO PLITVIČE NATIONAL PARK
Journey south to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitviče with Insight

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitviče Lakes National Park. Alternatively, meet one of the women behind the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts that support local employment. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo

DAY 8 | ALONG THE DALMATIAN COAST
Travel to Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site, a historic town founded by the Greeks more than 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 Golden Gate. Your exploration then continues underground as you are guided through the cellars. **(B)**
Hotel: President Solin, Split

DAY 9 | EXPLORING SPLIT
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) (D) (RS)**

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 for your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where you are invited into a Sarajevan family's home for dinner with drinks. Savour the authentic cuisine as you hear inspirational stories and experience the local culture. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Swissotel Sarajevo

DAY 11 | SARAJEVO, THE CITY OF CULTURE
Morning sightseeing with a Local Expert introduces you to the Sarajevo War Tunnel Museum. Continue along the Miljacka river to the historic Habsburg centre of the city. In the afternoon, spend time at your leisure. **(B)**

DAY 12 | ON TO DUBROVNIK
Cross the border into Croatia and journey to the walled town of Dubrovnik. On arrival, join your Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th-century bastions of the old town. See Onofrio's Fountain, the Rector's Palace, St Blaise's Church and the Franciscan Monastery. **(B)**
Hotel: Royal Ariston, Dubrovnik

DAY 13 | EXPLORE DUBROVNIK
Spend the day at your leisure. As the sun begins to set, and should the weather permit, join your fellow travellers for a relaxing cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik. Enjoy dinner of typical Dalmatian Coast cuisine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK
After breakfast, bid a fond farewell to Dubrovnik and your newfound friends as your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vienna | View the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche and a private guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace.

Ljubljana | Explore this elegant capital and see the castle City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge.

Zagreb | Ride Zagreb's funicular, in operation since 1890 and often cited as one of the world's shortest public-transport funiculars. The 66 m (217 ft) line links Ilica Street with the Upper Town in around a minute, giving an immediate sense of the change from the commercial Lower Town to the old fortified ridge.

Plitvice Lakes National Park | *Insight Choice* Join a Local Expert to explore Plitviče Lakes National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land, *or* meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts enabling employment and engagement in the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Split | Visit the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace and see St. Duje's, the Golden Gate and the cellars.

Sarajevo | Meet a Bosnian War expert at the Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope and hear a first-hand account of the city's 44-month siege.

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

Sarajevo | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Enjoy dinner at a Sarajevan family home and savour and hear stories about their culture. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine at a local restaurant.

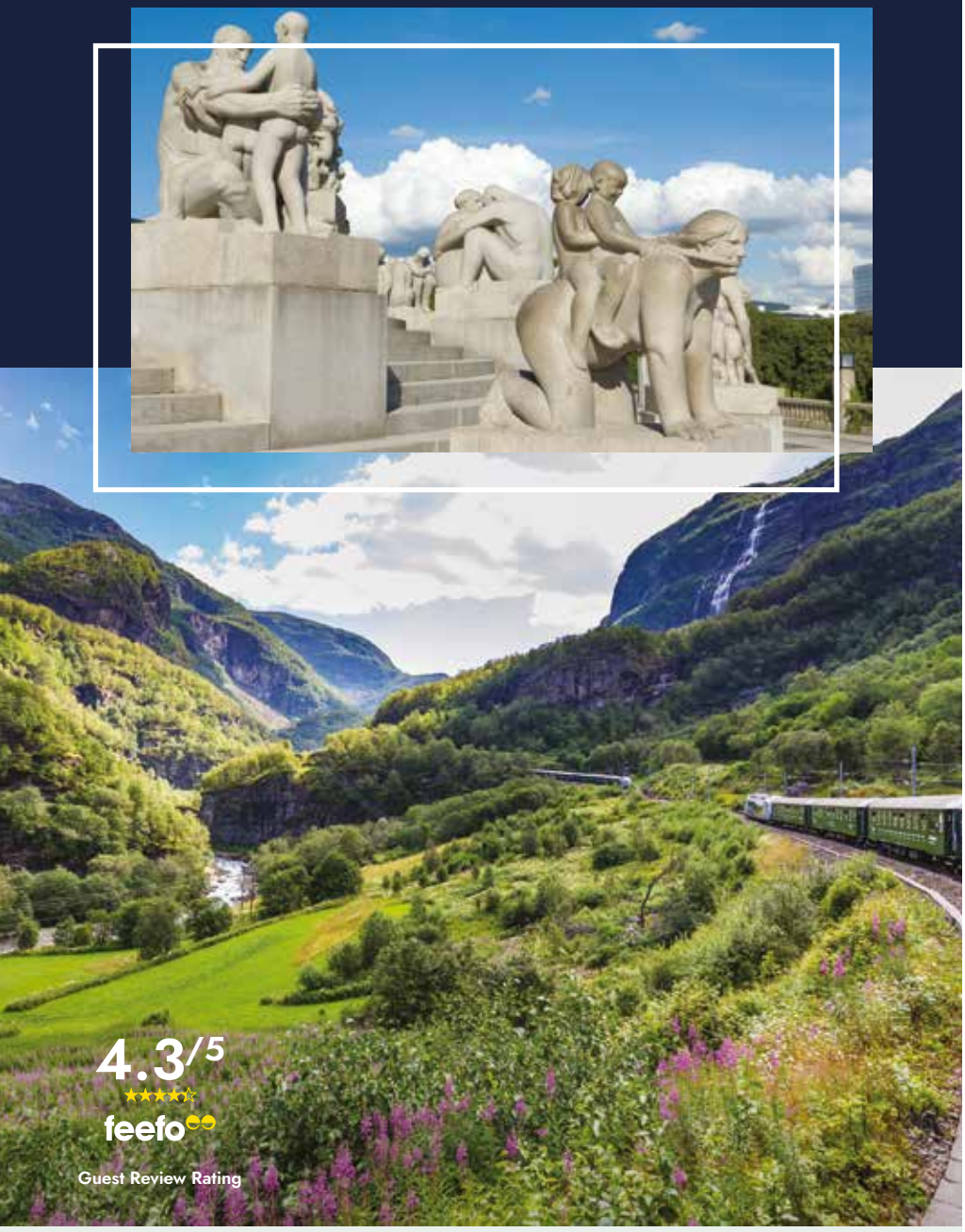
Dubrovnik | Toast the culmination of your journey with a typical Dalmatian Coast dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Scandinavia

Cruise crystalline fjords, experience the Flåm Railway, view Gustav Vigeland's sculptures in Frogner Park, and see the humming seaside fish market in Bergen.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: E340

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO OSLO
Your adventure begins in Norway's capital, Oslo. In the evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 12:00 and 14:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO
Sightseeing with a Local Expert includes views of Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Walk around the Opera House and marvel at the striking contemporary architecture of the new Bjørvika 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, Holmenkollen. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | OSLO - ULVIK
Journey across the Hardanger Plateau, the largest national park in the Nordic countries, to arrive in Ulvik. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Brakanes, Ulvik

DAY 4 | ULVIK - FLÅM - BERGEN
Travel to the Nærøyfjord for the opportunity to visit Viking Valley and cruise this UNESCO-listed fjord on an Optional Experience. After, continue to the coastal city of Bergen by a traditional train of the Flåm railway. Journey from the shores of the Aurlandsfjord on one of the world's steepest railways through tunnels that spiral in and out of the mountainside. And breathe in the fresh mountain air while you drink in the views of the rushing waterfalls, glacial rivers and verdant scenery. **(B)**
Hotel: Scandic Ørnen

DAY 5 | THE HANSEATIC PORT OF BERGEN
A Local Expert introduces you to Bergen. See the lively fish market and the historic 13th-century Haakon's Hall. With the afternoon free to explore on your own, perhaps ride Scandinavia's only funicular up Mount Fløyen. This evening join your Travel Director at a local restaurant for dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | A COASTLINE LIKE NO OTHER
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. Cruise the Lysefjord and admire the waterfalls and Pulpit Rock overhanging the fjord. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Thon Maritim, Stavanger

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | 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 you to Kristiansand. An orientation walk will show you the Domkirke and Nupen Fountain. Savour a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Thon Parken, Kristiansand

DAY 8 | KRISTIANSAND TO AARHUS
Sail across the Skagerrak to Hirtshals, Denmark. Continue to Aarhus. This evening, you will enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner in a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Comwell Aarhus

DAY 9 | A DAY IN AARHUS
Begin your day with your Travel Director's orientation of Aarhus, Denmark's second-largest city, where Viking-age roots meet bold contemporary design along the waterfront. Visit Moesgaard Museum, its grass roof rising from the Aarhus hillside. You'll wander through exhibitions spanning human evolution to the Viking Age, then come face-to-face with the Grauballe Man, one of the world's best-preserved bog bodies. Later, enjoy free time to explore Aarhus at your own pace before returning to your hotel. **(B)**

DAY 10 | ODENSE AND THE FAIRYTALES OF FYN
Visit Odense and the Hans Christian Andersen House, a museum dedicated to his life and works. Learn all about the famous fairytale writer as you follow his career, travels and love life. Continue to Denmark's vibrant capital city, Copenhagen and later discover the enchanting Tivoli Gardens. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

DAY 11 | 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 Nyhavn. The afternoon is at your leisure. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a hand-picked restaurant and enjoy a delicious dinner of sustainable ingredients, as you toast to the end of your Scandinavian adventure. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | DEPART COPENHAGEN
Your trip comes to an end this morning. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:30, 09:00 and 12:00.



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Join/Leave Options · UNESCO Heritage Site · Overnight · Place Visited
Cruise · Train



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Flåm Railway | Travel aboard this iconic train on one of the world's steepest standard-gauge routes.

Bergen | See the lively fish market's colourful stalls and marvel at the 13th-century Haakon's Hall.

Stavanger | Cruise the Lysefjord and admire the waterfalls and Pulpit Rock overhanging the fjord.

Lyngdal | Tour the Wild Salmon Centre with a biologist guide and learn about protecting fish populations and the local ecosystem.

Copenhagen | Stroll through Tivoli Gardens, the city's famed 1843 pleasure garden, and see historic rides, including a century-old wooden coaster with its own onboard brakeman.

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

Copenhagen | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Dine at a Cofoco Group restaurant, which is leading the way in minimising food waste and promoting a sustainable future. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Oslo | Savour local specialties with your Travel Director and fellow travellers during dinner paired with wine.

Bergen | Gather with fellow guests for a thoughtfully crafted dining experience showcasing regional ingredients and Nordic hospitality.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

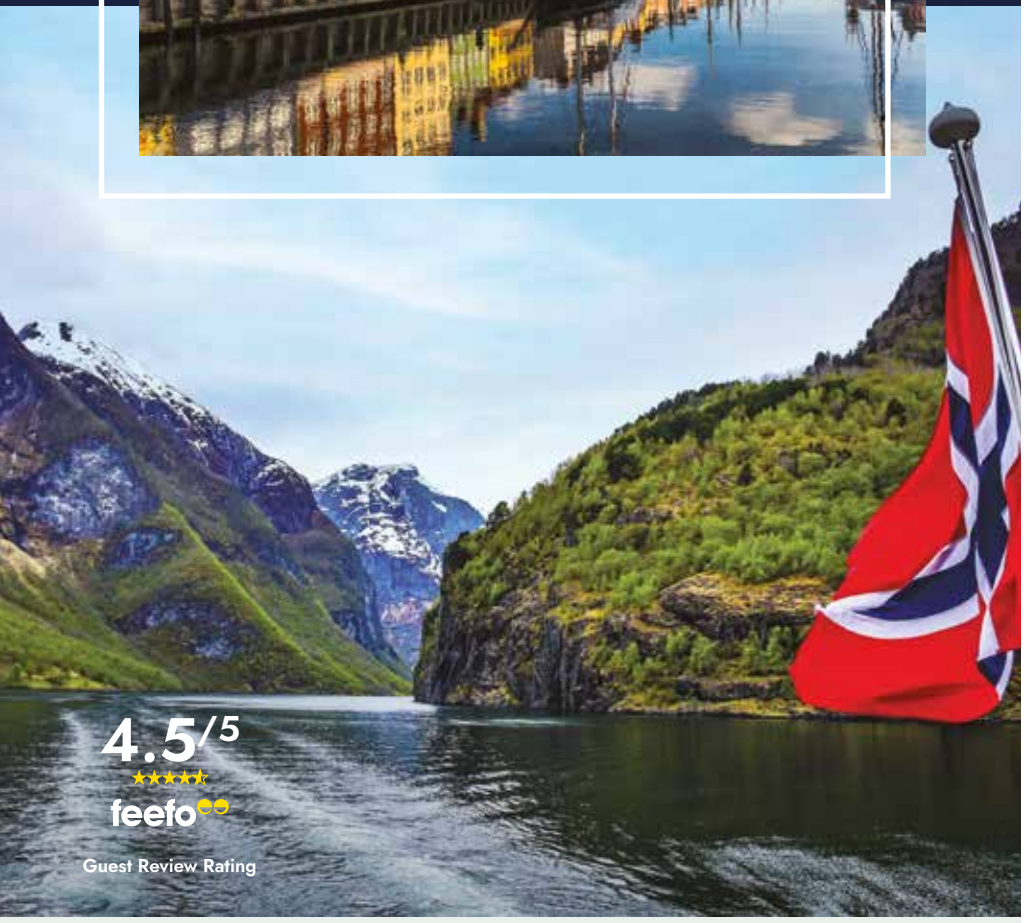
Spectacular Scandinavia & its Fjords

Explore Stockholm's Nobel halls, sail the glacial waters of Geirangerfjord and ride the iconic Flåm Railway on a 15-day journey through Sweden to Norway's fjords.

15 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: E941

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - August

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN
Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner paired with wine. In the evening, visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN
A Local Expert will reveal the charm of Denmark's capital. Visit Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid and see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace and Nyhavn. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ON TO GOTHENBURG
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. The evening is at your leisure. Take a stroll along the leafy boulevards and enjoy dinner in one of the city's many restaurants. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Riverside Hotel, Gothenburg

DAY 4 | SCENIC FARMLANDS OF SWEDEN
Enjoy views of the patchwork of fertile farmlands as you journey along the shores of Lake Vättern to the Swedish capital. Stop at Grännaberget cafe for a Swedish Fika, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that helps preserve Sweden's cultural heritage. **(B)**
Hotel: Scandic Grand Central

DAY 5 | STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS
With your Local Expert, wander the medieval streets of Gamla Stan and see the 13th-century cathedral. 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 | UPPSALA AND FALUN
Travel to the historic city of Uppsala, the seat of Scandinavia's oldest university, and visit the Carl Linnaeus Garden with Hans Odoo, a local storyteller. In the evening, enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Quality Hotel Grand Falun

DAY 7 | LILLEHAMMER
See the Falun Copper Mine and Great Pit before travelling via Sälen into Norway. Journey along Lake Mjøsa to Lillehammer, with an optional visit to the Maihaugen open-air museum and Olympic ski jump. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Scandic Lillehammer

DAY 8 | GEIRANGER, JEWEL OF THE FJORDS
Travel through the countryside of Peer Gynt, to reach Lom where you visit the Norwegian stave church dating back to 1158. Enjoy a two-night stay in the scenic village of Geiranger. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Union Geiranger

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 9 | GEIRANGER AT LEISURE
Enjoy a relaxed start and a day reserved for your leisure amongst breathtaking scenery. Perhaps join an Optional Experience for an incredible scenic drive along the amazing Trollstigen (Troll's Road), a masterpiece of engineering built over 70 years ago. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | FJÆRLAND AND SOGNDAL
Enjoy a scenic Geirangerfjord cruise before exploring Fjærland.Choose between the Norwegian Glacier Museum, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, or a guided village walk. Your journey continues with a scenic drive to your hotel in Sogndal, situated on the Sognefjord – Norway's largest fjord. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Quality Hotel Sogndal

DAY 11 | THE FLÅM RAILWAY TO BERGEN
Cross Sognefjord, the longest and deepest fjord in Norway, then take the Flåm Railway through steep terrain, tunnels and waterfalls. Continue to Voss for a visit to Finnegarden Farm. End the day in Bergen, a former Hanseatic trading port with a rich maritime heritage and distinctive wooden architecture along its historic wharf. **(B)**
Hotel: Scandic Ørnen

DAY 12 | THE HANSEATIC PORT OF BERGEN
A Local Expert introduces you to Bergen. See the lively Fish Market and the historic 13th-century Haakon's Hall. With the afternoon free to explore on your own, perhaps ride Scandinavia's only funicular up Mount Fløyen. **(B) (RS)**

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)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

DAY 14 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO
With your Local Expert, see the Royal Palace and the Akershus Castle guarding the harbour. Explore the area around the Opera House and visit Frogner Park. Round off your Scandinavian adventure with a dinner paired with wine at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 15 | OUT OF OSLO
Your Scandinavian exploration has come to an end. **(B)**

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

Small Group Option

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

Uppsala | Join Hans Odoo, an Uppsala local, for a guided tour of the Linnaeus Garden and learn about its 1300 plant species.

Fjaerland | *Insight Choice* Visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum to learn about climate change and the natural environment. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action, *or* take a guided walk through the village of Fjærland and learn about life between the fjord and the glacier.

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

Voss Municipality | Meet Knut and his family at their traditional fruit farm and learn about the production processes and sample seasonal drinks.

Flåm Railway | Travel aboard this iconic train on one of the world's steepest standard-gauge routes.

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

Premium Dining

Oslo | Toast to the finale of your travels at a local restaurant in Norway's capital alongside your fellow travellers.

Falun | Enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner showcasing seasonal Swedish flavours.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Grand Scandinavia

Toast the midnight sun with sparkling wine and caviar, enjoy a dinner overlooking the Baltic Sea and admire Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid in Copenhagen.

20 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 30 MEALS | LEISURELY





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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: E940

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - August

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN
Welcome to Copenhagen, home to one of Europe's longest pedestrian shopping streets, Strøget. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. Visit Tivoli Gardens to round off your evening. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN
Meet your Local Expert and pay a visit to Hans Christian Andersen's iconic Little Mermaid statue. Later, see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Nyhavn and Amalienborg Palace. Visit the cathedral. **(B)**

DAY 3 | STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS
Travel from Denmark to Sweden, crossing the incredible Øresund Bridge. Journey along the shores of Lake Vättern to Stockholm. **(B)**
Hotel: Scandic Continental, Stockholm

DAY 4 | STOCKHOLM AND BALTIC SEA CRUISE
Join a Local Expert and visit the City Hall. Continue to Gamla Stan to view the cathedral and the Royal Palace. Board your Baltic cruise to Finland and enjoy your sea-view cabin and dinner on board. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Serenade/Symphony - Tallink & Silja Line Ships

DAY 5 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI
Meet your Local Expert and wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market to sample local produce. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Home Hotel Jugend, Helsinki

DAY 6 | LAKES AND FORESTS TO KUOPIO
Journey through the Finnish Lake District to Kuopio and on arrival ascend Puijo Tower for stunning views. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Original Sokos Puijonsarvi, Kuopio

DAY 7 | THE ROAD TO ROVANIEMI
Visit Oulu, northern Finland's oldest city. Travel to Lapland. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Santa's Santa Claus, Rovaniemi

DAY 8 | ROVANIEMI AND LAPLAND
Cross the Arctic Circle today, a highlight for many travellers. With your Local Expert, see the Town Hall and visit Rovaniemi Church. Explore Rovaniemi with Insight Choice. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | ACROSS THE ARCTIC TO IVALO
Continue along the Four Winds Road, where you may see herds of reindeer as you journey to one of the oldest churches in Lapland. Travel through Europe's last great wilderness to see the Urho Kekkonen National Park. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Ivalo

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 10 | THE NORTH CAPE
Stop at Karasjok and see the Sámi Parliament. Then continue to North Cape, the northernmost point of mainland Europe, and indulge in bubbles and caviar while seeking the midnight sun in one of the most special places on Earth. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Scandic Norkapp/Scandic Honningsvåg

DAY 11 | THROUGH FINNMARK TO ALTA
Enjoy a morning at leisure before continuing onwards to Alta. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Scandic Alta

DAY 12 | A WORLD OF ADVENTURE IN ALTA
Visit a working husky farm to meet the champion dog sledding Lyrek family. Here you'll discover the world of Alaskan huskies and the thrilling Arctic dog sled races. Afterwards, delight in a wonderful oven-baked lunch with seasonal specialties from the region, such as salmon or reindeer. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 13 | NARVIK
Pass Kåfjord where the German battleship Tirpitz was stationed during World War II, before arriving into scenic Narvik. **(B)**
Hotel: Quality Grand Royal

DAY 14 | ACROSS TYSFJORD TO MOSJOEN
Board a ferry to cross Tysfjord, then continue past Rago National Park and bid farewell to the Arctic. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Fru Haugans, Mosjoen

DAY 15 | LAKSFOSS FALLS TO TRONDHEIM
Continue past Laksfoss Falls to Trondheim. See the impressive Nidaros Cathedral, the world's northernmost medieval cathedral. **(B)**
Hotel: Clarion Hotel, 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
Enjoy a whole day free for you to explore the fjords and mountains. **(B) (D) (RS)**

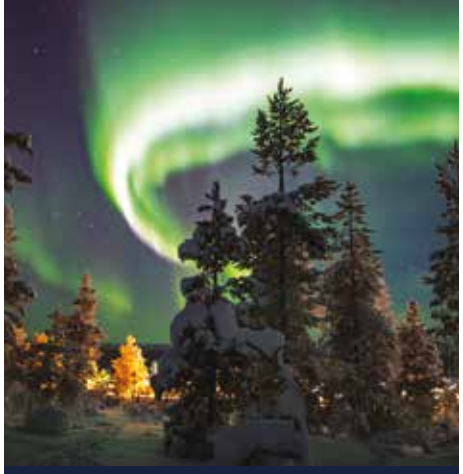
DAY 18 | OSLO, THE CAPITAL
Travel through 'Peer Gynt' Country, inspiration for Edvard Grieg. Stop in Lillehammer and continue on to Oslo. Round off your travels with a dinner paired with wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

DAY 19 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO
Your Local Expert will show you the medieval Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Wander through Frogner Park with its intriguing sculptures by Gustav Vigeland and see the area around the Opera House. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 20 | OUT OF OSLO
Your Scandinavian exploration has come to an end. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

North Cape | Enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience and indulge in sparkling wine and caviar in the midnight sun.

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

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

Premium Dining

Alta | Meet the Lyrek family and their huskies. Hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races while enjoying a hearty lunch. Savour a delicious oven-baked lunch of local seasonal specialties of fresh salmon or the locals' favourite, reindeer, served with fresh salads and wine.

Oslo | Toast to the finale of your travels at a local restaurant in Norway's capital alongside your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

SMALL GROUP TOUR

Northern Lights of Scandinavia

Journey through Finnish Lapland and stay in a glass-roof cabin, visit huskies and Sámi reindeer. Witness the Northern Lights from breathtaking mountaintops.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: W800

DEPARTURE MONTHS

October - March

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

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. Meet your Travel Director for a drink and mingle with your fellow travellers.
Hotel: Home Hotel Jugend, Helsinki

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | THE GATEWAY TO LAPLAND
Today you'll take a flight to Ivalo, a small yet important centre in Finnish Lapland, 250 km (155 miles) 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 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. Throughout history, the Northern Lights have inspired numerous myths and legends. In Norse mythology, they were believed to be reflections from the Valkyries' armour, while Finnish folklore attributed them to the Firefox, a magical fox that created sparks as it ran across the snow. It's important to remember that the Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon, so sightings cannot be guaranteed during your trip. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: 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)**
Hotel: Scandic Nordkapp

DAY 4 | NORTHERN LIGHTS IN NORTH CAPE
Enjoy a leisurely morning to relax or explore at your own pace. You simply can't visit Norway without heading to North Cape (weather permitting). Dubbed the northernmost point in continental Europe, this evening you'll go in search of the iconic Northern Lights as you sip on bubbles and delight in exquisite caviar with your fellow travellers. Return to your charming hotel, where you'll rest up ahead of tomorrow's adventures. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | NORTH CAPE TO ALTA
Enjoy a spectacular drive from North Cape to Alta, taking in the country's magnificent fjords and Arctic landscapes along the way. Head

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

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. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Scandic Alta

DAY 6 | ALASKAN HUSKIES IN ALTA
This is a day for dog lovers and a true highlight of the trip. Visit a working husky farm and get to know the Lyrek family and champion sled dogs. Learn about their Alaskan huskies and the challenges they face competing in the marathon-long Arctic dog sled races. Indulge in a delectable oven-baked lunch, before meeting the dogs themselves. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 7 | NORWAY'S GATEWAY TO THE ARCTIC
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. **(B)**
Hotel: Thon, Tromsø

DAY 8 | DELVE INTO SCANDINAVIAN HISTORY
This evening join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet members of the Indigenous Sámi community of Scandinavia. Delve into the history of Arctic Norway and join a Sámi 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 Sámi tent) to hear stories of Sámi life and folk songs around the fire, after enjoying a traditional meal with hot drinks. **(B) (D) (RS)**

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 Deichman Library in the contemporary Bjørvika district. Join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant to make a toast to newfound friends and a wonderful journey, over dinner paired with wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

DAY 10 | FAREWELL OSLO
It's time to say farewell to your fellow travellers. Your trip ends after breakfast. **(B)**

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

Small Group Tours

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deep connections with the destinations and experts you meet along the way. Learn more about small group tours at insightvacations.com/ways-to-travel/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Honningsvag | During your orientation, learn about the past and present of this small fishing community.

Alta | Explore the city that is home to the first Northern Lights observatory. With increasing tourism, Alta is rapidly developing, offering a wide range of activities.

Tromso | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet a Sámi family at their reindeer camp for dinner, games, and insights into their community's traditions, culture and history. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

North Cape | Search for the Northern Lights in style, by toasting with champagne and caviar at the northernmost point of Europe.

Alta | Meet the Lyrek family and their huskies. Hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races while enjoying a hearty lunch. Savour a delicious oven-baked lunch of seasonal specialties of fresh salmon or the locals' favourite, reindeer, served with fresh salads and wine. Enjoy a handcrafted drink served in an ice glass and experience the magic of the Arctic in a frozen wonderland.

Tromso | Dine on traditional food, served with hot drinks with the fascinating Sami people, as you hear tales of Scandinavia from its indigenous people.

Oslo | Toast to the finale of your travels during dinner in Norway's capital city with your fellow travellers at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Natural Wonders of Iceland

Encounter iconic volcanic landscapes, relax in Vök's geothermal pools, explore Gullfoss waterfall and discover the lava fields of Snæfellsjökull National Park.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: E964

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - August

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

DAY 1 | THE SMOKY BAY OF REYKJAVÍK
Velkomin til Íslands (welcome to Iceland), the Land of Fire and Ice. Begin your Icelandic adventure in Reykjavík, the most northerly city, and the northernmost national capital in the world. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink served with small bites.
Hotel: Radisson Red/Fosshotel Reykjavík

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:15.

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, explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes. Continue to the hot springs at Geysir and the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls. In the afternoon, visit the majestic south coast waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss before continuing to your hotel in Vik. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: 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)**
Hotel: Jökulsárlón/Hofn

DAY 4 | EASTERN FJORDS TO EGILSSTAÐIR
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 Papey Island, once the home of Gaelic monks who settled here before the arrival of the Vikings. Continue to the lakeside town of Egilsstaðir where upon arrival relax in the untouched nature at Iceland's only geothermal floating pools. Vök Baths harnesses the natural geothermal power of the area to create a unique bathing experience with amazing views of the Lake Urriðavatn. The architecture of the hot springs is designed to complement the unspoiled beauty of the Icelandic environment. Continue on to your hotel for an included dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Berjaya Hérað, Egilsstaðir

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | BY DESERT, LAKES AND DIVINE WATERFALLS TO AKUREYRI
Continue on to the beautiful Lake Mývatn and explore a wide spectrum of geological formations. The concentrated geothermal activity produces mud pools and spectacularly coloured deposits. Continue to the charming fishing village of Húsavík for some free time to enjoy lunch. Perhaps visit the Húsavík Whale Museum for a guided tour to learn about whales, their significance in marine ecosystems and the history of whaling in Iceland. This evening is yours to relax or explore Akureyri at your leisure. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Kea, Akureyri

DAY 6 | FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH TO BORGARNES
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 to the southwest coast of Borgarnes. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Vesturland/Hamar

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. This evening, consider joining the Optional Experience at one of the oldest houses in Borgarnes and enjoy dinner at The Settlement Centre restaurant, which is home to an exhibition telling the story of The Settlement Era in Iceland. **(B)**
Hotel: Vesturland/Hamar

DAY 8 | THINGVELLIR 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 Reykjavík further with Insight Choice. Visit Perlan Museum to see the one-of-a-kind exhibition Wonders of Iceland to experience the country's natural beauty. Alternatively, experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at FlyOver to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in the city. Perhaps unwind in one of Reykjavík's many geothermal pools, visit the iconic Sky Lagoon or explore the vibrant Icelandic streets. Round off your journey through one of the world's most naturally beautiful places with a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Red/Fosshotel Reykjavík

DAY 9 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK
Bid 'bless' (goodbye) to Reykjavík and your fellow travellers as your Icelandic adventure comes to an end. **(B)**

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Fridheimar | Meet a local family at their farm, sample homegrown tomatoes and learn about Icelandic horticulture and tomato cultivation.

Skogafoss | Admire the majestic beauty of the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls.

Skaftafell | Visit the amazing mountainous setting of the National Park and experience the might of Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier.

Lake Urrioavatn | Experience the ancient Icelandic tradition of bathing in natural geothermal pools at Vök Baths. Indulge in the country's only floating infinity pools.

Akureyri | Enjoy your guided orientation of the capital of northern Iceland, established in 1602.

Snaefellsjokull National Park | Explore this magnificent park, home to lava formations, waterfalls and the most famous volcano in Iceland.

Reykjavik | *Insight Choice* Enjoy a flight-ride at the FlyOver, where the state-of-the-art technology and special effects showcase Iceland's spectacular scenery, *or* visit the Perlan Museum and learn about the glaciers, volcanoes and the Northern Lights through interactive displays.

Hellisheidavirkjun | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit Iceland's geothermal heat and electric power station and learn about how this plant has helped Iceland achieve 70% of its energy consumption through renewable sources. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action.

Premium Dining

Reykjavik | Conclude your travels with a delicious dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Scenic Iceland & the Northern Lights

Seek out the aurora borealis, gasp at Geysir's hot springs, chase the waterfalls of Skógafoss, and witness the magnificence of Hekla volcano.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: W864

DEPARTURE MONTHS

September - March

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

DAY 1 | THE VIKING CITY OF REYKJAVÍK
Welcome to Iceland. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a pleasant evening of wine and small bites, enjoying the opportunity to get to know each other. Afterwards, search for the most spectacular show on Earth—the northern lights. See the breathtaking night sky illuminated by the aurora borealis in a vast spectrum of colours. Please note that sightings of this natural phenomenon cannot be guaranteed.
Hotel: Radisson Red/Fosshotel Reykjavík

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:15.

DAY 2 | SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE TO VÍK
Take a journey along Iceland's south coast through the country of Njál's Saga, where dramatic landscapes come with legendary stories. Begin with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Hellisheiðavirkjun, Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station. Then visit the interactive Lava Centre to explore the volcanic and seismic forces that shape the island. Continue to the showstopping waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss, with distant views of Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull, before arriving in Vík. Stretch your legs on the black sand beach then settle in. This afternoon, choose an Optional Experience at The Lava Show in Vík to hear local folklore, learn the science of lava and watch real molten lava up close. After dinner, perhaps sign up for the hotel's northern lights register so you can be called when conditions are at their strongest. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Kría/Vík I Myrdal

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 remarkable island has to offer. Begin with an Optional Experience to the Caves of Hella, where evidence of Celtic life predating the Vikings offers a thought-provoking perspective on Iceland's early history. Continue to the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls – often compared with Niagara Falls – and the exploding hot springs at Geysir. Visit Friðheimar, a family-run vegetable farm specialising in tomatoes, to learn about Icelandic greenhouse horticulture, explore the steamy greenhouses and sample the sweet distinctive flavour of the crop. Your final stop today is the Secret Lagoon, or Gamla Laugin, Iceland's oldest pool, where an Optional Experience invites you to soak in warm natural waters. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Hill, Flúðir

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 4 | THINGVELLIR, BORGARNES AND HÚSAFELL

Your first visit today will be to Thingvellir National Park, a remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site that lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. The first meeting of the Icelandic parliament was held here in A.D. 930. Journey along the trail of Viking warrior and poet Egill Skallagrímsson. In Borgarnes, learn about Iceland's history with a fascinating visit to the Icelandic Settlement Centre. Housed in one of the oldest buildings, this exhibition brings the story of the Settlement Era to life. Enjoy the views of the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls, and Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring, as you traverse glorious landscapes before stopping at Sturlureykir Horse Farm, a local family-run breeding farm. Discover why Icelandic horses have two additional gaits compared to most other breeds and how their double-layered coat enables them to withstand Iceland's tough winters. The farm also features a natural hot spring, where geothermal water is used to bake rye bread underground. Savour the taste of this freshly baked rye bread, a family recipe for over 100 years. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Hamar/Varmaland

DAY 5 | REYKJAVÍK SIGHTSEEING

Journey back to the Icelandic capital and see 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 iconic Hallgrímskirkja, the largest modern church in Iceland, standing 75 m (244 ft) tall and visible from almost anywhere in the city. The afternoon is at your leisure. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Radisson Red/Fosshotel Reykjavík

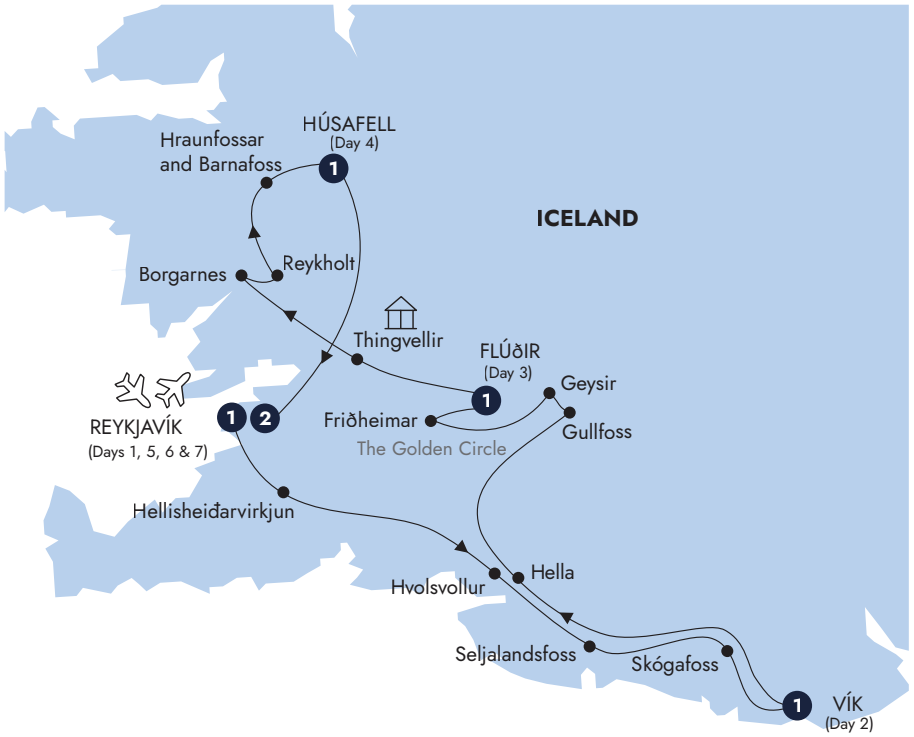
DAY 6 | REYKJAVIK YOUR WAY

Explore Reykjavík 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, visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland, one of a kind exhibition to experience Iceland's natural beauty. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in the city. Perhaps unwind in one of Reykjavík's many geothermal pools, visit the iconic Sky Lagoon or explore the vibrant cafes and boutiques of the capital. With your newfound friends, toast to the culmination of your fascinating journey of discovery during dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

It's time to say goodbye to the Land of Fire and Ice and your fellow travellers as your Icelandic adventure comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Reykjavík | Witness nature's most spectacular light show, the Aurora Borealis.

Hvolsvöllur | Visit the Lava Centre, an interactive museum where you will learn about the geology and natural occurrences that have influenced and created Iceland's incredible landscapes. From the Centre, you can see the two volanoes Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull.

Friðheimar | Meet a local family at their farm, sample homegrown tomatoes and learn about Icelandic horticulture and tomato cultivation.

Borgarnes | Meet Icelandic horses and learn about their extra gaits and double-layered coat that enables them to withstand tough winters.

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Premium Dining

Reykjavík | Conclude your travels with dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Northern Capitals

Explore Helsinki's famed food market, marvel at Stockholm's iconic City Hall and enjoy the historic charm of Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens.

10 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | BALANCED

WOMEN-ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: E947

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI
Welcome to Helsinki. Head out to explore the city before meeting your fellow travelling companions for a dinner with wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Klaus K, Helsinki

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 14:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | DAY AT LEISURE IN HELSINKI
Enjoy Finland's quaint capital or take the opportunity to cruise across the Baltic Sea on an Optional Experience to Estonia, where you will visit Tallinn, its fairytale capital city. Take in the panoramic views from Toompea Hill before exploring the market square, home to a historic pharmacy and the iconic Town Hall. Enjoy time at leisure before returning to Helsinki. **(B)**

DAY 3 | HELSINKI AND BALTIC CRUISE TO STOCKHOLM
Explore Helsinki, the trendsetting city of top fashion and design, alongside a Local Expert. Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market and sample local produce like liquorice or smoked reindeer. This afternoon, board your cruise ship for the overnight voyage to Sweden. Take in the breathtakingly beautiful scenery from the comfort of your A-Class, sea-view cabin while the northern sun hangs over the horizon as you enjoy dinner on board. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Serenade/Symphony - Tallink & Silja Line Ships

DAY 4 | THE CITY OF ISLANDS
Disembark your Baltic cruise and explore Stockholm with a Local Expert, visit the imposing City Hall with its impressive Gyllene salen, the Golden Hall, covered with 18 million gilded mosaic tiles and the Blå Hallen, the Blue Hall, the venue for the Nobel Prize banquets. Cross the harbour to Gamla Stan, the medieval heart of the city, to see the cathedral and the Royal Palace. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Scandic Continental, Stockholm

DAY 5 | STOCKHOLM
Curate your day with Insight Choice. Dive into the exciting world of the Swedish music scene at ABBA The Museum where you can experience the Swedish pop group which became a world sensation. Or, uncover the spirited side of Swedish culture as you explore the country's centuries-old relationship with alcohol at the engaging Spirit Museum. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | STOCKHOLM TO OSLO
Journey past Lake Vänern, the largest lake in Sweden and enjoy a scenic drive through Norway's lush forest landscapes to Oslo, Norway's fascinating capital. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO
Sightseeing with a Local Expert includes views of Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Walk around the Opera House and marvel at the striking contemporary architecture of the new Bjørvika 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 world's most modern ski jump, Holmenkollen, or visit the legendary polar ship Fram, the world's strongest wooden vessel, and step into the lives of Norway's renowned Arctic explorers. Maybe explore City Hall where the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony is held or admire the artwork in the National Gallery. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | FROM NORWAY TO DENMARK
Journey south through the Nordic countries from Oslo to Denmark taking in the lush scenery along the route. Stop in the city of Gothenburg before boarding the ferry for a short cruise to Denmark. Enjoy a view of Kronborg Castle, reputedly the Elsinore home of Hamlet, as you enter the Kingdom of Denmark and continue onwards to Copenhagen. Upon arrival, experience the magic of Tivoli Gardens, one of the world's oldest amusement parks and a beloved Danish landmark. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

DAY 9 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN
Explore Copenhagen with a Local Expert, taking in the sights of Denmark's capital, including Christiansborg Palace, seat of the Danish Government, Rosenborg Castle, Nyhavn, and Amalienborg Palace, home of the royal family. Visit the waterfront to admire Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid gazing across the harbour. The rest of the day is at your leisure. In the evening, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a hand-picked restaurant and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared with sustainable ingredients, as you toast to the end of your Scandinavian adventure. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | FOND FAREWELL TO COPENHAGEN
Time to say goodbye to your new friends as your journey through the Nordic countries comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:30, 09:00 and 12:00.

Women-Only Option

We also offer a Women-Only version of this tour, designed by women, for women, and averaging 18 travellers. See more on page 174, visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent for details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

Stockholm | *Insight Choice* Visit ABBA The Museum to explore the band's stories and virtually try on costumes, mix music and stand on stage with ABBA avatars, *or* discover Sweden's complex relationship with alcohol at the Spirit Museum. Located on the island of Djurgården, this engaging space blends contemporary art with cultural history, from traditional drinking customs to the rise of modern craft distilling.

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

Copenhagen | With a Local Expert, witness the regal interior of Christiansborg Palace, with its stunning tapestries, furnishings and decor.

Copenhagen | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Dine at a Cofoco Group restaurant, which is leading the way in minimising food waste and promoting a sustainable future. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

Baltic Sea | Dine with your fellow travellers while enjoying views of the setting sun over the horizon.

Stockholm | Savour the flavours of Sweden's capital city over dinner.

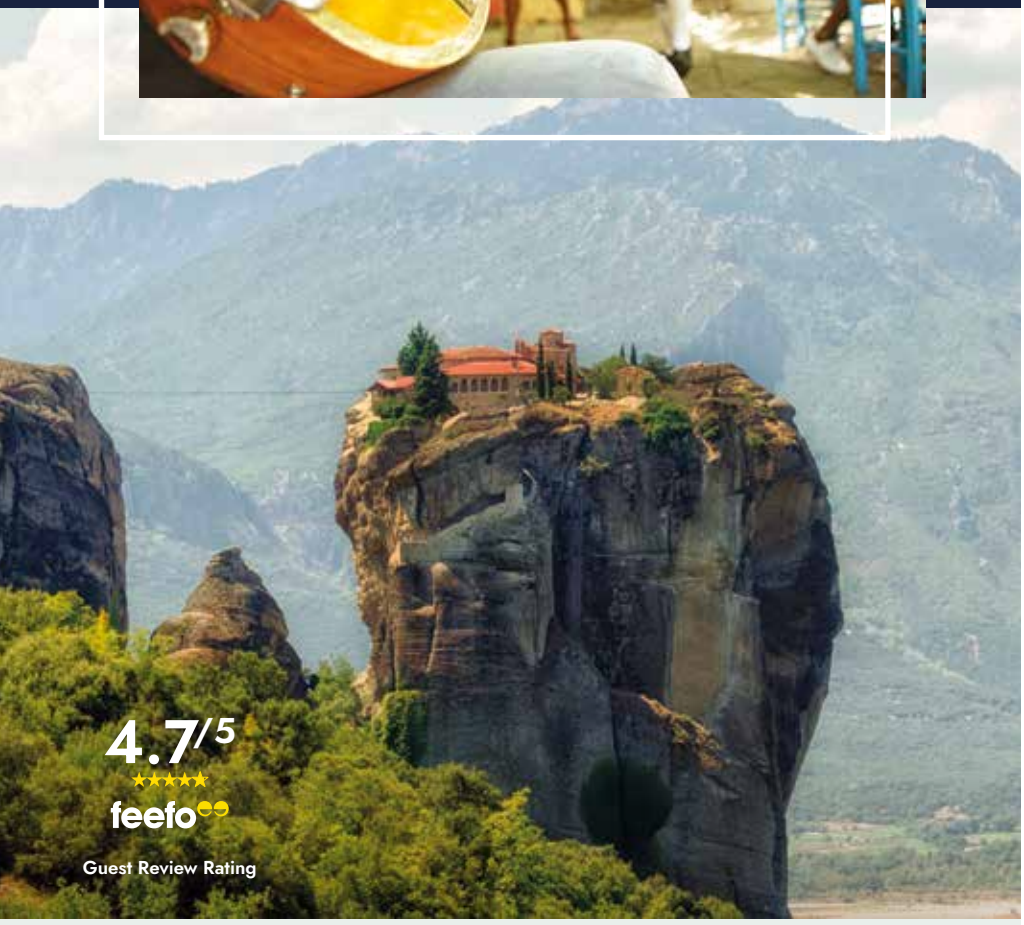
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Glories of Greece

Explore the Acropolis, marvel at Meteora's monasteries, uncover Olympia's history and learn to make tzatziki with an acclaimed chef.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC





Trip code: I951B/W951

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS

Venture back to a time when great philosophers roamed the halls of the Agora and gods vied for supremacy. Embark on an unforgettable exploration of ancient myths and legends in the vibrant capital of Athens. Upon arrival, your Local Host will meet you and escort you to your hotel, where you can settle in and relax or explore the City of Violet Crown. This evening, join your Travel Director for dinner, savouring local cuisine while getting to know your fellow travellers. **(D)**

Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis/New, Athens/Athens Marriott

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | ATHENS, CITY OF GODS

Begin your journey into ancient Greece today, where the history of this remarkable civilisation comes to life. Explore Athens with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the city's renowned ancient sites with a Local Expert, or venture into the dynamic Plaka neighbourhood, guided by your Travel Director. Next, venture to Thermopylae, the mountain pass where King Leonidas and his Spartan warriors made their legendary stand against the Persians in 480 B.C., and hear how its legacy endured across centuries. Pay tribute at the memorial honouring their courage before continuing to your hotel in Kalambaka for a delicious dinner crafted from fresh, seasonal ingredients. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Divani Meteora/Grand Meteora, Kalambaka

DAY 3 | THE PINNACLES OF METEORA

With your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora, meaning 'suspended 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, discover more about the monasteries' remarkable spiritual history 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) (RS)**

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, considered the spiritual centre of the Greek world, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

breathed her enigmatic 'words,' rumored to have successfully predicted events related to the Argonauts' expedition and the Trojan War. Your travels continue to Olympia, where dinner will be served at your hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Amalia Olympia/Olympion Asty

> *An excellent mix of historical sites, wonderful food and interesting local experiences.*
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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. Victors received crowns fashioned from sacred olive branches. 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 chef who will share with you their passion for local ingredients and high-quality products with an entertaining and immersive cooking demonstration, showcasing classic Greek cuisine. Experience authentic Greek regional flavours as you savour dishes prepared for your dinner. **(B) (D)**

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, once the powerful centre of Bronze Age Greece. Walk through the Lion Gate, visit the royal beehive tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones used to build the city walls. Travel to the elegant town of Nafplio, known for its beautiful architecture, colourful shops and vibrant cafes. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet Maria and her daughter to learn about the ancient techniques of hand weaving. 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 dinner in true Greek style with good company. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

DAY 7 | DEPART ATHENS
This morning after breakfast, bid a fond antío to newfound friends, taking home lasting memories of Greece's timeless landscapes and stories, as your unforgettable Grecian odyssey comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Athens Airport at 07:00 and 10:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Athens | *Insight Choice* Get up close and personal with ancient Greece as you explore this city with a Local Expert. Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens, *or* stroll through the ancient streets of Plaka, known as the "Neighbourhood of the Gods" under the guidance of your Travel Director.

Meteora | Explore one of the remarkable centuries-old monasteries, teetering on towers of rock.

Delphi | Walk the Sacred Way, and take in the Athenian Treasury, Polygonal Wall and Temple of Apollo.

Archaeological Site of Olympia | Explore the Stadium of Olympia, see the Temple of Zeus, athlete's gymnasium and the stone marker where the sprint began.

Olympia | Join a local chef for a cooking demonstration and learn how to make tzatziki and other regional dishes.

Archaeological Site of Mycenae | Walk through the Lion Gate, where Schliemann uncovered golden treasures, as your Local Expert shares tales of Agamemnon.

Nafplio | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the atelier of Maria Gonidou, a celebrated artisan to learn traditional Greek weaving techniques. Watch a live demonstration and explore a boutique filled with one-of-a-kind pieces. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Olympia | Taste unique Greek flavours and savour regional specialties over dinner.

Athens | Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner in true Greek style at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Treasures of Greece & The Islands

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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Premium Dining

Athens | Indulge in local specialties with your fellow travellers as you savour dinner at your hotel.

Olympia | Taste unique Greek flavours and savour regional specialties over dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Experience Athens' historic Acropolis, Santorini's breathtaking sunsets and Mykonos' charming beaches on a captivating tour of the Greece and the islands.

Immerse yourself in the splendour of the Greek Isles. Starting in Athens, ascend to the iconic Acropolis and its majestic Parthenon.

See the memorial dedicated to legendary Leonidas and his courageous Spartans and explore one of the hilltop monasteries of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora. Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi to reach the Temple of Apollo and walk through the Lion Gate into the ancient city of Mycenae. Embrace local tradition as you meet the artisans of a local hand-weaving workshop during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Sail to Santorini for two full sun-drenched days, where you can unwind at clifftop restaurants and witness one of the world's best sunsets. Explore the maze-like walkways of white-washed Mykonos, sunbathe on its dazzling beaches, and soak in the beauty of this enchanting island paradise. On your final day, a transfer will take you to Athens Airport.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- Overnight
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Place Visited
- Cruise

Trip code: I953

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

Grecian Fables

15 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 32 MEALS | BALANCED





Journey across the Aegean Sea, cruising to the islands of Crete, Santorini and Mykonos. Visit the ancient sites of Athens and explore Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Embark on an adventure through Greece with a cruise to Turkey, Crete and the Greek Islands.

In Athens, a Local Expert will bring the city's ancient history to life before leading you to the soaring monasteries of Meteora and the sacred site of Delphi. Continue to Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games, and uncover the legends of Mycenae and elegant Nafplio. Sail from Athens to Kuşadası, where a Local Expert will reveal the wonders of the ancient ruins of Ephesus. Discover Rhodes and Crete, including the Palace of Knossos, before arriving in Santorini, where the iconic town of Thira offers panoramic views of the crescent-shaped island. Explore Mykonos and Milos, two of the Aegean's most enchanting islands, before returning to Athens. Experience these captivating destinations on a journey filled with sights and insights. On the final day of your trip, a transfer will take you to Athens airport.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Cruise
- Overnight
- Place Visited

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Athens | *Insight Choice* Stroll through the ancient streets of Plaka, known as the "Neighbourhood of the Gods" under the guidance of your Travel Director, *or* get up close and personal with ancient Greece as you explore this city with a Local Expert. Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens.

Archaeological Site of Olympia | Explore the Stadium of Olympia, see the Temple of Zeus, athlete's gymnasium and the stone marker where the sprint began.

Nafplio | See why this town was chosen as Greece's first capital after independence, with neoclassical public buildings and waterfront promenades set beneath the Palamidi fortress.

Ephesus | Walk the Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and Amphitheatre and visit the House of the Virgin Mary.

Heraklion | Discover the Palace of Knossos, where restored frescoes and ceremonial scenes reveal Minoan architecture and daily life within Crete's advanced ancient civilisation.

Nafplio | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the atelier of Maria Gonidou, a celebrated artisan to learn traditional Greek weaving techniques. Watch a live demonstration and explore a boutique filled with one-of-a-kind pieces. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Athens | Indulge in local specialties with your fellow travellers as you savour dinner at your hotel.

Olympia | Taste unique Greek flavours and savour regional specialties over dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

Trip code: I989

Greek Island Hopper

Discover Athens' Acropolis and Parthenon before setting sail through the crystaline Aegean Sea to the white-washed isles of Santorini and Mykonos.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: I956A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS
Venture back to a time when great philosophers roamed the halls of the Agora and gods vied for supremacy. Embark on an unforgettable exploration of ancient myths and legends in the vibrant capital of Athens. Upon arrival, your Local Host will meet you and escort you to your hotel, where you can settle in and relax or explore the City of Violet Crown. This evening, join your Travel Director for dinner, savouring local cuisine while getting to know your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Park/Crown Plaza

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | ATHENS SIGHTSEEING
Begin your journey into ancient Greece with a sightseeing tour of Athens, joined by a Local Expert who introduces landmarks such as Syntagma Square, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Panathenaic Stadium. Continue to the Acropolis to stand beneath the Parthenon, a defining symbol of classical Greece. This afternoon is at leisure, with the option to join an Optional Experience to Cape Sounion and the Temple of Poseidon, or take part in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a turtle sanctuary supporting local conservation. This evening, you may choose an Optional Experience at a traditional Greek taverna with music and entertainment, or dinner in the lively Psiri district. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

DAY 3 | DEPART FOR SANTORINI
Transfer to the port for your early ferry to Santorini. Famed for the whitewashed Cycladic houses perched on dramatic cliffs, Santorini is a dreamy island escape. 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)**
Hotel: Orama/The Majestic/El Greco Resort & Spa

DAY 4 | SANTORINI
Today, delve into the geological history of Santorini. In the morning, a Local Expert will reveal the secrets of this volcanic island and its dramatic caldera, uncovering the fascinating story of its formation. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. Why not head out for a swim at Ammoudi Bay, visit the Santorini Wine Museum, or ask your Travel Director for restaurant recommendations to enjoy the island's culinary delights? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | SANTORINI AT LEISURE
With a day at leisure, why not take the opportunity to visit the archaeological site of Akrotiri, an ancient city covered by volcanic ash

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

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. You may wish to take the opportunity to climb up the top of the volcano, swim in the hot springs and relax on-board a wooden Caique, setting sail for the sunset and the beautiful village of Oia high above the cliffside. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | MYKONOS SIGHTSEEING

Take the ferry across the Aegean to Mykonos and continue to your hotel. With your Local Expert, explore Mykonos town's narrow lanes, where whitewashed Cycladic houses lead towards the windmills, Matogianni Alleys and Little Venice. As the island's flavours come into focus, enjoy a light evening tasting of traditional Mykonian specialties and appetisers, learning how local ingredients, from olive oil and cheeses to breads and seasonal bites, shape everyday cooking on Mykonos. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Despotiko/Dorion/Porto Mykonos

DAY 7 | MYKONOS AT LEISURE

Today, you'll have free time to explore as you wish, with many exciting adventures to choose from. Why not explore the picturesque Mykonos Town and the beautiful port area? Or visit Delos, once a Sacred Island and the legendary birthplace of God Apollo and his twin sister Artemis. Today, Delos is one of the most important archaeological sites of the eastern Mediterranean. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Despotiko/Dorion Hotel/Porto Mykonos Hotel

DAY 8 | MYKONOS

Board your kaiki for a real Insight Experience: a traditional boat, where you'll meet a Greek captain and cruise around the stunning, world-famous Little Venice of Mykonos. As you sail, learn more about life on the island. Sit back and relax while enjoying views of the iconic windmills (weather permitting). **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Despotiko/Dorion/Porto Mykonos

DAY 9 | DEPART MYKONOS

You'll be transferred to the port of Mykonos to board the ship to Piraeus in Athens. Upon arrival, you'll be met at the port and transferred to your hotel in Athens. Enjoy your final evening with your fellow travellers over dinner, toasting the experiences you've shared. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

DAY 10 | DEPART ATHENS

Bid a fond antío to your Greek island journey as it comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Athens Airport at 07:00 and 10:00.



KEY

Join/Leave Options | UNESCO Heritage Site | Overnight | Cruise



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Athens | Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens.
See the Arch of Hadrian, separating the ancient city and the new Roman district, along with the Temple of Olympian Zeus.
Soak in the last views of paradise as you ride the ferry back to Athens.

Santorini | Marvel at the beauty of the Aegean Sea as you sail the waters to Santorini.
Meet a local geology expert and learn how the Santorini caldera, one of Earth's natural wonders, was formed 3,500 years ago.

Mykonos | Enjoy the ferry ride from Santorini to Mykonos with beautiful views of the surrounding islands.
Explore Mykonos with a Local Expert and wander through the beautiful blue-and-white streets.
Meet a Greek captain on a traditional caique to cruise the coast of Mykonos and learn about life on the island.

Premium Dining

Athens | Indulge in local specialties with your fellow travellers as you savour dinner at your hotel.
Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner in true Greek style at a local restaurant.

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.

Mykonos | Taste the flavours of the island through its local delicacies.

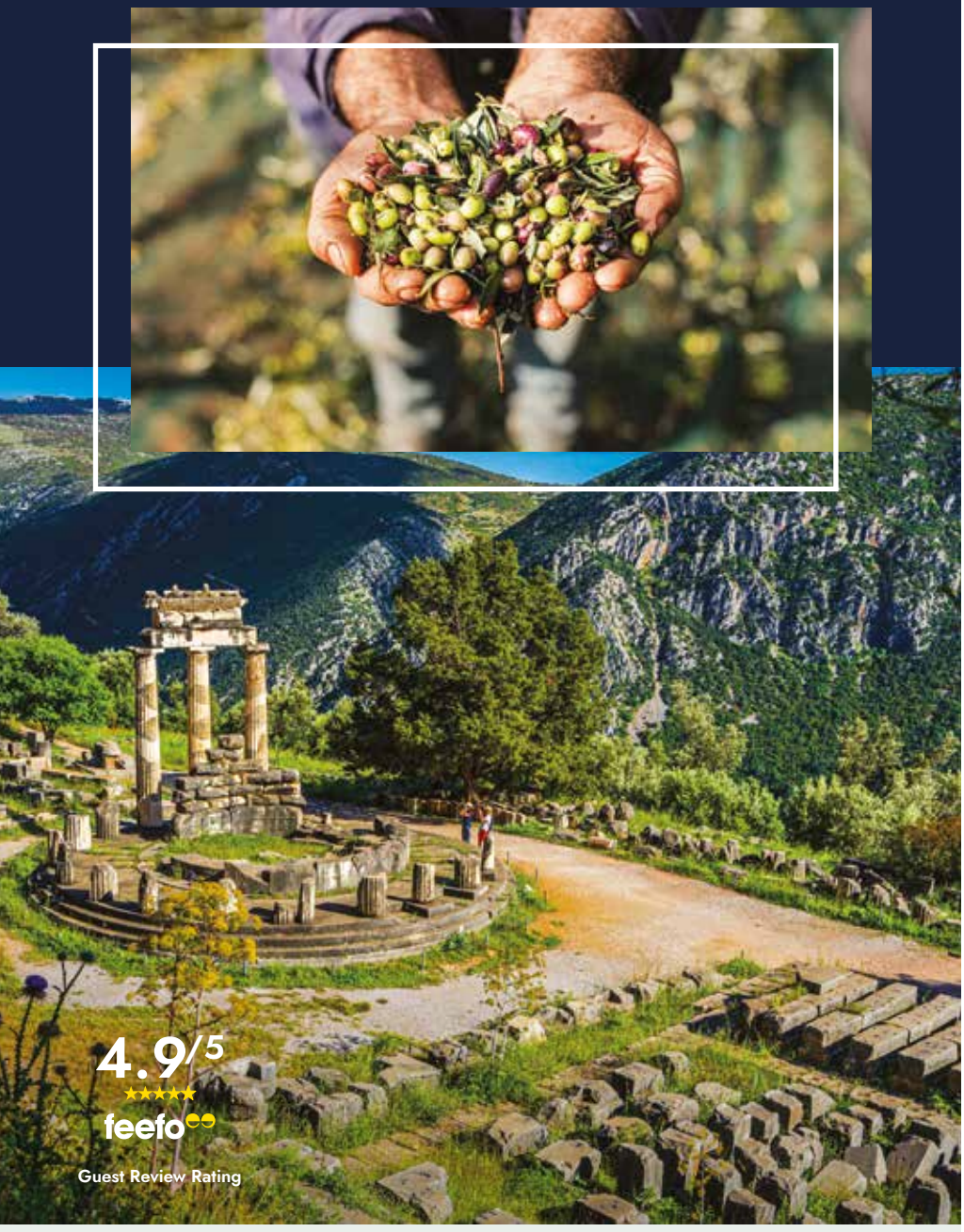
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SMALL GROUP TOUR

Greece Undiscovered

Uncover Greece's ancient wonders, from the Acropolis to Mount Olympus, while tasting authentic pies in Delphi and visiting local beekeepers in Nafplion.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | DYNAMIC



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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: I952/I852

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS
Begin your adventure in Athens by joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a delightful dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | THE GLORIOUS CITY OF ATHENS
Delve into history at the Acropolis and the 5th-century B.C. Parthenon. View the Panathenaic Stadium, Hadrian's Arch, Temple of Zeus, Parliament building, the tomb of the unknown soldier and the trilogy of Athens. This evening, choose to join an Optional Experience for dinner in lively Psiri. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ANCIENT DION AND ON TO THESSALONIKI
Travel north from Athens to Thermopylae, the narrow coastal pass where King Leonidas and 300 Spartans resisted the Persian army in 480 B.C. Continue to Ancient Dion, a sacred city of the Macedonians at the foot of Mount Olympus. With your Local Expert, explore the archaeological park, including sanctuaries, theatres and Roman-era villas. Later, arrive in Thessaloniki, Greece's second city, where you'll enjoy dinner with your small group. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: MonAsty, Thessaloniki

DAY 4 | THESSALONIKI YOUR WAY
Thessaloniki is yours to discover with Insight Choice. Explore the old town or "Ano Poli" to take in views of the city below. Or, indulge your foodie side exploring Thessaloniki city while sampling local delicacies. **(B)**

DAY 5 | VERGINA, METSOVO AND ON TO IOANNINA
Vergina is a treasure trove of important remains including a monumental palace and burial ground with more than 300 tumuli. Your Local Expert reveals the tomb where Alexander the Great's father Philippos is believed to be buried. Continue your discovery at the Polycentric Museum of Aigai. Visit the traditional mountain town of Metsovo before arriving in Ioannina for dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Du Lac, Ioannina

DAY 6 | PICTURESQUE IOANNINA
Discover Ioannina's history as you walk inside the castle walls of the old fortified city, the Kastro, punctuated with ancient towers. View Lake Pamvotis before cruising to the quiet Island of Ioannina by local boat. **(B)**

DAY 7 | VENETIAN TOWN OF NAFPAKTOS
Begin in Nafpaktos on the Gulf of Corinth, a fortified harbour town shaped by its position at the narrow entrance to the gulf. Later, arrive in Galaxidi for a two-night stay and join your small group for dinner by the sea. **(B) (D)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | DELPHI WITH A LOCAL EXPERT
Visit Delphi, long regarded as the centre of the ancient Greek world. With your Local Expert, ascend the Sacred Way, once lined with votive buildings. Approach the Temple of Apollo, where the Oracle of Delphi delivered pronouncements for some 14 centuries. Later, join a local chef in Delphi, making Greek pies, a long-established staple in this mountainous part of Central Greece. Then sit down together for lunch, sharing the pies you created. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Ganimede/Nostos/Epavlis Boutique, Galaxidi

DAY 9 | ON TO NAFPLION
Cross the Rio-Antirrio bridge into the Peloponnese, pausing in Nemea for lunch and a wine tasting. Visit an organic beekeeping family for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, then continue to Nafplio to explore its Old Town and admire the Palamidi fortress at sunset. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Ippoliti/3Sixty/Castellano, Nafplion

DAY 10 | THE BEAUTY OF NAFPLION
Visit Mycenae with your Local Expert and explore one of the key centres of Bronze Age Greece, associated with the Mycenaean civilisation that dominated the mainland in the late 2nd millennium B.C. Continue to Epidaurus to see the 4th-century B.C. theatre, designed for clear sightlines and acoustics as part of a sanctuary dedicated to Asclepius. On the return to Nafplion, stop at a local olive grove to follow the steps from harvest to pressing, then taste olive oil and learn how producers assess quality through aroma and flavour. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | BACK TO THE CAPITAL
Cross the Corinth Canal, opened in 1893 to create a direct passage between the Aegean and Ionian seas, before arriving in Athens for your final day in Greece. The rest of the day is at leisure. Revisit a favourite area, spend time at the National Archaeological Museum, wander Plaka and Monastiraki for small shops and street stalls. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

DAY 12 | FAREWELL GREECE
Transfer to the airport, saying goodbye to your small group and Travel Director at the end of your journey through Greece. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 10:00.

Crete Option

Personalise your holiday by adding a Crete extension. Scan the QR code opposite and select your options for itinerary details.

Small Group Tours

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Athens | Visit the Acropolis Museum with your Local Expert to examine sculptures and architectural fragments from the Parthenon and other Acropolis buildings. The top-floor gallery aligns with the Parthenon's orientation, allowing you to view surviving frieze sections in their original sequence.
Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens.

Thessaloniki | *Insight Choice* Explore the historical city of Thessaloniki with your Local Expert, *or* explore Thessaloniki and its cuisine, perfect for local-food-lovers.

Vergina | Visit the UNESCO-protected ancient city of Aiga (Vergina) and its archaeological museum, see the monumental palace and burial grounds.

Nafpaktos | See how Nafpaktos marks the Battle of Lepanto on its waterfront, with memorial inscriptions near the Venetian harbour and a statue of Miguel de Cervantes, who fought in the 1571 naval battle. The harbour's enclosed shape and defensive walls remain the clearest present-day reminder of why this port mattered strategically.

Delphi | Walk the Sacred Way, and take in the Athenian Treasury, Polygonal Wall and Temple of Apollo.

Nafplion | Meet a sommelier at Nemea winery to learn about Greek winemaking and sample wine paired with local cheeses and cured meats.

Nafplion | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet Anthony and Sophia at their family's organic beekeeping facility in Arcadia, where three generations have tended bees with care and curiosity. Put on a beekeeper's suit and step into the hives to witness these remarkable pollinators in action, before enjoying a guided tasting and discovering why Greek honey is prized around the world for its purity and flavour. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Athens | Indulge in local specialties with your fellow travellers as you savour dinner at your hotel.

Delphi | Join a pie-making class in Delphi with a local chef, preparing savoury pies rooted in Central Greece's cuisine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Jordan Experience

Explore Jerash's Roman ruins, view Mount Nebo, and walk Petra's rose-red canyons. Discover Shobak Castle and Amman on a captivating Jordan journey.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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Guest Review Rating

DAY 1 | ARRIVE AMMAN
Your journey begins in Amman, the innovative white-stone capital city of Jordan. The landscape of the Hashemite Kingdom has remained largely unchanged for 2,000 years. Upon arrival at Amman International Airport, you will be transferred to your hotel, where you can choose to relax and settle in or explore at your leisure. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Amman Rotana

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

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 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 an al fresco lunch of natural produce and family recipes at Beit Khairat Souf, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This women-owned cafe is combatting female unemployment and aims to build a strong community of women leaders. Return to Amman where the rest of the day is at leisure. **(B) (L)**

DAY 3 | MOUNT NEBO, MADABA, SHOBAK AND ON TO PETRA
Continue to Mount Nebo, one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, where Moses is said to have stood and gazed upon the Promised Land. In Madaba, visit the famous Greek Orthodox Church of St. George with its remarkable 6th-century mosaic map depicting the entire Holy Land, stretching from Jordan and Palestine in the north to Egypt in the south. Afterwards, indulge in a Farm-to-Table lunch with fresh local organic produce, and learn how the hosts connect with local farmers to build a community of conscious food producers. 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. Later, 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) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Petra Pillars Luxury Hotel

Trip code: I888/I889

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 4 | EXPLORING THE LOST CITY OF PETRA
This day is devoted to the beautiful 'rose-red city, half as old as time', half-built and half- carved into the rock. It is one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture. Enter this 'Lost City', undiscovered by the Western world until 1812, through a narrow gorge, the Siq, with walls that rise up to 200 m (656 ft). Emerge from the path to see the magnificent Treasury (Al-Khazneh), Petra's most iconic monument, carved out of solid rock and standing at almost 40 m (131 ft) high. Wind your way through the canyon to explore the ancient tombs and the Roman Amphitheat, which once seated 3,000 spectators. Tonight, savour authentic Jordanian flavours during a traditional Bedouin-style dinner in the desert with locals, set against the stunning backdrop at the Ammarin Bedouin camp. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | WADI RUM WITH THE BEDOUIN
Head to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon and a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognised for its natural drama and cultural significance. Described as "Vast, echoing and God-like" by British officer T.E. Lawrence, it has served as a backdrop for several movies, most notably the classic film Lawrence of Arabia. Enjoy a jeep safari through its majestic, red-hued, Mars-like desert landscape, where you will see stunning rock formations and learn about the history of the area and the local Bedouin culture. In Aqaba, the only coastal city in Jordan, delve into mosaic designs during a Stone Mosaic Class — an ancient Jordanian tradition that offers a fascinating glimpse into the past. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Westin Saraya Aqaba Resort & Spa

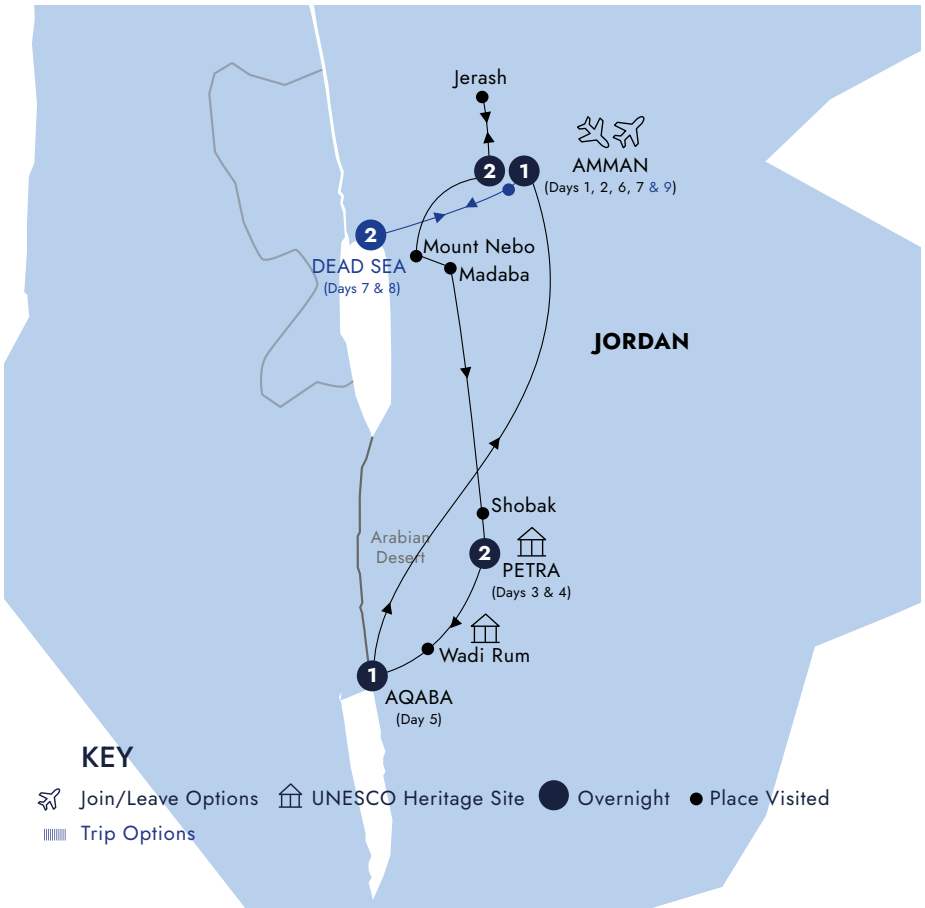
DAY 6 | AMMAN
After breakfast, depart for Amman and explore with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided sightseeing experience, highlighting the city's history, architecture and culture. Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour. Later, settle in at your hotel and spend the rest of your day at leisure. In the evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner to celebrate the end of your Jordanian adventure. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Amman Rotana

DAY 7 | DEPART AMMAN
After breakfast, you are transferred to Amman Airport for your onwards flight. For those continuing their adventure to the Dead Sea, indulge in pampering treatments at your resort to soothe the body and mind. Immerse yourself in mineral-rich waters and feel your body become lighter and buoyant as you float effortlessly. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.

Dead Sea Option

Personalise your holiday by adding a two-day Dead Sea extension. Scan the QR code opposite and select your options for itinerary details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Jerash | Explore the ancient metropolis, the finest surviving Greco-Roman city in the world.

Mount Nebo | Take in the view of Moses' Promised Land, where the ruins are a sight to behold.

Petra | Discover the 'rose-red' city, see the Treasury (Al-Khazneh) and explore the Roman amphitheatre and ancient tombs.

Wadi Rum | Enjoy a jeep safari deep into the heart of the majestic desert.

Aqaba | Join a stone mosaic class to learn about the ancient art of mosaic design and craft your own masterpiece.

Amman | *Insight Choice* Take a guided tour of Citadel, the grand Roman amphitheatre and the archaeological museum, *or* explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour.

Amman | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the Iraq-Al Amir Women's Co-operative to learn traditional handicraft skills and admire the work supporting their financial livelihoods. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Amman | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Enjoy lunch at Beit Khairat Souf, a female-owned cafe in the Bataresh family home supporting local women's financial independence. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Premium Dining

Madaba | Savour a Farm-to-Table lunch at Carob House and learn about their community-driven support for conscious food production.

Petra | Taste authentic Jordanian flavours with a traditional desert dinner at Ammarin Bedouin camp.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

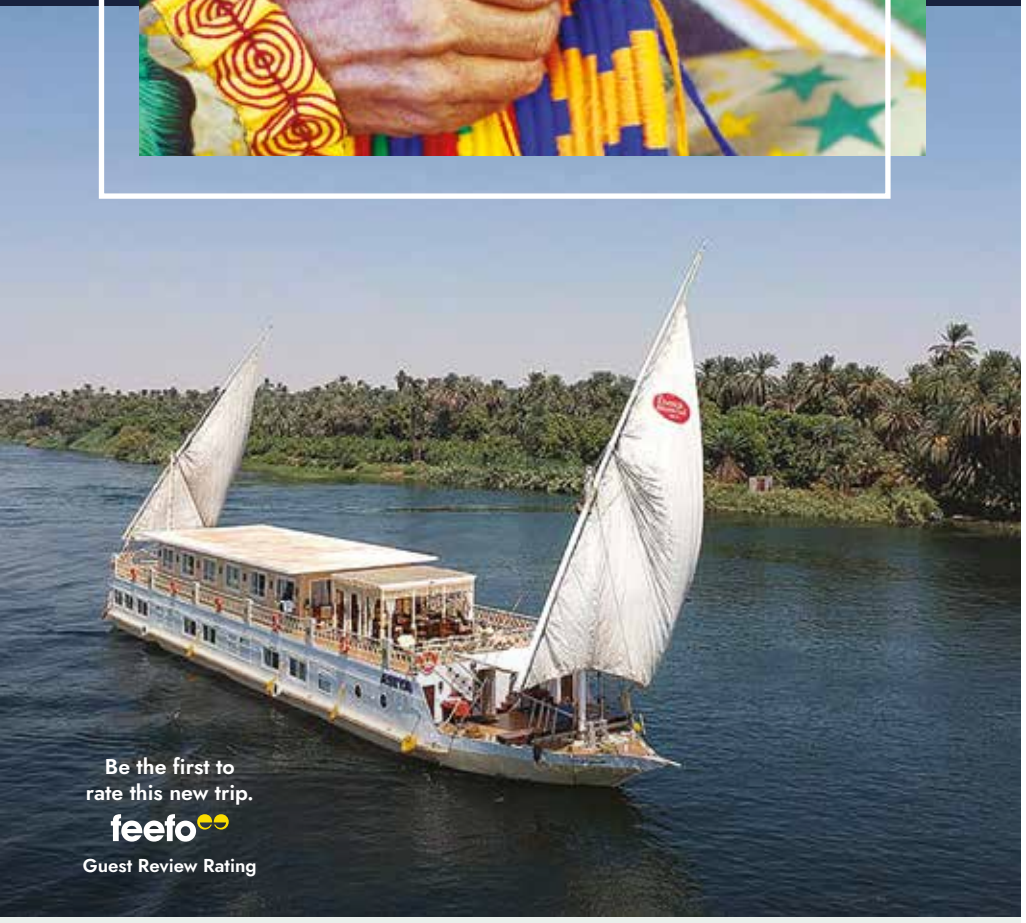
SMALL GROUP TOUR

Ancient Wonders of the Nile

Cairo's citadel and Giza's pyramids give way as you cruise down the Nile on a traditional dahabiyya boat past Edfu, Kom Ombo and Philae Temple.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO CAIRO
Arrive in Cairo, a city of more than 20 million people, home to the Pyramids of Giza and the Grand Egyptian Museum. Transfer from the airport to your hotel and take time to settle in after the flight. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow small group travellers over a drink and small bites, a relaxed start before tomorrow's sightseeing.
Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR AND BOARD YOUR DAHABIYYA
Take an early morning flight to Luxor, then visit the Valley of the Kings with an Egyptologist. Continue to the Colossi of Memnon, the twin statues that once marked the entrance to the mortuary temple of Amenhotep III, before exploring the vast Karnak Temple complex with its halls, pylons and obelisks. In the afternoon, you'll board your dahabiyya, a smaller traditional Nile boat, to settle into your cabin and have lunch on board, before your first evening on the river. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Dahabiyya Princess Judi sailboat

DAY 3 | CRUISE THE NILE TO EDFU TEMPLE
Enjoy a relaxed start on your dahabiyya as it sails along the Nile towards Edfu. On arrival, you'll go ashore to visit the Temple of Edfu, one of Egypt's best-preserved temples dedicated to the falcon god Horus. Back on board, spend the afternoon on deck with your small group, reading, playing cards or simply looking out at the river as the boat continues its journey. This evening, you'll travel by boat to Al Ramady, a private Nile island. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | GABAL EL SILSILA AND KOM OMBO TEMPLE
Cruise along the Nile this morning on your dahabiyya, passing riverbank villages and palm groves on the way to Gabal El Silsila Temple. Here, you'll go ashore to visit a small riverside sanctuary set below sandstone cliffs, linked to the area's ancient quarries. You'll then continue by boat to Kom Ombo to explore its double temple, dedicated to Sobek and Horus the Elder, and visit the small crocodile museum. In the evening, you'll return to your dahabiyya for dinner and another night on board with your small group. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | HISTORY AND CULTURE IN ASWAN
Travel by boat to visit Philae Temple, relocated to its island site after the construction of the Aswan High Dam and dedicated to the goddess Isis. Afterwards, explore a local bazaar, with

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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time to browse stalls selling spices, textiles and simple handcrafted souvenirs. Spend your afternoon your way, with Insight Choice. Enjoy an Egyptian cooking demonstration on board, seeing how classic dishes are prepared. Or sit down to tea with your captain to hear more about daily life on the river and working on a dahabiyya. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | ASWAN
If you wish, you could join an Optional Experience to Abu Simbel to see the rock temples of Ramesses II and Nefertari on the shores of Lake Nasser. Later, visit the Aswan Women's Cooperative for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meeting female artisans at a local weaving school who are preserving traditional techniques. Afterwards, join a local sailor for a felucca ride on the Nile before returning on board for a Gallabiyah party, an evening where you can wear a traditional Egyptian robe with music and simple entertainment hosted by the crew. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | COSMOPOLITAN AND CULTURAL CAIRO
Disembark your dahabiyya this morning and fly to Cairo. Visit the Saladin Citadel, including the Ottoman-style Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali with its prominent domes and courtyard. Continue to Coptic Cairo to see the Hanging Church, built above the old Roman gatehouse. This evening is free to explore Cairo at your own pace – perhaps visit Khan el-Khalili bazaar, find a cafe in Downtown Cairo or book a local restaurant for dinner. Alternatively, you can choose from Optional Experiences, including the Giza Sound and Light Show at the pyramids or a Nile cruise with dinner and entertainment. **(B)**
Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

DAY 8 | THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA
Travel to the Giza Plateau to see the three Great Pyramids of Khufu, Khafre and Menkaure and view the Sphinx at close range. Explore inside one of the pyramids to see its internal passageways and burial chamber. Later, visit the Grand Egyptian Museum to explore galleries of colossal statues, painted coffins and objects from the tomb of Tutankhamun, including jewellery and ritual items. In the evening, join your small group and your Travel Director for dinner in Cairo to bring your journey through Egypt to a close. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | FAREWELL CAIRO
Say goodbye to your small group and your Travel Director this morning as your Egyptian journey comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.

Small Group Tours

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Edfu | Visit the only temple in Egypt that is dedicated to two gods.

Silsila | Visit Gabal El Silsila Temple, a small riverside sanctuary between Edfu and Kom Ombo set below sandstone cliffs on one of the Nile's narrowest stretches. Walk among its rock-cut chapels and reliefs as your Local Expert explains how quarries here supplied stone for major temples such as Karnak, Luxor and Edfu, linking this quiet site to Egypt's larger monuments.

Aswan | *Insight Choice* Satisfy your curiosity and your taste buds over an Egyptian cooking demonstration with your talented onboard chef, *or* tour the Captain's quarters and learn how he navigates the Nile with generations of knowledge.

Aswan | On a traditional Nile felucca, meet a sailor and learn the art of sailing this ancient Nile craft.

Cairo | Discover Cairo's history on a city tour taking in the Saladin Citadel and the Alabaster Mosque of Muhammad Ali.

Giza | Visit the Giza Plateau to see the three Great Pyramids and the Sphinx, iconic monuments of Egypt's Old Kingdom.

Aswan | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit Aswan's Women Co-operative whose mission is to support vulnerable women to learn new skills and become financially independent. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Premium Dining

Al Ramady | Enjoy dinner on Al Ramady Island, a small sand island in the Nile. You'll arrive by boat in the early evening and sit down to an al fresco meal of Egyptian dishes such as grilled meats, seasonal salads, mezze and freshly baked bread.

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Wonders of Egypt

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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Aswan | On a traditional Nile felucca, meet a sailor and learn the art of sailing this ancient Nile craft.

Cairo | With your Egyptologist, admire the treasures of Tutankhamun at The Grand Egyptian Museum.

Giza | Greet the enigmatic Sphinx and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids.

Cairo | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet the skilled artisans at a weaving school and learn about the traditional art of Egyptian carpet weaving. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

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

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

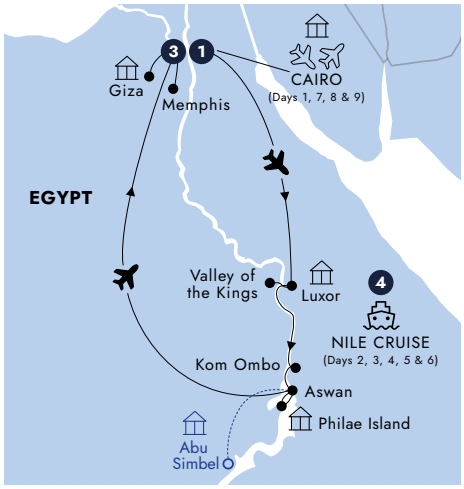
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Pharaohs to pyramids & beyond: Walk through Karnak's avenue of sphinxes and sail a felucca on the Nile.

Egypt's great monuments are only the beginning. This journey looks beyond stone and scale to the stories, beliefs and everyday lives that shaped the ancient world.

Begin in Cairo before flying south to Luxor, where Karnak's ram-headed sphinxes and vast Hypostyle Hall introduce the scale of ancient Thebes. Cruise the Nile towards Aswan, stopping for royal mummies at Luxor Museum, the tombs of the Valley of the Kings and bread shared with the Bahirat family in Geziret Bahirat. Along the river, Kom Ombo's double temple and Philae's Temple of Isis add stories of gods, pharaohs and the afterlife, while a felucca sail with a local sailor brings the Nile into everyday focus. High tea at the Old Cataract Hotel offers a graceful pause before Cairo, where your Egyptologist leads you through the Grand Egyptian Museum, Citadel, Giza, Memphis and Sakkara.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Cruise
- Overnight
- Place Visited

Trip code: A945/WA945

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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Splendours of Egypt

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 25 MEALS | BALANCED



Cruise the Nile through Egypt's ancient heart, from Luxor's Valley of the Kings to Cairo's pyramids. Enjoy high tea and local hospitality.

The Nile gives this journey its rhythm, carrying you between ancient temples, river towns and moments of local life as Egypt's history unfolds from Luxor to Aswan.

After arriving in Cairo, fly to Luxor and settle into seven nights on the Nile. Karnak's ram-headed sphinxes and Luxor Museum open the story before Dendera reveals a rare image of Cleopatra and Caesarion. In Aswan, see the unfinished obelisk and Philae's Temple of Isis, sail by felucca and meet women transforming scrap materials into handicrafts on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. High tea at the Old Cataract Hotel and Philae's Sound and Light Show add atmosphere before the cruise returns to Luxor for Hatshepsut's temple, the Valley of the Kings and bread shared with the Bahirat family. Cairo adds a final layer: ancient capitals, early pyramids and the Sphinx.

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For the Women-Only version of this tour, see p.175 or visit insightvacations.com/splendoursegyptwomen



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Cruise
- Overnight
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited

Trip code: B945/WB945

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Dendera | At the Temple of Hathor, see a rare depiction of Cleopatra and Caesarian.

Aswan | *Insight Choice* Satisfy your curiosity and your taste buds over an Egyptian cooking demonstration with your talented onboard chef, *or* tour the Captain's quarters and learn how he navigates the Nile with generations of knowledge.

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

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

Cairo | With your Egyptologist, admire the treasures of Tutankhamun at The Grand Egyptian Museum.

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

Aswan | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit Aswan's Women Co-operative whose mission is to support vulnerable women to learn new skills and become financially independent. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Premium Dining

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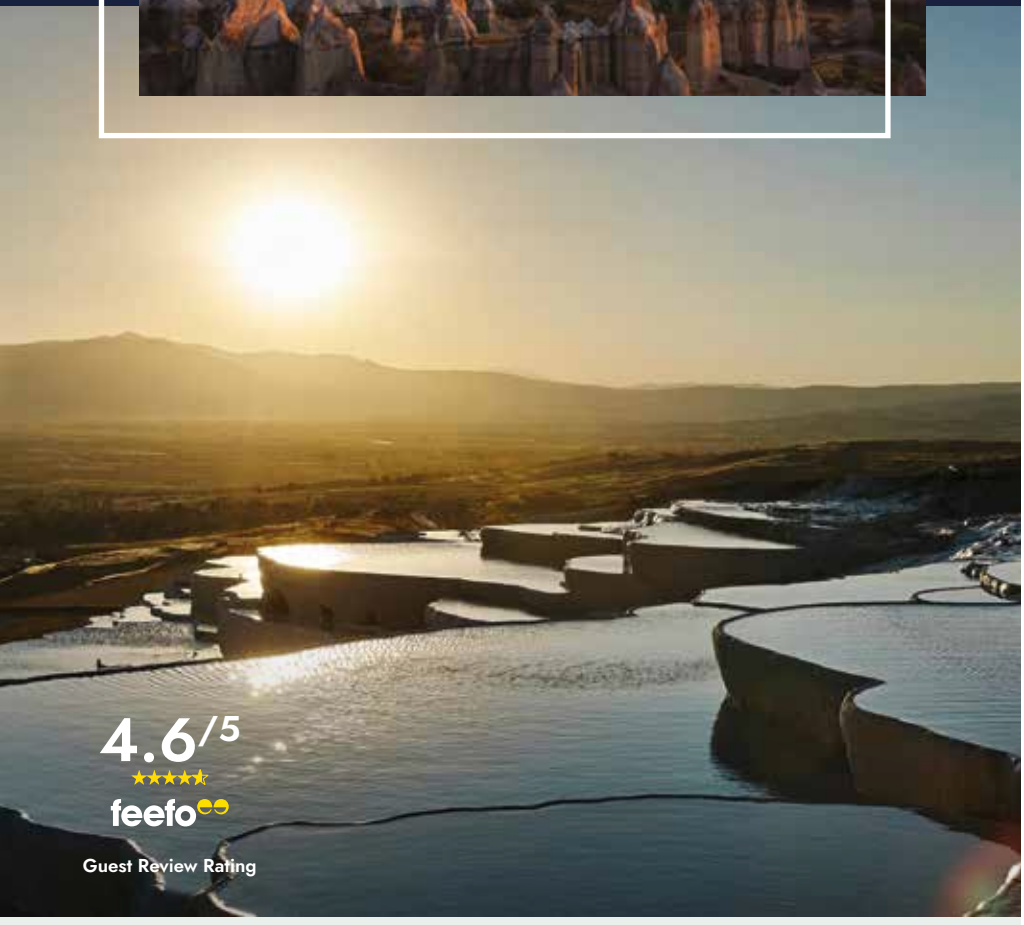
SMALL GROUP TOUR

Wonders of Turkey

From Istanbul's mosques and bazaars to Gallipoli, Troy and Ephesus, discover Turkey through Cappadocia's cave homes, the Hagia Sophia and a backgammon lesson.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: I983/W983

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ISTANBUL
Arrive in Istanbul, the only major city set across two continents, shaped by the Bosphorus and a skyline of domes and minarets. Transfer to Canopy by Hilton Istanbul in the Beyoğlu district and settle in. This evening, meet your Travel Director and small group for dinner in a local restaurant and begin getting to know the travellers you'll be exploring with. **(D)**
Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Istanbul

TRANSFERS: Depart Istanbul International Airport (IST) at 13:30 and 16:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | GALLIPOLI, ANZAC COVE AND TROY
Follow the shores of the Sea of Marmara towards the Gallipoli Peninsula, a landscape defined by the 1915 campaign and the events commemorated each year on ANZAC Day. Visit ANZAC Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery, learning how the coastline and ridgelines shaped what happened here. Later, continue to Troy, the archaeological site linked to Homeric legend and later excavations that revealed multiple layers of settlement. See the replica Trojan Horse beside the excavated mound at Hisarlık. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Kolin, Çanakkale

DAY 3 | IZMIR
Start the day at Copmadam, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where women turn recycled materials into handmade goods. The co-operative supports long-term employment in a part of Turkey where opportunities for women remain limited. Continue to Nif Bağları, a family-owned wine producer in the hills outside Izmir, for a Farm-to-Table vineyard lunch. Later, arrive in Izmir with time to explore the waterfront before dinner. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Swissotel Büyük Efes, Izmir

DAY 4 | ANCIENT EPHESUS
Travel to Selçuk for a visit to Ephesus, walking along ancient streets lined with monumental remains from the city's Roman period. Continue to a local workshop for an introduction to Turkish carpet weaving, learning how wool and silk, natural dyes and regional knotting techniques shape one of Anatolia's long-standing crafts. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary, a small shrine above Selçuk visited by pilgrims. Later, arrive at a traditional coffee shop, learning the basics of tavla before sitting down for a game over Turkish coffee. Continue to İzmir for the night, where you could join an Optional Experience for dinner on the seafront promenade, sharing seafood and meze with drinks. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE
Travel inland to Pamukkale, known for its white travertine terraces formed by mineral-rich thermal waters. Visit a leather shop to learn about Turkish leather craft, seeing how different materials, cutting methods and finishing techniques come together in the final designs. Continue to ancient Hierapolis with your Travel

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Director, visiting the Roman theatre and the remains of streets, tombs and bathhouses, and see the pools that still flow across the terraces today. Later, check in to your hotel, the Doğa Thermal Health Spa, which draws its water from the same geothermal sources. You'll have time to unwind in the thermal pools. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale

DAY 6 | THE UNDERGROUND CITY AND CAPPADOCIA

Travel into central Turkey, following a route once used by traders and travellers on the Silk Road. Stop at the Sultanhani Caravanserai, a fortified roadside inn built in the 13th century to shelter caravans. Later, explore the underground city of Saratlı, where early communities carved out homes, storage areas and passageways beneath the ground. Arrive in Ürgüp in the early evening and settle into your hotel before dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia

DAY 7 | THE CAPPADOCIA EXPERIENCE

Move on to Göreme. Rise early to watch the sunrise as hot air balloons lift off above the valleys. Explore the rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings, then move on to the Paşabağ Valley.You'll find otherworldly earth pillars here, 'fairy chimneys' and troglodyte dwellings. Join a Cappadocian local for a tour of their cave house. Learn about their unique way of living. In the evening, join an Optional Experience to witness a performance of the Whirling Dervishes before dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | ANKARA

Begin in Avanos, a town on the Kızılırmak River known for its pottery traditions. Continue to Ankara, Turkey's capital and centre of the modern republic. Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations to significant finds from Anatolia's early cultures. Then visit Anıtkabir, the mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, founder of modern Turkey and the Republic's first President. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: Ankara HiltonSA

DAY 9 | TO ISTANBUL

Leave Ankara for Istanbul, returning to the city where your journey began. On arrival, join a Bosphorus cruise to see Istanbul from the water, travelling between Europe and Asia as you pass Ottoman palaces, neighbourhood mosques and busy quays along both shores. In the evening, explore at your own pace. You might walk through Karaköy and across the Galata Bridge, follow İstiklal Caddesi's shops and cafes, or head towards the Spice Bazaar and Eminönü's ferry piers. **(B)**
Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Istanbul

DAY 10 | ISTANBUL AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Spend your final full day exploring Istanbul's historic peninsula. Start at the Blue Mosque, known for its six minarets and interior Iznik tiles, then cross the Hippodrome, the former chariot-racing ground of Constantinople. Explore Istanbul further with Insight Choice. Enjoy the Hagia Sophia History Digital Experience or visit the mosque itself with your Travel Director. Visit Topkapi Palace, once the seat of Ottoman sultans, and walk the covered streets of the Grand Bazaar. In the evening, share a final dinner with your small group and Travel Director. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | FAREWELL ISTANBUL

Your journey through Turkey comes to an end in Istanbul. After breakfast, take a moment to say goodbye to your Travel Director and small group, reflecting on the days spent travelling together, before transferring to the airport for your onward travel. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Istanbul International Airport (IST) at 06:00 and 12:00.

Small Group Tours

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Ephesus | Walk the Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and Amphitheatre and visit the House of the Virgin Mary.

Izmir | Join a backgammon lesson in a traditional Turkish coffee shop, learning the basic rules of tavla, a game played in Anatolia since Ottoman times. Sip traditional Turkish coffee before sitting down for a friendly match against local players, following the pace and customs typical of the neighbourhood.

Pamukkale | See the cascading Cotton Castle of milky white travertine pools and the ancient ruin of Hierapolis.

Cappadocia | Meet a Cappadocian local for a tour of their cave house to learn about their unique way of life.

Ankara | Visit the Mausoleum of Atatürk and discover the mysterious Hittite civilisation.

Istanbul | Visit the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, and the Topkapi Palace, then explore the Grand Bazaar.

Istanbul | *Insight Choice* Delve into the captivating history of Hagia Sophia through an immersive digital experience, *or* experience the rich cultural and religious heritage of Istanbul at Hagia Sophia.

Ayvalik | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the Copmadam workshop, where one-of-a-kind items are made from recycled packaging, creating employment opportunities for local women. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Premium Dining

Izmir | Visit an organic farm for a Farm-to-Table lunch made from seasonal crops grown on site, with breathtaking views.

Cappadocia | Indulge in a delightful dinner at a local restaurant.

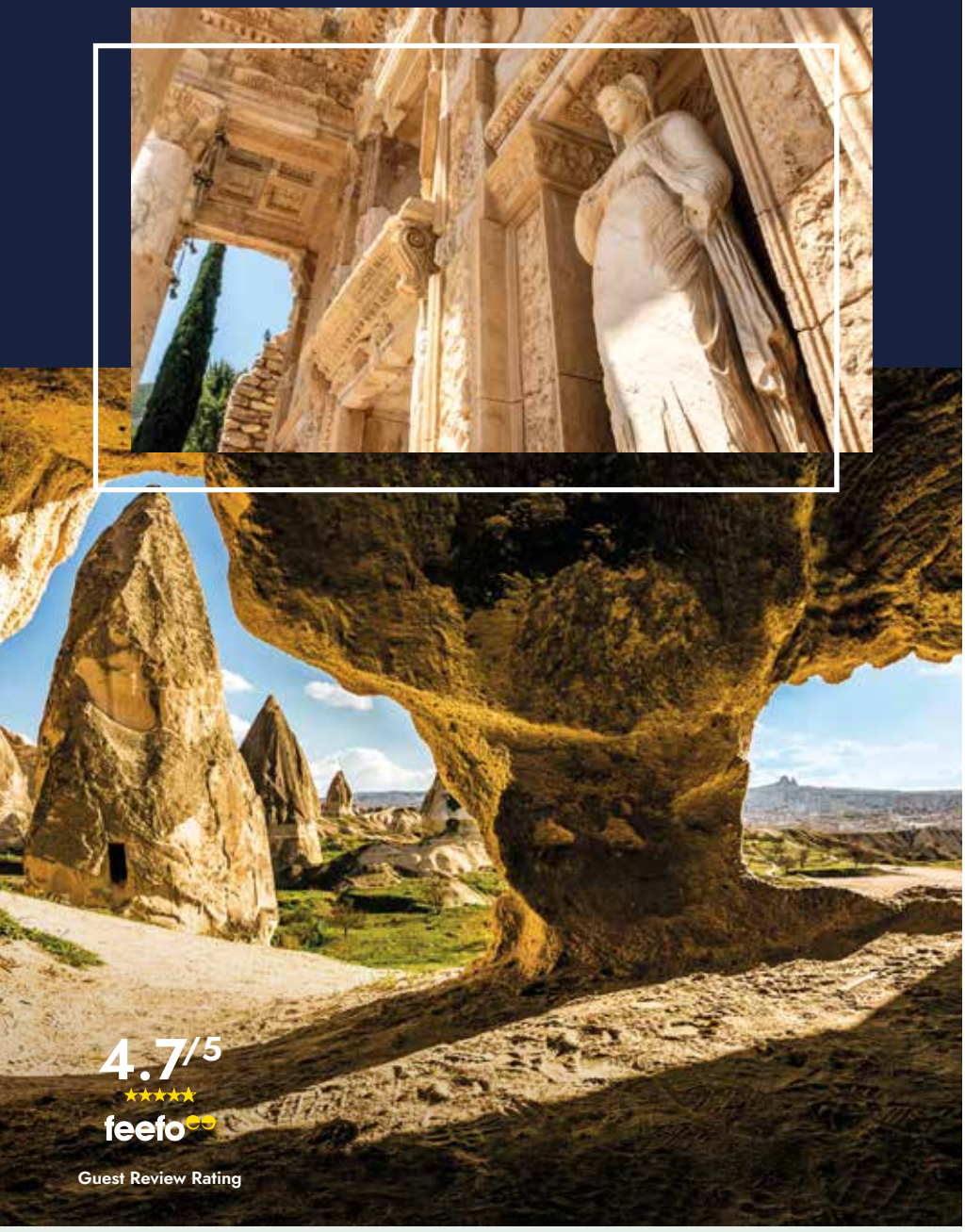
Istanbul | Toast the culmination of your travels during dinner at a local restaurant with your small group and Travel Director.

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Treasures of Turkey

From Cappadocia's cave dwellings to Istanbul's Blue Mosque and Grand Bazaar, discover Turkey's cultural treasures, ancient ruins, rich history and enduring traditions.

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 24 MEALS | BALANCED



Trip code: I949

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ISTANBUL
Welcome to Turkey. Your journey begins in vibrant Istanbul, the only city in the world that spans two continents: Europe and Asia, where a representative will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to the hotel. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Wyndham Grand Istanbul Levent

TRANSFERS: Depart Istanbul International Airport (IST) at 13:30 and 16:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | BOSPHORUS CRUISE AND BURSA
Embark on a cruise along Bosphorus Strait, passing Ottoman palaces and fortresses along the waterfront of the old city. Later, leave Istanbul for Bursa, the first major capital of the Ottoman Empire, to visit the Green Mosque, the Grand Mosque and the Mausoleum complex. This evening, venture to a local restaurant for dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Mövenpick Bursa and Thermal Spa

DAY 3 | CUMALIKIZIK AND GORDION
Begin your day in the village of Cumalikizik, with its traditional wooden houses and narrow cobblestone streets. Then, head to Gordion, which was once the capital city of ancient Phrygia, as you make your way to Turkey's modern capital, Ankara. **(B)**
Hotel: Ankara HiltonSA

DAY 4 | SOPHISTICATED ANKARA
Sightseeing includes visits to the Hittite Museum and the Mausoleum of Atatürk. Later, head to Avanos in Cappadocia. Famed for its unique geological formations, Cappadocia is a scenic delight of golden hills and panoramic views. Visit the underground city of Özkonak, carved into soft volcanic rock. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia

DAY 5 | CAPPADOCIA
Rise early to watch the sunrise as hot air balloons drift above the valleys. Later, explore Göreme's rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings. Savour Anatolian flavours during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Uçhisar Kadineli Restaurant while supporting local women. Continue to Paşabağ Valley, then meet a Cappadocian local for a tour of their cave house and insights into traditions and family life. This evening, witness Whirling Dervishes before dining at a local restaurant. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

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, the old capital of the Anatolian Seljuk Empire. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Novotel Konya

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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DAY 7 | THROUGH THE TAURUS MOUNTAINS
See the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret Medrese, and visit the Mevlana Museum before a scenic drive through the Taurus Mountains to Aspendos, an ancient city in Antalya province, renowned for its best-preserved Roman theatre. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Akra Antalya

DAY 8 | ANTALYA'S OLD TOWN
Visit Antalya's charming Old Town, with its souvenir markets and sweeping sea views. Spend the day exploring at your own pace, or 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) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale

DAY 10 | KUŞADASI
Start your morning with a trip to the Temple of Aphrodite in Geyre, dedicated to the goddess of love, beauty and fertility. Based in the ruins of the ancient city of Aphrodisias, it was the focal point of the city in its heyday. Arrive into the coastal resort of Kuşadası for an evening at leisure. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Qlusive Hotel, Kuşadasi

DAY 11 | ANCIENT EPHESUS
Discover the ancient city of Ephesus, one of the world's finest archaeological sites. See the Arcadian Way, Library of Celsus and Great Theatre, then visit the House of the Virgin Mary and the Ephesus Archaeological Museum. Learn about Anatolia's leather-making heritage and perhaps join an optional Turkish cooking class. **(B)**

DAY 12 | TROY AND ÇANAKKALE
In Homer's city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan War and the backdrop to one of history's most famous love stories, you can find a replica of the mighty Trojan Horse beside the city's walls. After some time exploring, continue your journey to Çanakkale. **(B)**
Hotel: Kolin, Çanakkale

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)**
Hotel: Wyndham Grand Istanbul Levent

DAY 14 | ISTANBUL AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE
Visit the historic Blue Mosque and see the Hippodrome. Explore Hagia Sophia with Insight Choice. Choose between visiting Hagia Sophia History Digital Experience, or alternatively, visit Hagia Sophia, built in A.D. 537 and famous for its domed roof. Visit 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 dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 15 | FAREWELL ISTANBUL
It's time to say goodbye to your newfound friends as your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Istanbul International Airport (IST) at 06:00 and 12:00.



KEY
Join/Leave Options · UNESCO Heritage Site · Overnight · Place Visited



Special Events & Dates

Select a departure in April and spend two nights on the Gallipoli Peninsula and attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Ankara | Discover Roman and Byzantine heritage by visiting the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and the Mausoleum of Atatürk.

Cappadocia | Start before dawn at a panoramic viewpoint and watch hundreds of hot air balloons drift above Cappadocia's fairy chimneys and valleys.
Meet a Cappadocian local for a tour of their cave house to learn about their unique way of life.

Konya | Visit the beautiful Mevlana Tekke Museum for insight into the mystic Whirling Dervishes. See the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret.

Pamukkale | See the cascading Cotton Castle of milky white travertine pools and the ancient ruin of Hierapolis.

Geyre | Visit the open-air Aphrodisias Museum, dedicated to Aphrodite, and see the well-preserved ancient city and statues.

Gallipoli | Visit ANZAC Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula, the landing site for Australian and New Zealand forces on 25 April 1915.

Istanbul | Visit the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, and the Topkapi Palace, then explore the Grand Bazaar.

Istanbul | *Insight Choice* Delve into the captivating history of Hagia Sophia through an immersive digital experience, *or* experience the rich cultural and religious heritage of Istanbul at Hagia Sophia.

Uchisar | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit Uçhisar Kadineli Restaurant, a women-owned establishment where women are empowered through employment and skills training. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Premium Dining

Istanbul | Begin your travels savouring traditional flavours over dinner at a local restaurant.

Cappadocia | Indulge in a delightful dinner at a local restaurant.

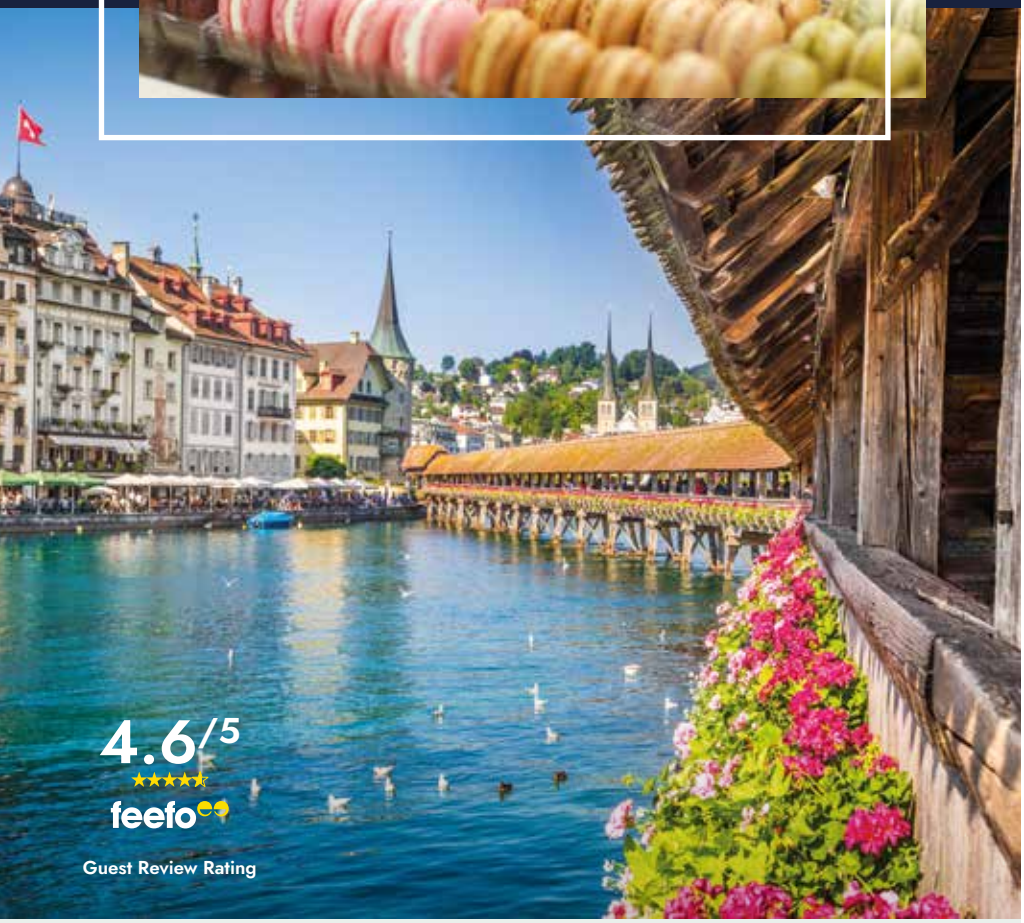
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Highlights of Europe

From canal-side Amsterdam to the Vatican, Lucerne and Paris, you'll discover Europe through local flavours, artistic icons and alpine beauty.

14 DAYS | 9 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: E933

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR™ AND ON TO AMSTERDAM
Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar™. Your comfortable rail journey takes you through the Channel Tunnel to Brussels, en route to Amsterdam. If you are starting your tour in Amsterdam join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a cruise along the canals, exploring the heart of the Old City before a pleasant evening of dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: The Manor Amsterdam

DAY 2 | THE RHINE VALLEY AND HEIDELBERG
Journey to Germany before boarding your midday Rhine cruise from Boppard to Sankt Goar, catching a glimpse of the steep Lorelei Rock that has inspired stories for centuries. Continue to Heidelberg, where you'll join a Local Expert for a walk through its cobbled lanes and lively old quarter. **(B)**
Hotel: ATLANTIC Heidelberg

DAY 3 | MOUNTAIN-RINGED INNSBRUCK
Stop beneath the royal castles of Hohenschwangau and King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein, rumored to have inspired Walt Disney's iconic castle. See the architectural jewels of Innsbruck, including the Imperial Palace, Golden Roof and the 14th-century houses of the Old Town. **(B)**
Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE
Cross into Italy and visit a local winery in Veneto, where you'll discover traditional winemaking and sample regional flavours before continuing to romantic Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Melia Venezia Lido, Venice

DAY 5 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Join a visit to a traditional Venetian glassblowing workshop, where you'll see how handcrafted glass is made by expert artisans, preserving centuries-old skills. Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square and admire the richly decorated Basilica. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Pass through Tuscany and Umbria, to reach the Eternal City of Rome. For dinner, enjoy local Roman hospitality at its best. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cardo Roma Autograph collection, Rome

DAY 7 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME
Join a Local Expert for a guided visit to the Vatican Museums, home to centuries of priceless art collected by the Popes. In the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's iconic ceiling fresco before continuing to St. Peter's Basilica — one of the largest churches in the world. Then cross the River Tiber to see the largest amphitheatre

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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of the Roman Empire and a powerful symbol of ancient engineering and spectacle, the Colosseum. **(B)**

DAY 8 | 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 with an art historian and see Michelangelo's David. Savour an authentic meal at a local trattoria in the heart of Florence. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Firenze, Florence

DAY 9 | LAKE MAGGIORE
Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District. For the Dine-Around evening, enjoy your preferred dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

DAY 10 | THE ALPS AND ON TO LUCERNE
Cross the Swiss border before exploring Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up the summit. Continue to lakeside Lucerne where the afternoon is at your leisure. You may choose to enjoy a cruise on Lake Lucerne with its dramatic vistas. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

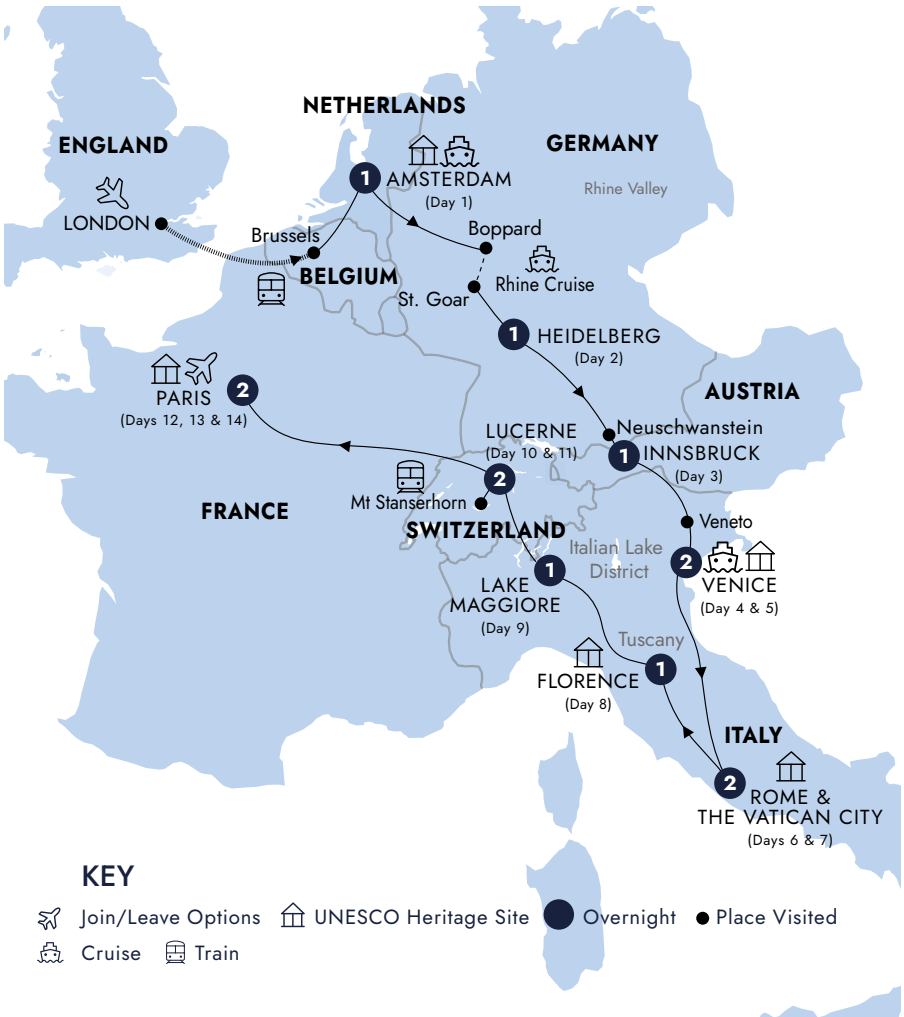
DAY 11 | LAKESIDE LUCERNE
The emotive Lion Monument, carved into a limestone cliff, is a memorial dedicated to the heroic Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution, which is a source of great pride to the people of Lucerne. See this beautiful work before strolling across the Chapel Bridge to see the ornate Jesuit Church. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 12 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS
Journey through the rural French countryside of Alsace and Burgundy regions, 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. **(B)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

DAY 13 | THE FLAVOURS OF PARIS
Explore Paris your way with Insight Choice. Experience the best of the city, uncover famous highlights or local strolling spots with your Local Expert. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and savour French cuisine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | AU REVOIR PARIS
Bid a fond 'au revoir' to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

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Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th century.

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Vatican City | Discover the Sistine Chapel and admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling.

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

Paris | *Insight Choice* Discover the city's highlights for a deeper understanding of its history, *or* stroll like a Parisian with your Local Expert.

Stanserhorn | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Journey to the top of Mount Stanserhorn on a panoramic, open-top cable car powered by solar energy, and enjoy spectacular views from the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Rome | Experience the Italian way of life as you join your local host for a truly authentic home-cooked meal.

Florence | Experience local Florentine flavours while relaxing over dinner with wine.

Baveno | Choose your dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants.

Paris | Rendezvous with your newfound friends for a delightful dinner at one of Paris' iconic brasseries.

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European Dream

Step inside the Vatican with fast-track entry, ascend Mount Stanserhorn by scenic cable car and end with French flavours in Paris.

11 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: N912

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VENICE
Welcome to the Queen of the Adriatic, known for its unique waterscapes and rich cultural heritage. Transfers depart from Venice Airport and journey to the hotel by water taxi. What better way to start your dream holiday than in true Venetian style? Join your Travel Director for a dinner at a local restaurant. Savour a cocktail at twilight whilst being serenaded by an ensemble of talented musicians, and admire the tranquility of St. Mark's Square long after the day-trippers have gone to their mainland hotels. Return to your canal-side hotel in the quiet, peaceful authentic neighbourhood. **(D)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 13:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'
In the morning, prepare to embrace this awe-inspiring city. Visit St. Mark's Square, dominated by its magnificent Basilica and overlooked by the great Clock Tower. Also in the square stands the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace, which is connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a visit to a traditional Venetian glassblowing workshop, where you'll see how beautiful, handcrafted glass is made by expert artisans, preserving centuries-old skills. The rest of the day is free. Perhaps shop in the small arcades or why not cruise the Venetian lagoon to the island of Burano for a meal of local specialties and wine? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | DISCOVER TUSCAN WINE HERITAGE
Head into the Apennines for an exclusive visit to Fattoria di Bagnolo, a historic Tuscan estate owned by the Bartolini Baldelli family. After a personal welcome and a brief history from a family member, explore the villa, cellars and vineyards overlooking the Chianti hills, then enjoy a tasting of the estate wines with their own olive oil. Later, follow the Tiber to the Eternal City of Rome. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Villa Pamphili, Rome

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DAY 5 | UMBRIA AND ON TO FLORENCE
Meet chef Lorenzo at his family farm in Umbria. Join an entertaining pasta demonstration and delicious lunch accompanied by Orvieto Classico wine. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: Villa Neroli, Florence

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DAY 6 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE
With your Local Expert, view the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery. You also visit Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. In the afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the Renaissance capital, famous for the quality of luxury goods. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower? **(B)**

> *Each destination stands out as iconic and unmissable for any travel lover.*
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DAY 7 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE
Head north towards the Italian Lake District via Lake Lugano. Continue into the heart of the Swiss Alps before travelling alongside towering mountains and past rushing torrents, down to scenic Lake Lucerne. Upon arrival in Lucerne, see the Lion Monument, a tribute to the brave Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Then stroll across the covered Chapel Bridge to see the baroque Jesuit Church. **(B)**
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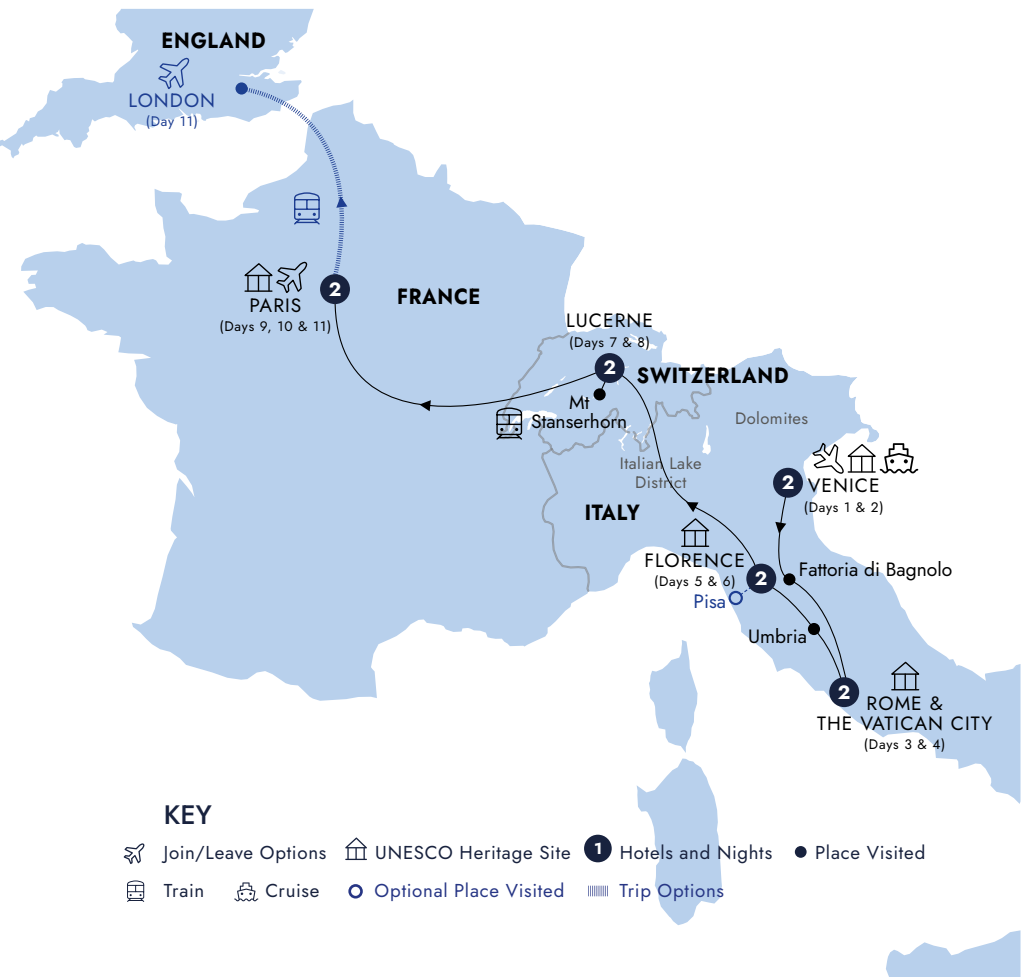
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Hotel: Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

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Premium Dining

Venice | Sample traditional Venetian fare and soak up the ambiance of this charming city.

Tuscany | Enjoy an intimate tasting of estate wines and olive oil at a family-run Chianti estate.

Umbria | Explore the art of Italian cooking with Chef Lorenzo followed by a tasty lunch.

Paris | Indulge in refined French cuisine during your dinner at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

European Rhapsody

Revel in Europe's old-world elegance as Rhine legends, Budapest's Danube glow, Carinthian lake life and Venetian evenings carry you east.

11 DAYS | 7 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | BALANCED





DAY 1 | LONDON TO AMSTERDAM
Meet your Travel Director and board the high-speed Eurostar™ to Brussels, where you continue by coach to Amsterdam. If you're starting your tour in Amsterdam, meet your Travel Director in the evening for dinner. See the heart of the city on a canal cruise before dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

DAY 2 | AMSTERDAM TO WÜRZBURG
Journey to the Rhine Valley and enjoy a Rhine cruise. Arrive in Würzburg, celebrated for its baroque charm and wine-making heritage. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maritim, Würzburg

DAY 3 | ROTHENBURG AND 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: Lindner Prague Castle

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES
Join a Local Expert in the morning for guided sightseeing. Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the Castle District, or alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THROUGH BOHEMIA TO BUDAPEST
Travel to Hungary, following the River Danube to Budapest. In the evening, enjoy a scenic dinner cruise, gliding past UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The city's spectacular night-time beauty earns it the nickname 'Pearl of the Danube'. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Nemzeti Budapest - MGallery Collection

DAY 6 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE
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. 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. **(B)**

DAY 7 | THE FLAVOURS OF BUDAPEST
This morning, visit Liszt Academy. Continue your travels to the Austrian border and through pleasant farming country to Vienna. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

Trip code: T912

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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> *You'll be in awe learning the history of St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague Castle, the largest ancient castle complex in the world and resting place of Bohemian kings and emperors, including Charles IV.*
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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 Ringstrasse. 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 cafe. **(B)**

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Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

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DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE
Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th century.

Rhine Valley | Discover the scenic beauty of enchanting fairytale castles, historic towns and terraced vineyards on a Rhine cruise.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber | Explore the city walls, towers and gates of this well-preserved medieval town in Germany.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Explore the Jewish Quarter with a Local Expert, *or* visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle.

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.

Vienna | Tour the Ringstrasse with your Local Expert to gain insights into the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.

Premium Dining

Amsterdam | Indulge in a dinner of modern European cuisine at a local restaurant.

Budapest | Enjoy a scenic dinner cruise and soak up the city lights along the Danube.

Vienna | Savour a traditional coffee and cake at a local cafe that promotes well-being support for the community.

Venice | Savour a Venetian dinner in a restaurant in the heart of this historic city.

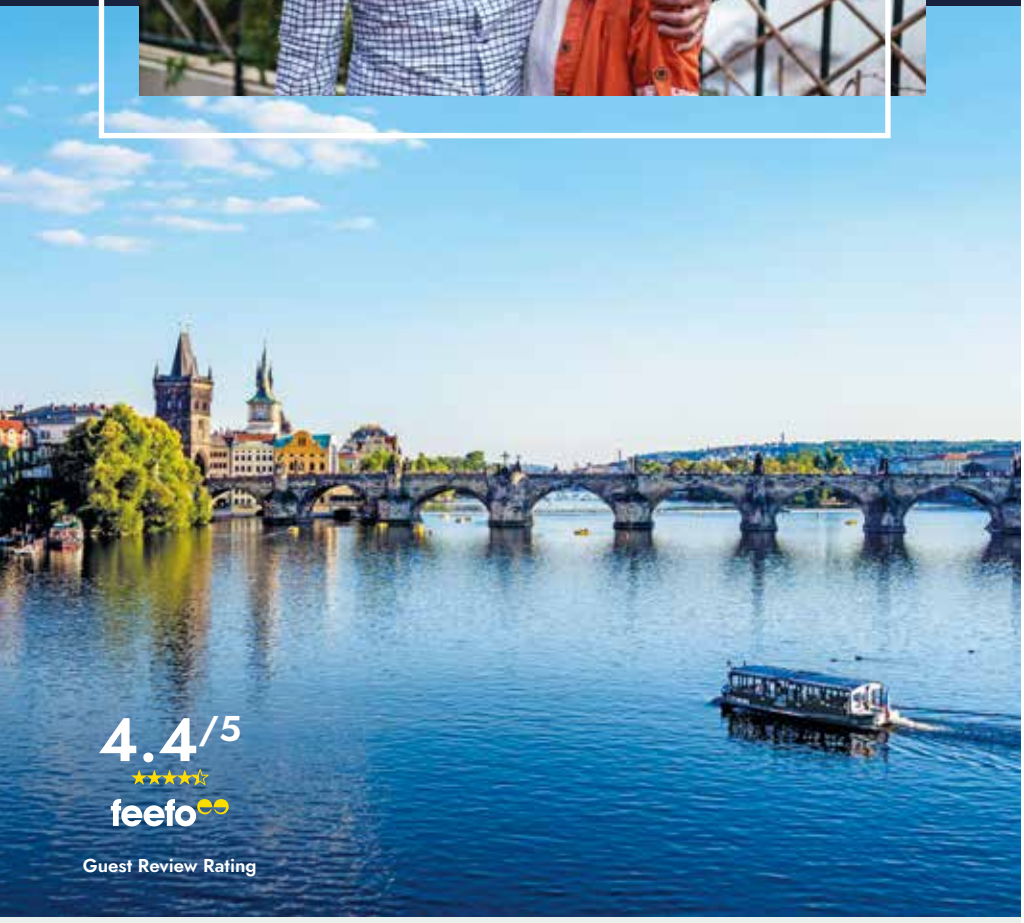
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Romantic European

Follow Europe's grand arc from Prague to Paris, where Amsterdam's mansions, Rome's ancient relics and the Alps shape the journey.

19 DAYS | 10 COUNTRIES | 26 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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DAY 1 | LONDON TO AMSTERDAM
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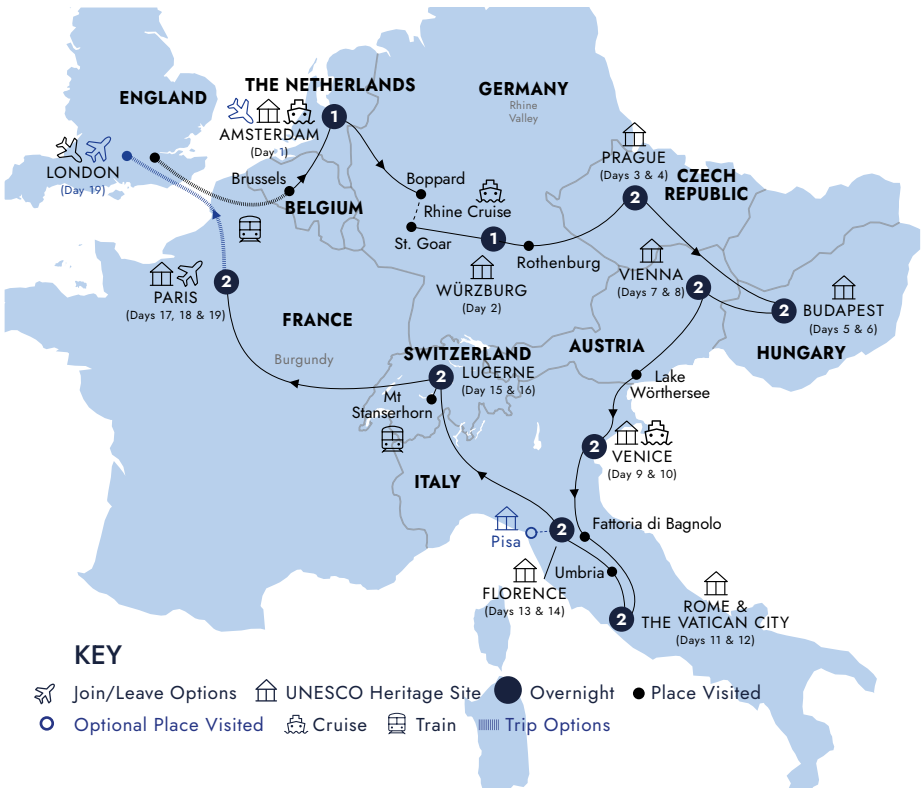
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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Prague | *Insight Choice* Explore the Jewish Quarter with a Local Expert, *or* visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, *or* discover the city's highlights for a deeper understanding of its history, *or* stroll like a Parisian with your Local Expert.

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.

Vatican City | Discover the Sistine Chapel and admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling.

Florence | Witness local artisans at work during a gold and leatherwork demonstration.

Stanserhorn | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Journey to the top of Mount Stanserhorn on a panoramic, open-top cable car powered by solar energy, and enjoy spectacular views from the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Budapest | Enjoy a scenic dinner cruise and soak up the city lights along the Danube.

Vienna | Indulge in traditional coffee and cake at a local cafe that promotes well-being support for the community.

Umbria | Explore the art of Italian cooking with Chef Lorenzo followed by a tasty lunch.

Paris | Indulge in refined French cuisine during your dinner at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

European Grandeur

Unveil the opulence and grandeur of Europe, from shopping along Parisian boulevards to sipping wine on the French Riviera.

26 DAYS | 12 COUNTRIES | 33 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: E915

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | LONDON TO PARIS BY EUROSTAR™
Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar™. Alternatively, join in Paris. This evening enjoy dinner at a local brasserie. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

DAY 2 | PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT
Immerse yourself in the charm of Paris as your Travel Director introduces you to its iconic landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées and the Louvre.

DAY 3 | ONTO BORDEAUX
Take a scenic drive along the Loire Valley. Visit the majestic Chenonceau Castle. Continue to bustling Bordeaux.
Hotel: Novotel Gare St. Jean, Bordeaux

DAY 4 | BORDEAUX
Join a Local Expert to discover Bordeaux, a city where joie de vivre is woven into every street, blending UNESCO-listed 18th-century architecture with the energy of a vibrant, modern riverfront.

DAYS 5 - 6 | TO SAN SEBASTIÁN
Journey to San Sebastián, where you visit a variety of pintxos bars to mingle and dine with locals.
Hotel: Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián

DAYS 7 - 8 | BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDI
Pause in Pamplona before continuing to the vibrant port city of Barcelona. Join your Local Expert to view the Gothic Quarter and see Gaudi's extraordinary masterpiece, the mesmerizing Sagrada Família.
Hotel: Labtwentytwo/Melia Sarria, Barcelona

DAY 9 | JOURNEY TO THE FRENCH RIVIERA
Journey to Nice on the French Riviera, admire the Bay of Angels, stroll along the Promenade des Anglais and soak up the charm of the Côte d'Azur.
Hotel: Apollinaire/Radisson Blu, Nice

DAY 10 | ON THE SHORES OF NICE AND MONACO
Drive along part of Monaco's famous Grand Prix circuit. With Insight Choice, visit the Oceanographic Museum or the Royal Palace. Spend the rest of the day enjoying the sun-drenched elegance of the French Riviera.

DAYS 11 - 12 | PISA AND FLORENCE
Join your Local Expert to admire the incredible Leaning Tower of Pisa. In Florence, walk with your Local Expert to the baptistery and the Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces.
Hotel: Columbus Urban Resort

DAYS 13 - 15 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Journey to Rome, the capital of Italy, and savour a traditional dinner at a local restaurant.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Visit St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums to see Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel.
Hotel: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

DAYS 16 - 17 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Arrive at the glorious city of Venice by water taxi and savour a cocktail at sunset before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. Admire the Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square and the Bridge of Sighs. Join a workshop to witness the skill of traditional glassblowing during your time in Venice.
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 18 | VENICE TO ELEGANT LJUBLJANA
In Ljubljana, a Local Expert shows you the highlights of the city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the tranquil shores of Lake Bled.
Hotel: Exe Lev Ljubljana

DAYS 19 - 20 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS
Pass Maribor and Graz en route to Vienna. Join your Local Expert for a walk through the Innere Stadt. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese cafe to enjoy local specialties of coffee and Sachertorte, or visit the Capuchin Crypt, the burial place of the Habsburg dynasty.
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

DAY 21 | SALZBURG AND ONTO INNSBRUCK
In Salzburg, join a Local Expert for a visit to the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace.
Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAYS 22 - 23 | LIECHTENSTEIN, LUCERNE AND MOUNT STANSERHORN
Journey to the Principality of Liechtenstein and spend some time in its tiny capital, Vaduz. In Lucerne, visit the proud Lion Monument. You are offered a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around evening. Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up to the summit.
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

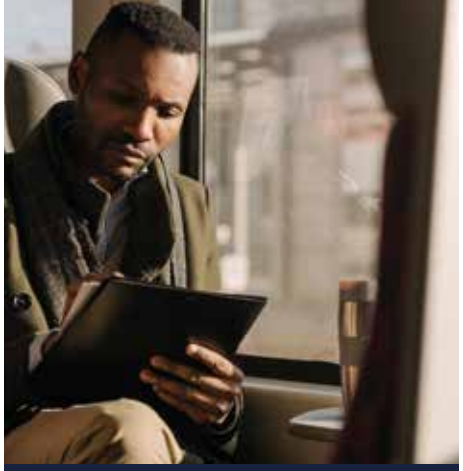
DAY 24 | LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE
Travel through Germany along the scenic Rhine Valley to Königswinter.
Hotel: Maritim, Königswinter

DAY 25 | THE CANALS OF AMSTERDAM
Continue to the Netherlands' capital, Amsterdam, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Toast the finale of your journey with a special dinner served aboard a canal cruise through Amsterdam's historic waterways.
Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

DAY 26 | DEPART AMSTERDAM OR RETURN LONDON OPTION
Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end in Amsterdam. Alternatively, you can return to London with the Eurostar™ option.

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport (AMS) at 08:00 and 10:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Monaco City | *Insight Choice* Admire the Italian Renaissance frescoes and State Apartments of the Prince's Palace, *or* visit the Oceanographic Museum.

Vienna | *Insight Choice* Visit the Capuchin Crypt, the historic burial place of the Habsburg dynasty, *or* savour coffee and Sachertorte at a traditional Viennese coffeehouse.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by only a precious few masters.
Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Rhine Valley | Discover the scenic beauty of enchanting fairytale castles, historic towns and terraced vineyards on a Rhine cruise.

Stanserhorn | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Journey to the top of Mount Stanserhorn on a panoramic, open-top cable car powered by solar energy, and enjoy spectacular views from the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

San Sebastián | Enjoy a meal of traditional Basque pintxos, each with its own flavour, flair and presentation.

Venice | In St. Marks Square at sunset, sip cocktails before dinner at a local restaurant.

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Women-Only ***Tours***

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Country Roads of Italy

Marvel at the Renaissance in Florence, cruise the coast of the Cinque Terre, and set sail to the glamorous isle of Capri. Along the way, follow Italy's country roads through rolling landscapes, medieval hill towns and timeless rural communities.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES
20 MEALS | BALANCED





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May - October

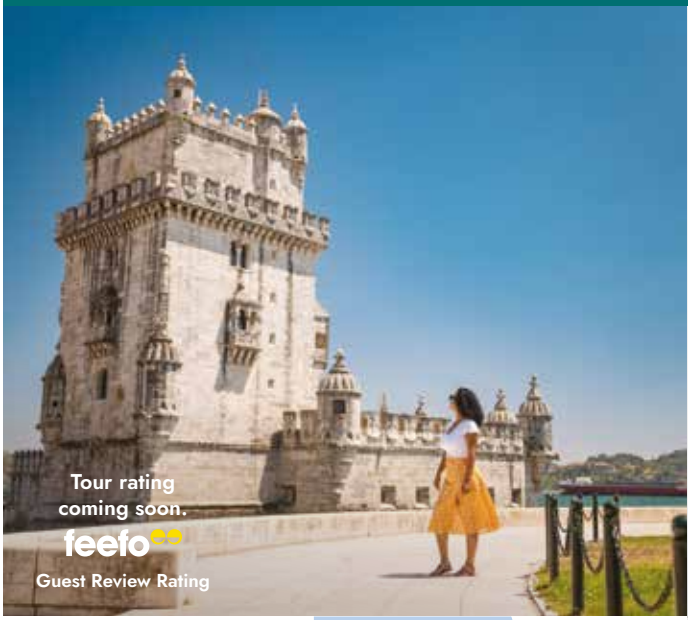
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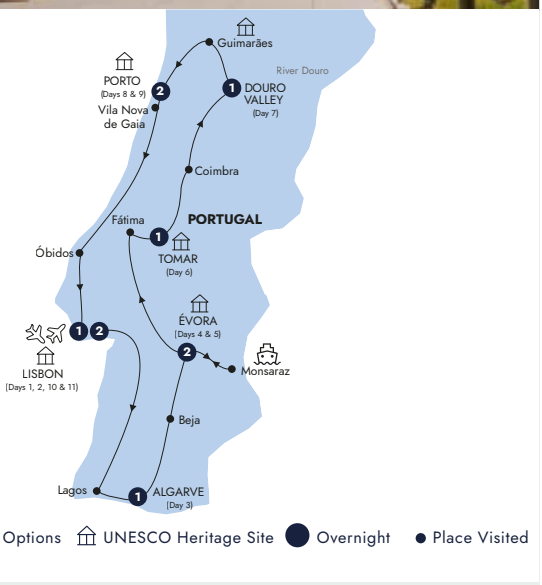
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Country Roads of Portugal

Explore Lisbon's Belém Quarter with a Local Expert before a scenic cruise on Lake Alqueva. Savour a Farm-to-Table dinner and Port tasting in the Douro and discover Porto's World Heritage charm.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY
15 MEALS | BALANCED





DEPARTURE MONTHS
May - September

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Trip code: XE928

Northern Capitals

Explore the best of the North on this women-only tour, featuring a guided visit to Oslo's Nobel Peace Museum and a captain-led cruise in Copenhagen, alongside highlights in vibrant Helsinki, Stockholm and Denmark.

10 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES
14 MEALS | BALANCED





DEPARTURE MONTHS
April - September

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Trip code: XE947

Treasures of Morocco

Journey through Morocco from the towering orange cliffs of Todra Gorge to Dades Valley, wild-herb tea with nomads, a UNESCO-listed kasbah and Marrakesh's inspiring women's cooperative.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY
21 MEALS | BALANCED





DEPARTURE MONTHS
April - September

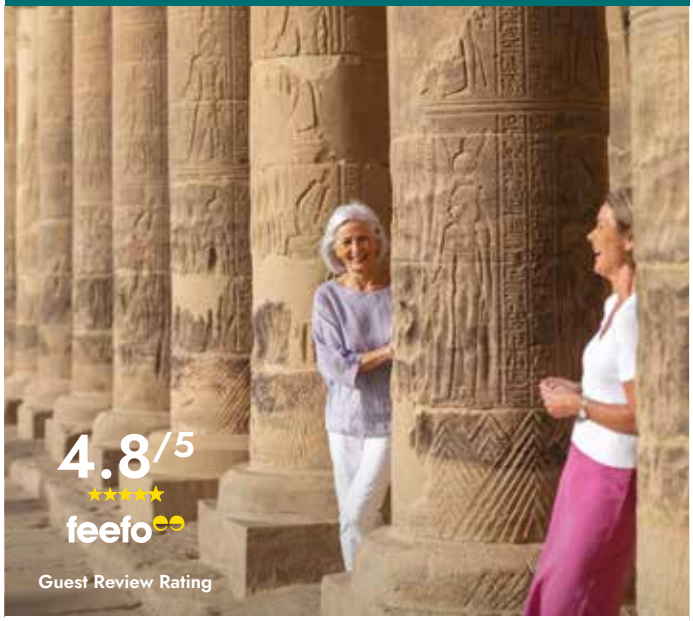
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Trip code: XE938

Splendours of Egypt

Cruise the Nile from Aswan to Luxor, with a belly dancing demonstration, Old Cataract sundowners and the valleys of Kings and Queens. In Cairo, visit Sakkara's Step Pyramid, Giza's pyramids, the Sphinx and meet local women to learn about papyrus.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY
25 MEALS | BALANCED





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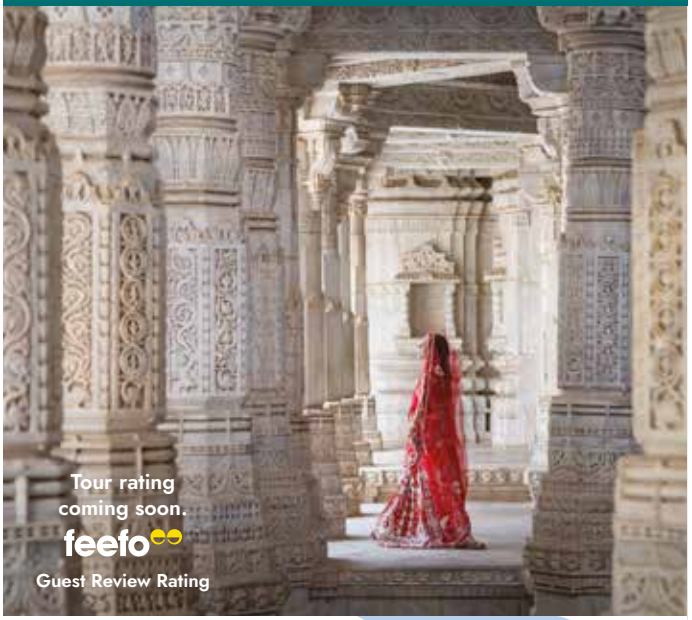
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Year-round

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Classic India with Tiger Reserve

Rajasthan's royal heartland comes alive through maharajas' palaces, sunrise at the Taj Mahal and tiger tracking in Sariska, enriched by women-led encounters in Jaipur, an ancestral haveli and a folk dance studio.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY
21 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: XA515

DEPARTURE MONTHS
January - March, November

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Treasures of Cape Cod & the Islands

Explore Boston, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Newport, uncovering America's coastal history, from Pilgrim stories and gingerbread cottages to Sea-to-Table flavours and schooner views with fellow women travellers.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY
11 MEALS | BALANCED





DEPARTURE MONTHS
May - June, September - October

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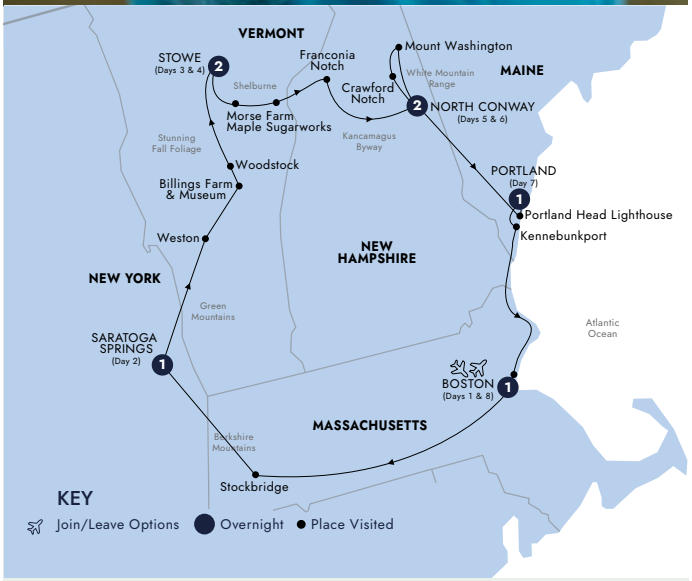
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New England's Fall Foliage

Experience New England's fall glow from Boston's Freedom Trail to Vermont farms and the White Mountains. Meet female experts, savour lobster and maple syrup and discover the local wildlife.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY
11 MEALS | BALANCED





DEPARTURE MONTHS
September - October

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insightvacations.com/newenglandwomen

Trip code: XAENE

Soul of the Deep South

Uncover the roots of the Deep South through Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans. Meet female storytellers, explore landmark studios and discover women's powerful roles in music, civil rights and justice across generations.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY
12 MEALS | LEISURELY





DEPARTURE MONTHS
March, September

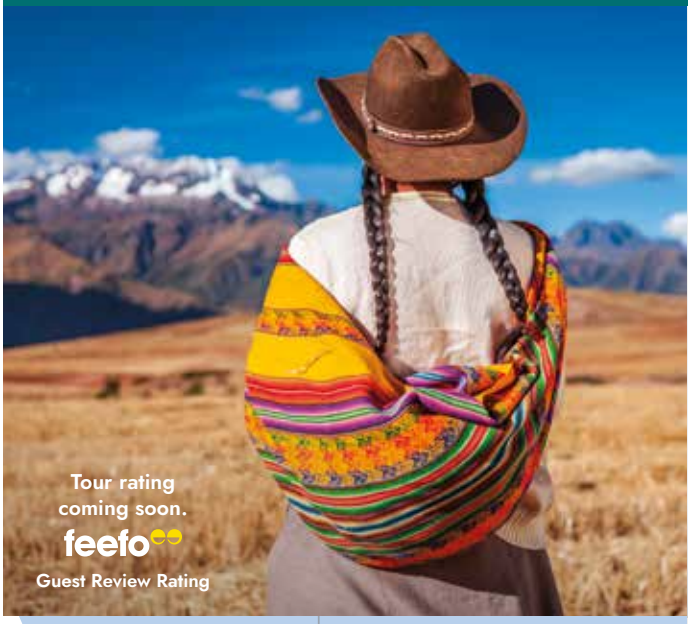
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Trip code: XANNO

Peru with Machu Picchu

Discover Peru through women's perspectives, from Lima's Casa Aliaga and Museo Larco to Cusco, the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. Explore Andean astronomy, weaving traditions and community impact up close.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY
16 MEALS | DYNAMIC





DEPARTURE MONTHS
June

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insightvacations.com/peruwomen

Trip code: XZPER

Africa, Asia and North & South America ***Tours***

25+ TOURS | 12 COUNTRIES



WONDERS OF SRI LANKA - SMALL GROUP TOUR

You'll uncover the many layers of Sri Lanka through immersive encounters made possible by the intimacy of small group travel. Stand atop the legendary Sigiriya Rock Fortress, wander through sacred cities where ancient kingdoms once flourished, journey by train through mist-covered tea country and set out in search of elephants and elusive leopards in Yala National Park. Along the way, you'll connect with local farmers, artisans and community hosts, gain insight into centuries-old traditions, and savour authentic flavours through unforgettable dining experiences. From the gilded temples of Kandy and the colonial charm of Nuwara Eliya to the coastal beauty of Galle and the Indian Ocean beyond, each day reveals a new layer of this extraordinary island. *Learn more on p.186.*

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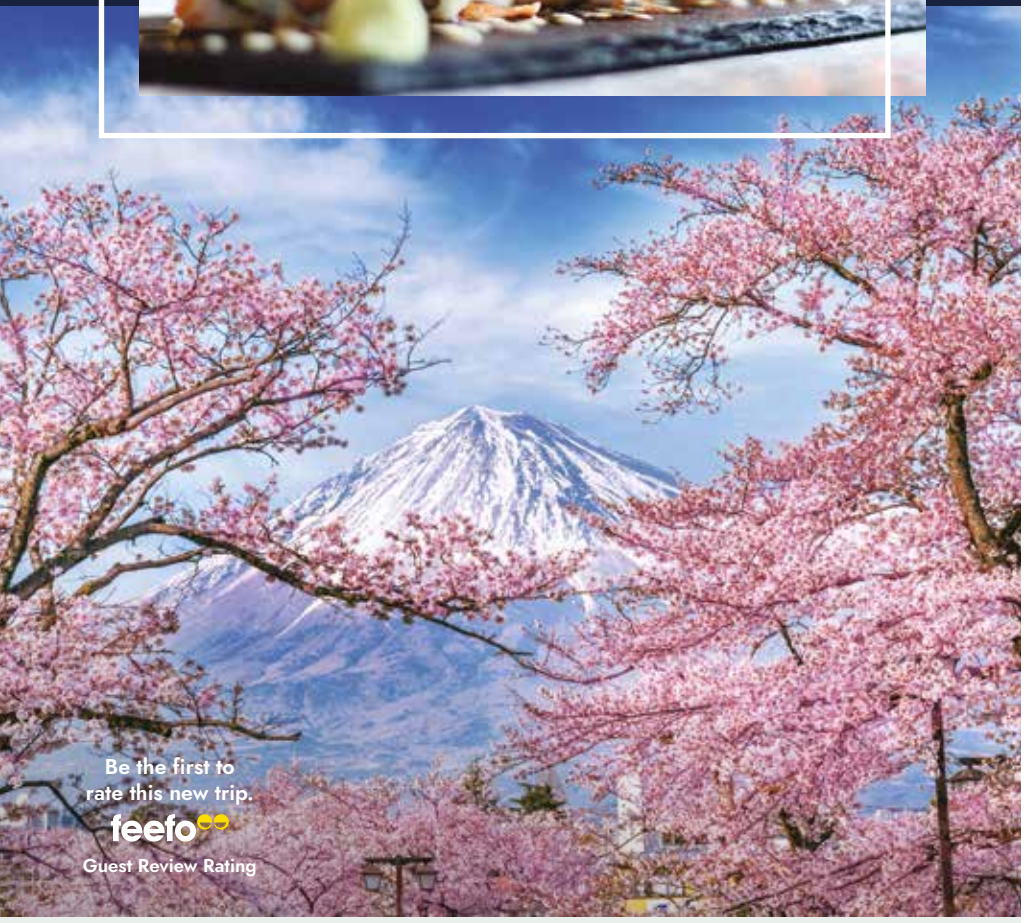
SMALL GROUP TOUR

Wonders of Japan

From Tokyo to Kyoto, ride the bullet train into temple districts and preserved towns, where tea, bonsai, pottery, papermaking and cuisine reveal Japan's living traditions.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO TOKYO
Welcome to Tokyo, Japan's fast-moving capital, where long-held traditions sit alongside one of the world's most dynamic cityscapes. On arrival, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel, with time to settle in before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers. This evening, come together and enjoy your first taste of Japanese cuisine and get to know your small group as your journey through Japan begins. **(D)**
Hotel: Prince Park Tower

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | DISCOVER TOKYO
Take in Tokyo from above with views from Tokyo Tower before a drive past the Imperial Palace Plaza, Tokyo Station, Marunouchi and the Ginza district. Continue to Asakusa to visit Sensoji Temple and explore Nakamise shopping street. Then join a bonsai masterclass with an apprentice, and visit the Bonsai Museum, home to more than 1,000 documented trees. This evening is at leisure. You could explore Ginza after dark, head to Shibuya for its bright crossings and city views, or find a local izakaya for dinner. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | MOUNT FUJI VIEWS AND THE IZU PENINSULA
Spend the day in the Izu Peninsula, beginning with a ropeway ride at Izu Panorama Park to the summit of Mount Katsuragi, where on a clear day views of Mount Fuji. Continue to Nakaizu Winery Chateau for lunch with paired wines among the vineyard slopes of central Izu. Later, travel to Mishima, known for the spring water that flows from Mount Fuji into the city. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at your hotel. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Mishima Tokyu

DAY 4 | TEA COUNTRY TO NAGOYA
Discover another side of Shizuoka today as you visit a tea plantation and meet Mr Noboru, a tea master from a family-run farm known for its gyokuro. Enjoy a green tea-inspired lunch of green tea noodles in soup with vegetable tempura, served as a local expression of Shizuoka's tea culture. Later, board one of Japan's famous bullet trains to Nagoya, an experience that has become part of the country's modern identity. On arrival, check in to your hotel. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Mariott Nagoya Associa

DAY 5 | CULTURAL TRADITIONS OF GIFU
Discover Seki's centuries-old sword-making tradition during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a master swordsmith. Continue to the Washi Paper Museum to learn about

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Japanese papermaking and create your own souvenir. Then travel to Gujo Hachiman for a kaiseki lunch, a traditional multi-course Japanese meal, at a local restaurant. Enjoy a demonstration of Gujo Odori and Gujo Hachiman's traditional festival dance. **(B) (L)**

DAY 6 | ON TO KANZAWA
Enjoy a relaxed start before visiting Takayama, where the preserved streets of the old town reflect the character of the Edo period. Continue to Ainokura, part of the UNESCO-listed Gokayama region, where gassho-zukuri farmhouses with steep thatched roofs still shape the village landscape. Later, travel to Kanazawa and check in to your hotel. The evening is at leisure. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Nikko

DAY 7 | DISCOVER KANAZAWA
Visit Kenrokuen Garden before sitting down to a four-course lunch at Jardin Paul Bocuse, where the culinary tradition of one of France's most influential chefs is expressed through seasonal ingredients from Ishikawa and the wider Hokuriku region. Continue at Ohi Gallery, where you'll discover Ohi ware, a pottery tradition established in 1666 and closely linked to Kanazawa's tea culture, before enjoying matcha tea. Later, spend time in Higashi Chaya District, where preserved wooden teahouses reflect Kanazawa's geisha culture. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 8 | KYOTO BY BULLET TRAIN
Enjoy a Relaxed Start before boarding Japan's bullet train to Kyoto. On arrival, join your Travel Director for a walk through Gion, Kyoto's well-known geisha district, where traditional wooden townhouses and narrow lanes reflect the character of the old capital. There is free time to explore before you check in to your hotel. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Nikko Princess

DAY 9 | EXPLORE KYOTO'S TREASURES
Enjoy a morning visit to Fushimi Inari Shrine, the head shrine of Inari worship in Japan, known for the thousands of vermilion torii gates that lead into the hillside. Continue to Arashiyama Bamboo Forest and explore Arashiyama with Insight Choice. You could take part in sutra copying at a temple, where Buddhist scripture is copied by hand in a quiet, traditional setting, or choose a rickshaw ride through the district instead. Later, visit Kinkaku-ji, the Golden Pavilion, one of Kyoto's most recognised landmarks. The evening is at leisure. You could return to Gion or dine along Pontocho Alley. **(B)**

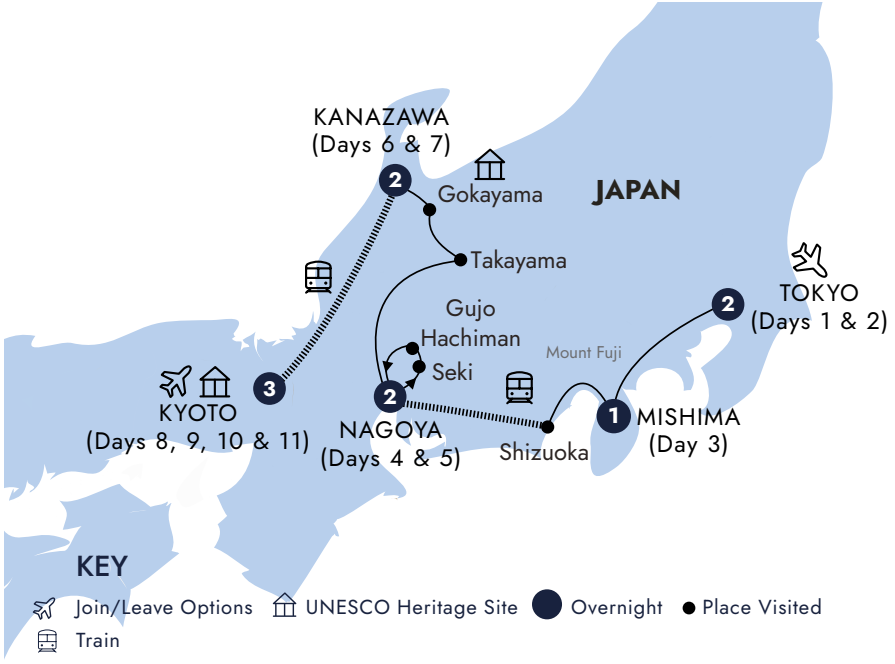
DAY 10 | KYOTO YOUR WAY
Enjoy a full day at leisure in Kyoto. You may choose an Optional Experience to Osaka and Nara, taking in Osaka Castle, then visiting Dotonbori Street before heading to Nara Deer Park, or an Optional Experience to a sake brewery for a tour and tasting. This evening, mark the final night of your small group tour through Japan with a Kyo Kaiseki dinner, Kyoto's traditional multi-course cuisine, accompanied by a performance from a maiko, an apprentice geisha. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | FAREWELL JAPAN
After breakfast, say goodbye to your small group and Travel Director and bringing your journey through Japan to a close. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.

Small Group Tours

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Tokyo | Join a bonsai apprentice for a hands-on introduction to this traditional Japanese art. You'll learn about its history, principles and techniques through planting, pruning and tying.

Izu | Ride the ropeway to the summit of Mount Katsuragi for views of Mount Fuji, with historic Katsuragi Shrine situated at the top.

Shizuoka | Meet Mr Noboru at his family-run tea farm in Shizuoka, where gyokuro is produced using methods passed down through generations.

Gokayama | Explore Ainokura in the UNESCO-listed Gokayama region, where steeply pitched gassho-zukuri farmhouses rise from the mountain landscape.

Kyoto | *Insight Choice* Take part in sutra copying at a Japanese temple, hand-copying Buddhist scripture in a tradition practised for generations, *or* explore Arashiyama by rickshaw with a Local Expert, passing traditional streets and iconic sights.

Seki | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Enjoy a private sword-forging demonstration with a master swordsmith and apprentices, then visit the Sword Museum. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Tokyo | Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner in Tokyo.

Izu | Visit Nakaizu Winery Chateau for lunch with paired wines in the heart of central Izu.

Shizuoka | Dine on green-tea inspired cuisine that brings another expression of Shizuoka's tea culture to the table.

Gujo Hachiman | Sit down to a kaiseki lunch, a traditional multi-course Japanese meal served as a sequence of carefully prepared dishes.

Kanazawa | Enjoy a chef's tasting lunch inspired by French technique at Jardin Paul Bocuse.

Kyoto | Come together on your final evening in Japan for a Kyo Kaiseki dinner, accompanied by a Maiko performance.

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SMALL GROUP TOUR

Classic Thailand

From Bangkok's temples to the River Kwai, tea country and Lanna traditions, discover Thailand by tuk tuk, longtail boat, train and floating villa.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

Trip code: YA620/YA621

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BANGKOK
Bangkok's gilded temples, busy waterways and modern skyline offer a first glimpse of the city's many contrasts. After settling into your hotel, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner on a city rooftop. **(D)**
Hotel: Sindhorn Midtown Hotel

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE BANGKOK
Discover Bangkok this morning, beginning at Pak Khlong Talat flower market, where you'll create a traditional floral garland with local vendors. Visit Wat Pho to present your garland, meet a monk and receive a blessing, then travel by tuk tuk to the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew. **(B)**

DAY 3 | RELAXATION AND ROYALTY IN BANGKOK
Start the day with an opportunity to join morning tai chi in Lumpini Park or visit Jim Thompson House on an Optional Experience. Later, cruise the Chao Phraya River and the canals of Thonburi, passing local waterside communities. Visit the Royal Barge Museum to view Thailand's ceremonial vessels before continuing to Wat Arun to admire its beauty at sunset. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | KANCHANABURI BY TRAIN AND BOAT
Travel to Kanchanaburi to visit the iconic Bridge over the River Kwai before boarding a train along the historic Death Railway, crossing the Wang Po Viaduct. Continue to the Thailand-Burma Railway Museum and War Cemetery. Later, travel by longtail boat to FloatHouse River Kwai Resort, where you'll stay in a floating villa and enjoy dinner by the river. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Floathouse Resort

DAY 5 | HELLFIRE PASS
Discover the history and landscapes of Kanchanaburi with a visit to Hellfire Pass, one of the most challenging sections of the Thailand-Burma Railway. Explore the Hellfire Pass Memorial Museum before returning to your hotel for leisure time. Alternatively, join an optional excursion to Sai Yok Yai Waterfall and Lawa Cave, known for its impressive limestone formations and underground chambers. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | AYUTTHAYA AND OFF TO CHIANG RAI
Visit Ayutthaya, the UNESCO-listed former capital of Siam, where ancient temples and monasteries showcase Thailand's rich heritage. See the famous Buddha head entwined within tree roots at Wat Mahathat before flying to Chiang Rai. On arrival, settle into your hotel and join your fellow travellers for dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | CHIANG RAI
Explore Chiang Rai's tea country with a visit to a local tea estate, where you'll learn about tea production, sample local varieties and try brewing your own. Enjoy tea tastings, forest honey and homemade pastries before lunch at a local restaurant. **(B) (L)**

DAY 8 | ONWARDS TO CHIANG MAI
Travel to Chiang Mai, stopping at the striking White Temple in Chiang Rai. On arrival, enjoy a traditional khao soi lunch before choosing to explore the Old City on foot or visit the Lanna Folklife Museum. Later, join a Local Expert at Wat Chedi Luang, home to Chiang Mai's impressive 15th-century chedi, before enjoying a free evening. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: The Meliá

DAY 9 | EXPLORE THE THAI COUNTRYSIDE
Experience local life in Hang Dong as you visit Mr Prapat and his family. Receive a traditional Lanna welcome, explore the family gardens and learn about ingredients used in northern Thai cuisine. Join a hands-on cooking class before enjoying the Farm-to-Table lunch you've prepared together. Return to Chiang Mai for leisure time, with the option to explore local markets, cafes or enjoy a spa treatment.

DAY 10 | CHIANG MAI ELEPHANTS
Experience two sides of Chiang Mai today. Visit Elephant Nature Park, a rescue and rehabilitation centre, where you'll observe elephants in a natural setting and learn about their care. After lunch, enjoy free time before riding the cable car to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep for sunset views over the city. This evening, celebrate your journey with dinner at 137 Pillars House. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 11 | FAREWELL CHIANG MAI
After breakfast, bid farewell to your Travel Director and fellow travellers as you bring your journey through Thailand to a close. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.

Phuket option

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Bangkok | Explore the Grand Palace, established in 1782 at the heart of Bangkok.
Visit Wat Arun, one of Bangkok's best-known riverside temples, in time for sunset. Rising above the Chao Phraya River.

Kanchanaburi | Board a local train for one of the most memorable stretches of the historic Death Railway.

Ayutthaya | Visit Ayutthaya, the UNESCO-listed former capital of Siam, where ancient temples and monasteries showcase Thailand's rich heritage.

Chiang Mai | *Insight Choice* Walk along Chiang Mai's old town walls and explore the streets of the former Lanna capital from within its historic centre, *or* visit the Lanna Folklife Museum for a closer look at the history, culture and traditions of the former Lanna Kingdom.

Chiang Mai | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit Elephant Nature Park, a leading elephant rescue sanctuary, and learn about the care and rehabilitation of rescued elephants. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Bangkok | Sit down to dinner at the hotel and take in your first views across Bangkok from the rooftop.

Chiang Mai | Meet Mr Prapat and his family for a hosted village visit outside Chiang Mai, where you'll join a hands-on cooking class using herbs and ingredients from the garden.
Come together for dinner at 137 Pillars House, a restored teak residence in Chiang Mai's Wat Ket district with roots in the 19th-century teak trade.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

SMALL GROUP TOUR

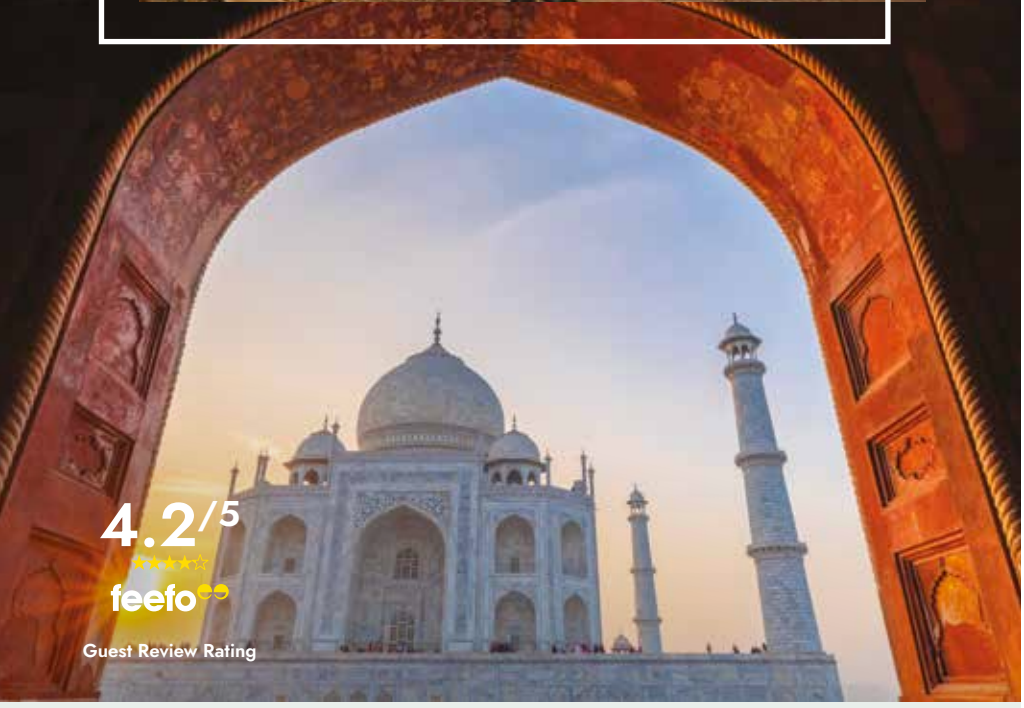
Classic India with Tiger Reserve

Journey from Delhi to Udaipur via Agra, Sariska and Jaipur, discovering the Taj Mahal, Rajasthan's heritage, tiger safaris, vibrant bazaars and unforgettable cultural experiences.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 20 MEALS | BALANCED

WOMEN-ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: A515

DEPARTURE MONTHS

October - April

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DELHI
Meet your Travel Director and fellow guests this evening for a warm welcome over a traditional Indian dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Le Méridien, New Delhi

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 06:00 and 14:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | OLD DELHI HERITAGE
Begin your day at Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques, before weaving through the historic lanes of Chandni Chowk on a traditional rickshaw ride. Glimpse the imposing Red Fort as you pass by, then visit Raj Ghat, the memorial marking the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi. At Bangla Sahib Gurdwara, explore the serene temple complex and meet the volunteers who prepare and serve over 10,000 meals each day as part of seva, the Sikh principle of selfless service. Conclude with a visit to Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and architectural precursor to the Taj Mahal, blending Persian and Mughal elements in a tranquil garden setting. **(B)**

DAY 3 | NEW DELHI AND ON TO AGRA
Start your morning exploring Agrasen ki Baoli, a 14th-century stepwell, before travelling to Agra, former capital of the Mughal Empire. Enjoy a guided walk of the art-filled village of Kachhpura and learn about its sustainability projects, then unwind at Mehtab Bagh with tea and pakoras, admiring the Taj Mahal across the Yamuna River. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Taj Agra

DAY 4 | THE TAJ MAHAL AT SUNRISE
Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, when the early light reveals the monument's architectural symmetry and refined detail. Explore Agra Fort, a UNESCO-listed 16th-century Mughal stronghold that served as both a military base and imperial residence. Enjoy a traditional Indian lunch in a former royal palace, with Rajasthani specialties served in a heritage setting. Travel onward to Sariska Tiger Reserve, a protected landscape once used as a royal hunting ground. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Vanaashrya Resort and Spa Sariska, Tehla

DAY 5 | ON SAFARI AT SARISKA TIGER RESERVE
Begin your day with a pre-breakfast game drive through Sariska Tiger Reserve, where cooler temperatures prompt activity among sambar deer, leopards, and Bengal tigers. After lunch, return to the reserve for a second drive, followed by a cooking demo highlighting the flavours and techniques of Rajasthani cuisine. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 6 | JAIPUR, THE PINK CITY
Travel to Jaipur and discover the walled city on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with The Pink City Rickshaw Co, an innovative social

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

enterprise empowering local women as trained drivers and equity holders. Ride through historic quarters and past the intricate facade of the Palace of the Winds in a custom-designed e-rickshaw. This evening, dine under the stars at a private estate in the Aravalli Hills, where traditional dishes are served in a setting once favoured by Jaipur's nobility for their countryside retreats. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hilton Jaipur

DAY 7 | FORTS AND PALACES OF JAIPUR
Begin at Amber Fort, the 16th-century UNESCO-listed stronghold of the Kachhwaha Rajputs, reached by Jeep. Explore mirrored halls, painted chambers, and receive a traditional blessing. Continue to the City Palace, still home to Jaipur's royal family. After lunch, choose between visiting Rajasthan's oldest museum, Albert Hall, or Jantar Mantar, a UNESCO-listed 18th-century astronomical observatory. Later, visit Dera Mandawa for an evening of culture and connection. **(B)**

DAY 8 | THROUGH RURAL RAJASTHAN TO DEOGARH MAHAL
Your day begins with a relaxed start before travelling to Bijay Niwars Palace for a Farm-to-Table lunch prepared with ingredients from the palace's organic gardens. In Deogarh, stay at the hilltop Deogarh Mahal, a 17th-century hilltop residence built by Rawat Dwarka Dasji. Explore its richly decorated interiors with a Local Expert, uncovering centuries of Rajput and Mughal history. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Deogarh Mahal, Deogarh

DAY 9 | TO UDAIPUR AND LAKE PICHOLA
Travel to Udaipur, a city founded in the 16th-century by Maharana Udai Singh II and known for its palaces and lakeside views. On arrival, take to the waters of Lake Pichola, a freshwater reservoir created in 1362 and later shaped by the Mewar dynasty. **(B)**
Hotel: Fateh Villas/Shiv Niwas Palace

DAY 10 | UDAIPUR, THE CITY OF LAKES
Take a closer look at Udaipur's royal and cultural landmarks with a visit to the City Palace, then stroll past Jagdish Temple and Saheliyon-ki-Bari. Complete your morning exploration in the bustling local bazaar before an afternoon at leisure. In the evening, dine with your Travel Director and fellow guests beside Lake Pichola. **(B) (D)**

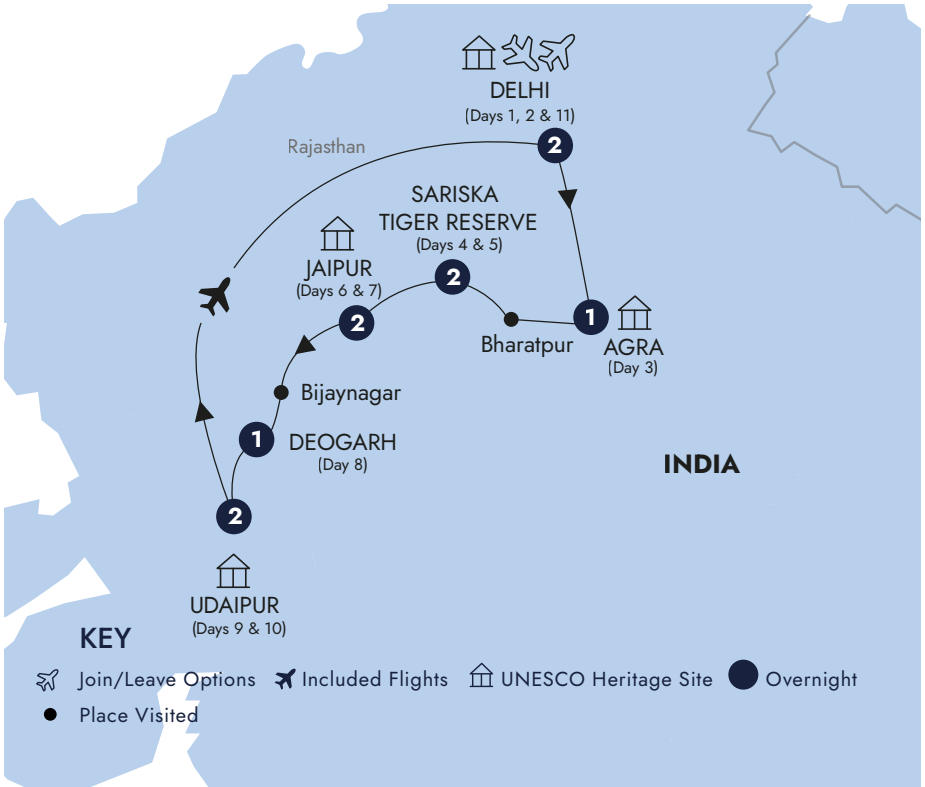
DAY 11 | FAREWELL INDIA
Enjoy a relaxed start with the morning free to soak up the final moments of your time in Rajasthan. Later, board your flight to Delhi, where your journey concludes and your onward travel begins. Please ensure your onward flights from Delhi are scheduled for departure after 20:00. **(B) (RS)**

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Women-Only Option

We also offer a Women-Only version of this tour, designed by women, for women, and averaging 18 travellers. See more on page 175, visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent for details.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Delhi | Explore Chandni Chowk market by rickshaw.
Visit UNESCO-Listed Humayun's Tomb, the sandstone and marble mausoleum of Emperor Humayun.

Agra | Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, perfect for enjoying the monuments symmetry without the daytime crowds

Sariska Tiger Reserve | Explore Sariska's wildlife on expert-led game drives.

Jaipur | Visit Amber Fort, the 16th-century hilltop stronghold of the Kachhwaha Rajputs, built from red sandstone and marble. Travel by Jeep up the winding approach to the fort's main entrance, passing rugged ramparts and ancient gates. Inside, explore courtyards, mirrored halls and frescoed chambers that reveal the opulence of Rajasthan's royal past. A special blessing ceremony offers a meaningful encounter with local tradition in a setting once reserved for royalty.

Jaipur | *Insight Choice* Visit the Albert Hall Museum, Rajasthan's oldest state museum, *or* discover Jantar Mantar, UNESCO-listed 18th-century astronomical observatory.

Jaipur | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Jaipur's walled city by custom-designed e-rickshaw, driven by women trained through a pioneering initiative that provides aspirational livelihoods to those from low-income households. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Premium Dining

Agra | Enjoy a menu of traditional Indian dishes at Laxmi Niwas Palace.

Jaipur | Dine outdoors at Dera Amer, nestled in the Aravalli Hills.
Discover local flavours at the Thakur of Mandawa's ancestral haveli, where you'll prepare traditional family recipes and share a meal with your hosts.

Deogarh | Enjoy a farm-fresh lunch at a former royal retreat Bijay Niwas Palace, with ingredients from its organic farm supporting local jobs.

Udaipur | Gather for a farewell dinner overlooking Lake Pichola, as Udaipur's lakeside palaces light up the evening sky.

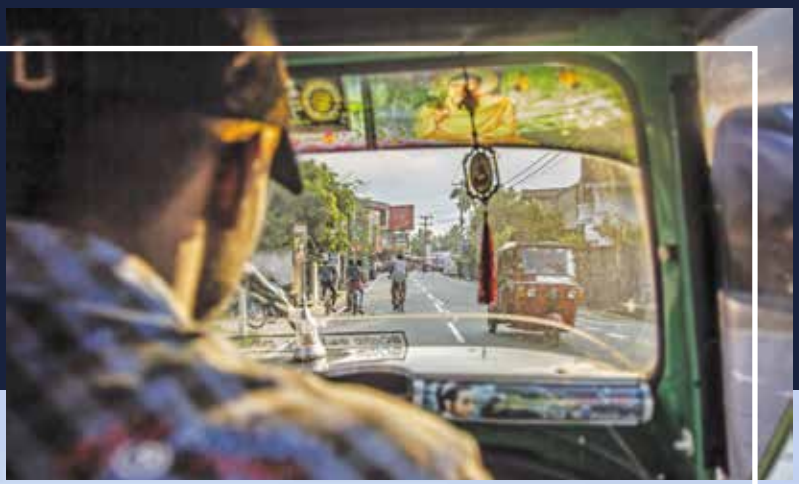
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SMALL GROUP TOUR

Wonders of Sri Lanka

Discover Sri Lanka's ancient cities, sacred sites and diverse landscapes, from Sigiriya and Kandy to Yala wildlife, tea country and Galle's colonial fort and coast.

13 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 26 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: A530

DEPARTURE MONTHS

August - April

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVAL COLOMBO
Arrive in Colombo, where historic landmarks and modern city life meet. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a rooftop dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00 and 16:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | SEE THE SIGHTS OF COLOMBO
Explore Colombo by tuk-tuk, travelling from colonial-era landmarks to the lively streets of Pettah Market. Stop at the distinctive Red Mosque, visit the Dutch-built Wolvendaal Church and continue to Gangaramaya Temple. End the day at historic Hotel Nippon, where you'll sample its famous mutton roll. **(B)**

DAY 3 | VILLAGE LIFE IN HIRIWADUNNA
Journey inland to Hiriwadunna and experience traditional village life among the surrounding farmland. Enjoy a Farm-to-Table lunch before visiting the Ibbankatuwa Megalithic Tombs, where ancient stone burial chambers offer insight into Sri Lanka's early history. Later, continue to Dambulla and relax at your lakeside hotel. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Jetwing Lake, Dambulla

DAY 4 | EARLY HERITAGE IN ANURADHAPURA
Visit UNESCO-listed Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka's ancient capital, where stupas, monasteries and reservoirs reflect the island's rich heritage. At Isurumuniya Temple, observe a monk-led blessing ceremony before visiting a village known for its traditional pottery. Later, you may choose to join an optional safari in Minneriya National Park to spot Asian elephants in their natural habitat. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | EXPLORE THE ANCIENT SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS
This morning, choose between climbing the UNESCO-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress or visiting a nearby botanical garden. Later, explore the ancient city of Polonnaruwa with a Local Expert, discovering the remains of Sri Lanka's former capital. End the day with dinner at your hotel, featuring flame-grilled local flavours. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 | INTO THE HILLS OF KANDY
Travel to Sri Lanka's cultural heart, beginning at the Dambulla Cave Temple, renowned for its Buddha statues and colourful murals. Continue to Kandy for a small group visit to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, including special access near the sacred casket. This evening, enjoy a traditional Kandyan dance performance. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cinnamon Citadel Kandy

DAY 7 | CULTURAL KANDY
Experience village life in Yatiwawala as you walk through rice fields and spice gardens, visit a local market and learn about traditional Ayurvedic remedies. Join a local host to prepare

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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a traditional meal before exploring the Royal Botanical Gardens. Later, choose between a guided walking tour of Kandy or a cruise along the Mahaweli River. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 8 | ALL ABOARD THE TRAIN TO NUWARA ELIYA
Board a train through Sri Lanka's scenic highlands, passing tea plantations and mountain views. In Nuwara Eliya, visit a tea estate and head into the fields for a hands-on insight into Ceylon tea production, followed by a tasting. Explore landmarks including Gregory Lake before traditional high tea at the Grand Hotel. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand, Nuwara Eliya

DAY 9 | THROUGH THE LOWLANDS TO YALA NATIONAL PARK
Travel south from Nuwara Eliya as the highlands give way to the lowlands. Visit Kataragama, one of Sri Lanka's most important pilgrimage centres, before arriving in Yala and settling into your coastal retreat between the national park and the shoreline. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Jetwing Yala

DAY 10 | YALA NATIONAL PARK SAFARI
Explore Yala National Park on morning and evening game drives with an expert ranger. Search for Asian elephants, crocodiles and the elusive Sri Lankan leopard as you travel through varied landscapes. Between safaris, you may choose to join a guided nature walk and discover the region's rich birdlife. **(B) (L) (D)**

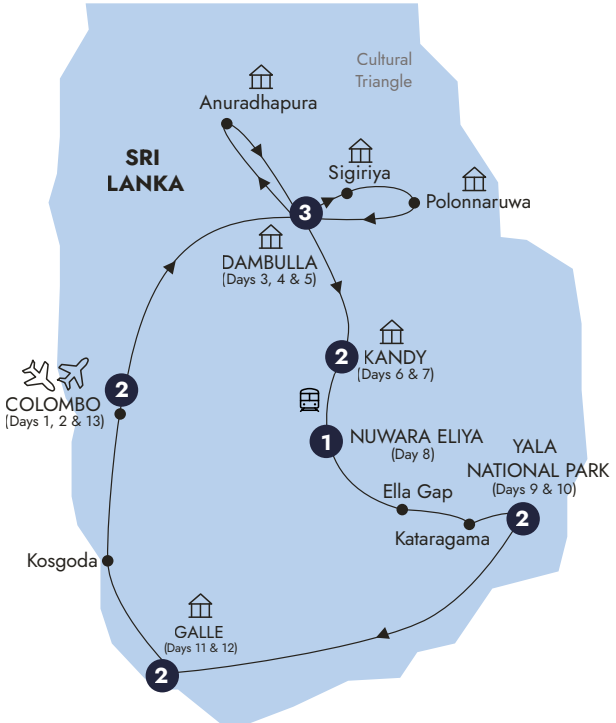
DAY 11 | ALONG THE COAST TO GALLE
Travel along Sri Lanka's southern coast, stopping in Weligama to meet traditional stilt fishermen. Continue to UNESCO-listed Galle Fort, where Portuguese and Dutch influences have shaped the historic streets. Explore the fort with your Travel Director, visiting key landmarks before ending at the lighthouse for sweeping views across the Indian Ocean.**(B)**
Hotel: Jetwing Lighthouse, Galle

DAY 12 | GALLE AT LEISURE
Spend the day at leisure, relaxing at your hotel or exploring Galle's historic streets and coast. Optional Experiences today include an early whale-watching cruise, or a morning visit to a cinnamon estate to learn about its cultivation. In the afternoon, you can opt to take a boat trip on Koggala Lake. End the day with a relaxing dinner at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 13 | GOODBYE SRI LANKA
Spend your final morning at leisure before visiting a sea turtle conservation centre during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn about conservation efforts and, if in season, see hatchlings released. Afterwards, say goodbye to your Travel Director and fellow travellers when you transfer to the airport. Please ensure your flight booking departs after 20:00. **(B) (RS)**

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Sigiriya | *Insight Choice* Climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress and admire the breathtaking views below, *or* visit the beautifully landscaped Sigiriya's Royal Gardens boasting advanced irrigation techniques.

Kandy | Join the daily puja ceremony for a rare glimpse of the casket housing the Sacred Tooth Relic, believed to have belonged to the Buddha.

Nuwara Eliya | Visit a tea estate and factory before heading into the fields for an insight into Ceylon tea production. Dressed in traditional attire, you'll take part in tea picking or observe how the plants are maintained.

Yala National Park | Embark on morning and evening game drives through Sri Lanka's most celebrated national park, where dry woodlands, open grasslands and coastal lagoons create a habitat for diverse wildlife.

Galle | Meet Weligama's stilt fishermen using a unique, time-honoured technique on wooden stilts.
Walk through the cobbled streets of the 16th-century UNESCO-listed fort.

Kosgoda | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit Victor Hasselblad Sea Turtle Research & Conservation Centre and learn about the threats facing the marine creatures, from habitat loss to pollution. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainability Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

Premium Dining

Colombo | Sit down to dinner on a rooftop overlooking the city's skyline.

Habarana | Enjoy a Farm-to-Table lunch at Hiriwadunna Community, featuring authentic Sri Lankan dishes made with locally sourced ingredients and served in a scenic rural setting.

Dambulla | Gather for a Sri Lankan barbecue dinner where fragrant spices and fresh local ingredients take centre stage.

Nuwara Eliya | Savour a traditional high tea in the Grand Hotel, a colonial-era landmark in Sri Lanka's hill country.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

SMALL GROUP TOUR

Kenya Safari with Maasai Mara

Journey through Kenya's safari country, spotting wildlife in Ol Pejeta Conservancy and the Maasai Mara, visiting a Maasai village and learning about conservation efforts.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 23 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE NAIROBI
Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya's vibrant capital and the gateway to East Africa's great safari landscapes. You'll be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel before joining your Driver Guide and fellow small group travellers for dinner, a relaxed introduction to the journey ahead. **(D)**
Hotel: Hyatt Place Nairobi Westlands

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director 18:30.

DAY 2 | NAIROBI SIGHTSEEING
Today, discover Nairobi's mix of wildlife and city highlights. Begin with a game drive in Nairobi National Park, where savanna stretches beneath the city skyline. Continue to the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage to see the elephants at their midday feed. After lunch at Karen Blixen Cottages & Restaurant, visit the Karen Blixen Museum, former home of the Out of Africa author. Later, take in key landmarks including Parliament Buildings, Kenyatta Avenue, City Market and the KICC. This evening, enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner at Shamba Cafe. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 3 | OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY
Travel to Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Laikipia County, where open plains, acacia woodland and views towards Mount Kenya define one of Kenya's leading conservation areas. Home to the Big Five, East Africa's largest black rhino sanctuary and the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary, Ol Pejeta brings wildlife and conservation together in one remarkable landscape. On arrival, head to Maisha Sweetwaters Camp and settle into your waterhole-view tent. You'll set out on an afternoon game drive in search of plains game, birdlife and some of the conservancy's rarer species, stopping for a sundowner in the bush before returning to camp for dinner. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Maisha Sweetwaters Camp - Waterhole View

DAY 4 | MEET RHINOS IN OL PEJETA
Enjoy a relaxed start before your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, where you'll visit Fatu and Najin, the last two northern white rhinos on Earth, and hear from a ranger about the protection and scientific work surrounding their future. Continue to the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary, opened in 1993 with the help of Dr. Jane Goodall and still the only place in Kenya where rescued chimpanzees can be seen. Later, return to camp for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, relax at Maisha Sweetwaters Camp or choose an Optional Experience and head back into the conservancy on a night game drive. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | CONTINUE TO LAKE NAIVASHA
Set out by road this morning, travelling south towards the Rift Valley for a Farm-to-Table lunch at Ranch House Bistro. With papyrus-fringed edges

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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and rich birdlife, this peaceful setting offers a quieter change of scene. The rest of your day is at leisure to settle in, sit by the pool and enjoy the lodge's wildlife-rich setting, or choose an Optional Experience and head out on horseback through the grounds before dinner. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Naivasha Sopa Lodge

DAY 6 | EXPLORE THE WILDLIFE OF LAKE NAIVASHA

Ease into the day on Lake Naivasha, a shallow freshwater lake in the Great Rift Valley, ringed by acacia woodland and known for its rich birdlife and resident hippos. A boat safari brings you close to this lakeside world, with the chance to spot hippos in the water and fish eagles overhead. Back on land, explore further with Insight Choice. Join a guided walk on Crescent Island, where zebra, giraffe and antelope roam freely across the open grassland, or return to the lodge for a birdwatching walk through its acacia-dotted grounds. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the setting, or choose an Optional Experience to Hell's Gate National Park. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 7 | ONTO MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Set out for the Maasai Mara National Reserve, where wide grasslands and riverine forest mark one of Kenya's most celebrated wildlife landscapes, home to the Big Five and shaped by the Mara River. Later, head into the reserve for an afternoon game drive as the light begins to soften across the plains. This evening, settle in at Mara Maisha Camp and dine on the open terrace, with the sounds of the Mara carrying through camp after dark. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Mara Maisha Camp

DAY 8 | EXPLORE THE FAMOUS MAASAI MARA

Spend the day in the Maasai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives through one of Africa's most iconic safari landscapes, home to the Big Five and an abundance of wildlife. Between drives, visit a traditional Maasai village for an insight into local culture before returning to camp. This evening, enjoy a private bush barbeque dinner on your last evening in Kenya. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 9 | FAREWELL NAIROBI

Return to Nairobi, where a day room at an airport hotel is yours to use until 6 pm before your onward flight. There's space to freshen up, relax and reflect on your journey through Kenya before it's time to say goodbye and make your way to the airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

Zanzibar Option

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Nairobi National Park | Visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi National Park and watch orphaned elephants arrive for their midday milk feed and mud bath.

Ol Pejeta | Visit Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary, the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees. Established in 1993, it cares for chimpanzees rescued from the illegal wildlife trade and showcases Ol Pejeta's conservation work.

Lake Naivasha | Head out onto Lake Naivasha by boat, where calm freshwater, rich birdlife and resident hippos shape one of the Rift Valley's most distinctive wildlife experiences.

Lake Naivasha | *Insight Choice* Step onto Crescent Island for a guided walk among the wildlife that roams freely across its open grassland, *or* join a guided birdwatching walk in the grounds of Naivasha Sopa Lodge, where acacia-dotted lawns and the lake environment attract a wide variety of birdlife.

Maasai Mara National Reserve | Visit a Maasai village for an insight into one of East Africa's best-known pastoral communities. Meet members of the community and learn about traditional customs, daily life and the famous jumping dance that forms part of Maasai ceremonial tradition.

Ol Pejeta | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit Najin and Fatu at Ol Pejeta Conservancy and come face to face with the last two northern white rhinos in the world. As a ranger shares their story, you'll hear how science, protection and round-the-clock care now shape one of conservation's most urgent efforts. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Nairobi | Enjoy lunch at Karen Blixen Garden and Cottages, and learn about the writer's life in Kenya, her coffee farm and the history that shaped this part of Nairobi. Enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner at Shamba Cafe in Nairobi's Loresho district.

Lake Naivasha | Sit down to a Farm-To-Table lunch at Ranch House Bistro on the shores of Lake Naivasha, known for its papyrus-fringed edges and birdlife.

Maasai Mara National Reserve | Enjoy a private bush barbecue dinner in the Maasai Mara.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

SMALL GROUP TOUR

Tanzania Safari with Serengeti

Morning and sunset game drives shape this Tanzania safari, from Tarangire's elephants and baobabs to Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti plains and community visits.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 20 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: YF680/YF681

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO TANZANIA

Welcome to Tanzania, a country of volcanic highlands, vast savannahs and celebrated wildlife regions. On arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport, transfer to Lake Duluti Lodge, set on a working coffee farm beside a volcanic crater lake. Before dinner, you may wish to join a coffee plantation tour. This evening, meet your Driver Guide and fellow travellers for dinner before your first night in East Africa. **(D)**
Hotel: Lake Duluti Lodge

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director 18:30.

DAY 2 | ONTO TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

Begin the day in Arusha with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Shanga, a social enterprise that trains and employs Tanzanians with disabilities through craft. As you walk through the workshop, watch weaving, glassblowing, beading, paper making and metalwork, many pieces made using recycled materials. Continue to Tarangire National Park for lunch and an afternoon game drive. Known for its elephant herds, baobab trees and strong game viewing, Tarangire offers a memorable introduction to safari. Later, continue to your camp for dinner and the evening. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Tarangire Kuro Treetops

DAY 3 | DISCOVER TARANGIRE'S WILDLIFE

Explore Tarangire in the cooler morning hours, when wildlife is most active, and enjoy breakfast in the bush surrounded by the park's open savannah and riverine woodland. Return to camp for lunch and leisure time before an afternoon game drive, sundowners in the bush and the opportunity to visit a Maasai village.
(B) (L) (D)

DAY 4 | CULTURE AND NATURE IN NGORONGORO

Set out before sunrise for a final game drive in Tarangire, when the early light and cooler hours bring a different feel to the park before you continue towards the Ngorongoro Highlands. Stop at Gibb's Farm for a Farm-to-Table lunch and a tour of the estate, where coffee, fruit, vegetables and herbs are grown on the fertile slopes outside Karatu. This evening, you may wish to relax at the lodge, take in the highland setting or enjoy the views across the coffee country around Oldeani. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Oldeani Ngorongoro Lodge

DAY 5 | VISIT HADZABE COMMUNITY AND LAKE EYASI

Travel to Lake Eyasi, a seasonal soda lake on the floor of the Great Rift Valley, where today's visits focus on two of northern Tanzania's communities. Spend time with the Hadzabe,

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

learning about their hunting, gathering and traditional way of life, including food preparation, daily skills and their distinctive click language. After lunch, continue to the Datoga, known for cattle keeping and blacksmithing. Explore further with Insight Choice. You may choose to join a Swahili lesson with a Local Expert, or walk with your Driver Guide through a Karatu village known for its markets, farming and mix of communities. Return to your lodge for dinner. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 6 | SEE THE WILDLIFE OF NGORONGORO CRATER AND SERENGETI
Descend into Ngorongoro Crater for a morning game drive across the floor of the world's largest intact volcanic caldera, where year-round water and grazing support a high concentration of wildlife. Pause for a picnic lunch before continuing west towards Serengeti National Park. From the Maasai word Siringet, meaning "wide endless plains", Serengeti is Tanzania's first national park and one of Africa's most recognised safari landscapes. Arrive at camp in time for dinner and a free evening in the Serengeti. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Ole Serai Luxury Camp

DAY 7 | EXPLORE SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
Spend the day on game drives in Serengeti National Park, continuing your exploration of one of Africa's most important wildlife areas. Look out for lion, elephant, giraffe, zebra and antelope as you travel through the park, with changing wildlife activity across the plains and around the kopjes. This evening, return to camp for dinner in a traditional boma setting, where the circular layout and fireside atmosphere reflect a style of enclosure long used across East Africa. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 8 | FAREWELL SERENGETI
Transfer to the Serengeti airstrip for your flight to Arusha, with the chance to spot wildlife on the way as you make your final journey across the park. Lifting off from the Serengeti gives you a last view of the landscape that has shaped your safari, from open plains to winding tracks below. On arrival in Arusha, continue towards Kilimanjaro for a day room at an airport hotel where you'll have time to freshen up and relax before your onward journey. You'll transfer to Kilimanjaro International, where you'll say goodbye to your Driver Guide and your small group as your Tanzania journey comes to an end. **(B)**

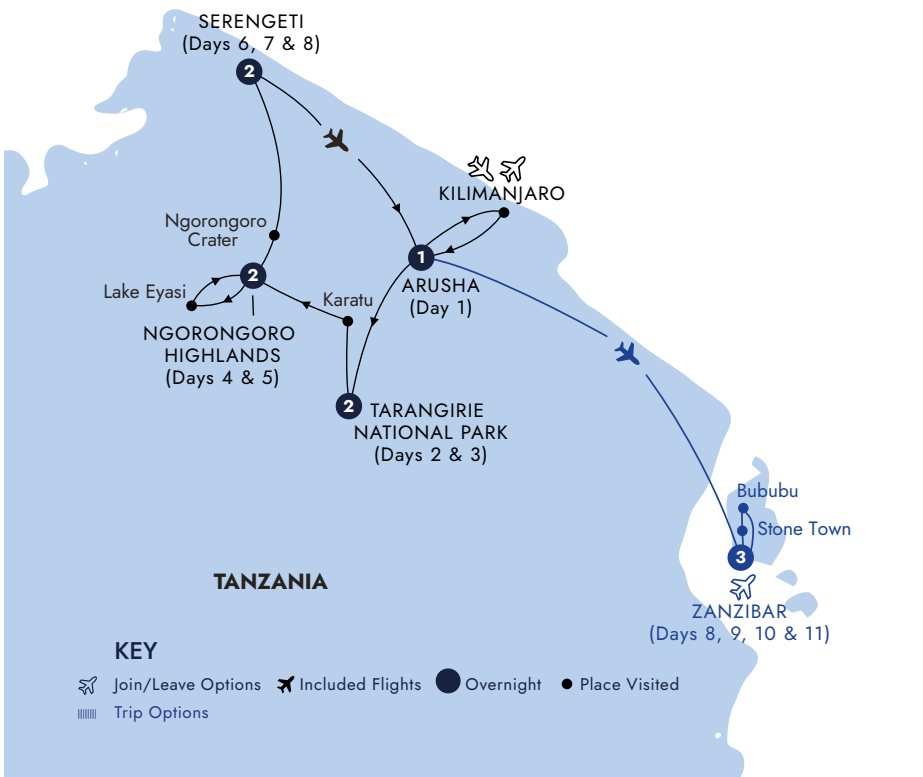
TRANSFERS: Transfer from Arusha Airport to Kilimanjaro for a day room at Planet Lodge Kilimanjaro. Onward shuttle transfers will be included to the international airport for onward travel.

Zanzibar Option

Personalise your holiday by adding a three-day Zanzibar extension. Scan the QR code opposite and select your options for itinerary details.

Small Group Tours

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Tarangire National Park | Explore Tarangire in the late afternoon, when wildlife moves through the bush in the cooler hours. As the sun lowers, stop for a sundowner in the wilderness and watch the changing light across one of northern Tanzania's most celebrated safari landscapes.

Lake Eyasi | Meet the Hadzabe near Lake Eyasi and learn about one of East Africa's last hunter-gatherer communities. Meet the Datoga, a pastoral community of the Lake Eyasi region known for cattle keeping and blacksmithing. Learn more about the metalworking traditions, and how these long-established skills continue to shape daily life in this part of northern Tanzania.

Arusha | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit a social enterprise that trains and employs Tanzanians with disabilities, supporting meaningful employment, skills development and a long-running community project in northern Tanzania. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Tarangire National Park | Enjoy a private bush breakfast served in an exclusive wilderness setting. With your small group, there's time to relax over breakfast in the open air, take in the sounds of the landscape and watch for wildlife moving through the surrounding bush.

Karatu | Enjoy lunch at Gibb's Farm, a historic coffee estate founded in the 1920s on the fertile slopes outside Karatu.

Ngorongoro Crater | Picnic on the floor of Ngorongoro Crater, with open grassland, lake water and the steep caldera walls around you.

Serengeti | Gather for dinner in a traditional boma, where the open fire and enclosed setting bring everyone together after a day in the Serengeti.

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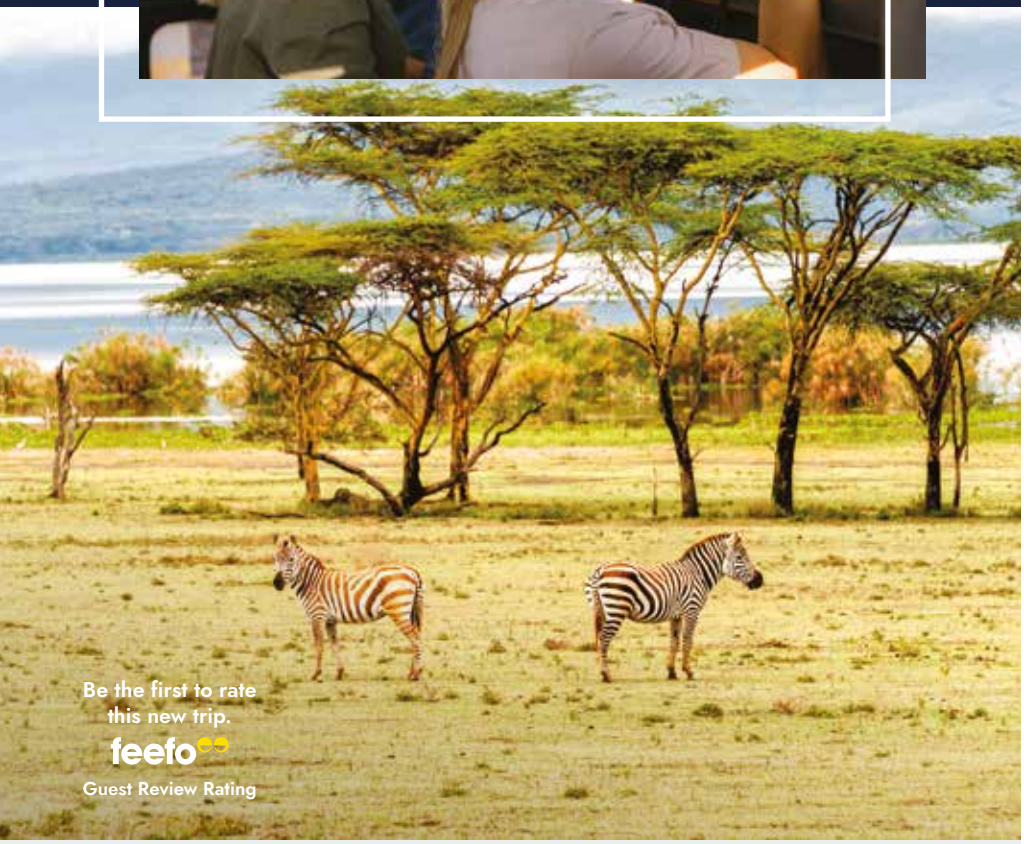
SMALL GROUP TOUR

Kenya & Tanzania Safari

Travel through Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar, discovering iconic safari landscapes, extraordinary wildlife, vibrant cultures and Indian Ocean shores.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 43 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: YF675/YF676

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE NAIROBI
Arrive in Nairobi and transfer to your hotel. This evening, meet your Driver Guide and fellow travellers over dinner for an introduction to the journey ahead. **(D)**
Hotel: Hyatt Place Nairobi Westlands

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director 18:30.

DAY 2 | NAIROBI SIGHTSEEING
Explore Nairobi, starting with a game drive in Nairobi National Park. Visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, enjoy lunch at Karen Blixen Cottages, then tour the Karen Blixen Museum. See key landmarks before a farm-to-table dinner at Shamba Cafe. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 3 | OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY
Travel to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, home to the Big Five and leading conservation projects. Settle into camp and enjoy an afternoon game drive with a bush sundowner before dinner. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Maisha Sweetwaters Camp - Waterhole View

DAY 4 | MEET RHINOS IN OL PEJETA
Visit the last two northern white rhinos during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and tour the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Afternoon at leisure or optional night game drive. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | CONTINUE TO LAKE NAIVASHA
Enjoy a game drive before travelling to Lake Naivasha for lunch. Continue to Naivasha Sopa Lodge, with the rest of the day at leisure in its wildlife-rich setting. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Naivasha Sopa Lodge

DAY 6 | EXPLORE THE WILDLIFE OF LAKE NAIVASHA
Take a boat safari to spot hippos and birdlife. Choose between a Crescent Island walking safari or lodge-based birdwatching. Optional visit to Hell's Gate National Park. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 7 | ONTO MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE
Travel to the Maasai Mara. Enjoy an afternoon game drive. Dinner at camp. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Mara Maisha Camp

DAY 8 | EXPLORE THE FAMOUS MAASAI MARA
Full-day exploration with morning and afternoon game drives. Visit a Maasai village to learn about traditions, then end with a private bush barbecue dinner. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 9 | TRAVEL TO TANZANIA
Return to Nairobi and fly to Kilimanjaro. Transfer to Arusha and explore a coffee plantation before dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Lake Duluti Lodge

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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DAY 10 | ONTO TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK
Visit Shanga, a social enterprise, then continue to Tarangire National Park for lunch and an afternoon game drive, known for elephants and baobabs. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Tarangire Kuro Treetops

DAY 11 | DISCOVER TARANGIRE'S WILDLIFE
Enjoy a morning game drive followed by a bush breakfast. Spend the afternoon at leisure, then head out on an evening game drive with a sundowner. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 12 | CULTURE AND NATURE IN NGORONGORO
Final Tarangire drive before heading to Ngorongoro. Stop at Gibb's Farm for lunch. Evening at leisure. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Oldeani Ngorongoro Lodge

DAY 13 | VISIT HADZABE COMMUNITY AND LAKE EYASI
Visit the Hadzabe community to learn about their traditional lifestyle and skills, then meet the Datoga people known for blacksmithing. Choose a Swahili lesson or village walk. Return to the lodge. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 14 | SEE THE WILDLIFE OF NGORONGORO CRATER AND SERENGETI
Descend into Ngorongoro Crater for a game drive and picnic lunch. Continue to Serengeti National Park for your first night in this iconic landscape. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Ole Serai Luxury Camp

DAY 15 | EXPLORE SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK
Spend the day on game drives across Serengeti's plains, spotting abundant wildlife. Dinner at camp in a traditional boma setting. **(B) (L) (D)**

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Nairobi National Park | Visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi National Park and watch orphaned elephants arrive for their midday milk feed and mud bath.

Maasai Mara National Reserve | Visit a Maasai village for an insight into one of East Africa's best-known pastoral communities. Meet members of the community and learn about traditional customs, daily life and the famous jumping dance that forms part of Maasai ceremonial tradition.

Ngorongoro | *Insight Choice* Join a Local Expert for an introduction to Swahili, the language spoken across much of Tanzania and East Africa, *or* walk through Mto wa Mbu with your Driver Guide and spend time in one of northern Tanzania's most distinctive village communities.

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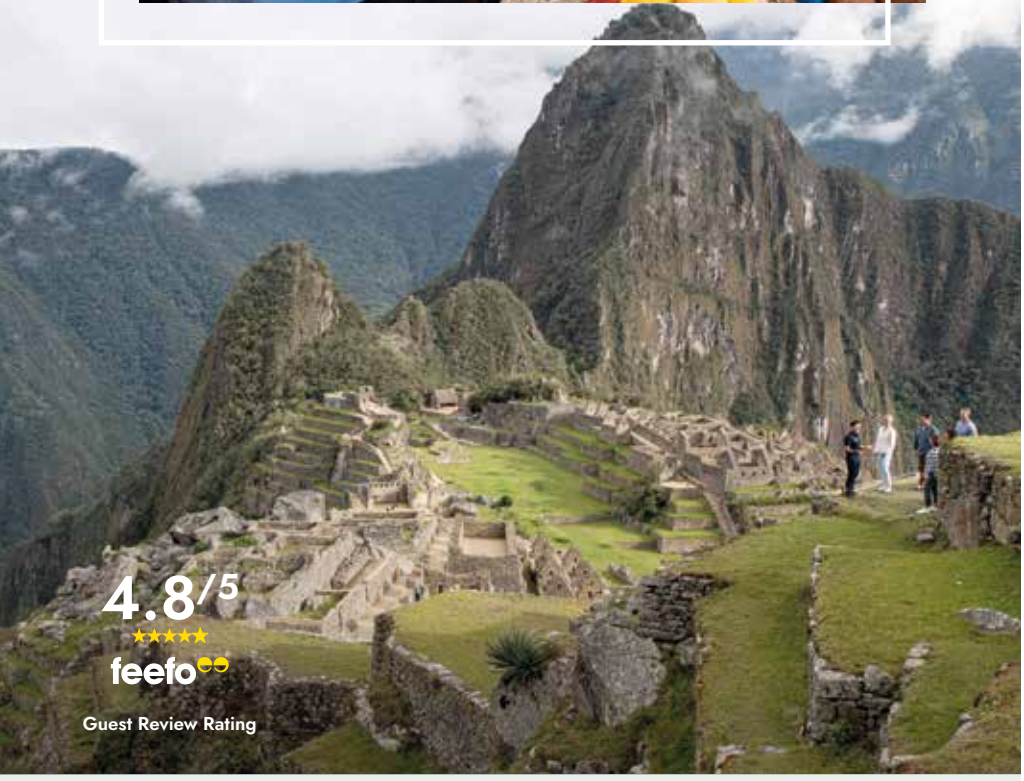
Peru with Machu Picchu

Explore a country rich in ancient heritage as you tour the Koricancha temple, journey through the Sacred Valley to Machu Picchu and discover the Inca ruins of Ollantaytambo.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | DYNAMIC

WOMEN-ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: ZPER/ZPERP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - November

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LIMA
Arrive in Lima for the first day of your journey. Unwind at your hotel, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers in the evening for dinner with drinks. **(D)**
Hotel: MGallery Manto, Lima

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE LIMA
Explore the colourful capital of Peru this morning with your Local Expert. Visit Casa Aliaga, an impressive mansion that has been home to the Aliaga family for 17 generations. For art lovers, one of today's highlights is the visit to Museo Larco, South America's highest-rated museum. Enjoy lunch amidst the museum's stunning gardens before a guided visit with a Local Expert. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 3 | LIMA TO SACRED VALLEY
After a morning flight to Cusco, begin your exploration with a tour of the Sacred Valley, while taking in impressive views on your scenic drive along the way. Enjoy lunch at Altar Inca, surrounded by some of the most amazing sights of the region. Arrive at your hotel for a leisurely evening. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Aranwa Sacred Valley, Urubamba

DAY 4 | EXPLORE SACRED VALLEY
Spend the day in the Sacred Valley, where you'll visit the Maras Salt Mines with a Local Expert and see thousands of terraced pools used to harvest salt. In Moray, you'll see circular terraces, created by the Incas for what many believe were agricultural experimentation purposes. Later, head to Laguna Piuray for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience weaving demonstration, revealing how textiles continue to shape personal and regional identity in the Andes. Then continue to Laguna Piuray for a memorable cultural experience. Sit down to a traditional lunch, cooked in the earth with hot stones and accompanied by local musicians, before learning to play the zampoña, a traditional Andean panpipe. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 5 | EXPLORE MACHU PICCHU
Begin the day in Ollantaytambo, where the surviving stone streets and terraces still reflect the layout of an Inca town. Visit the ruins with a Local Expert, then stop at a local home and learn more about daily life in the village. Later, enjoy your travels as you board IncaRail's The Prime train to Machu Picchu Pueblo. On arrival, visit Machu Picchu with a Local Expert, who will guide you through the 15th-century citadel and explain the significance of its architecture, engineering and mountain setting. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Sumaq Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | MACHU PICCHU AT LEISURE
Take in the beauty and history of Machu Picchu for a second time, spending your morning exploring at your own pace. The remainder of your day is at your leisure for further exploration or relaxation. **(B)**

DAY 7 | ON TO CUSCO
Board your IncaRail 360 train to Ollantaytambo after breakfast, then continue to Cusco. You'll join a Local Expert for a walking tour through the old centre, including Plaza Mayor, the 12-Angled Stone and Koricancha, once the most important temple in the Inca Empire. Enjoy an after-hours visit to the Cusco Planetarium to see the southern sky through dome projections, Inca constellations and Andean astronomy, with telescope observation when conditions allow. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: JW Marriott El Convento, Cusco

DAY 8 | EXPLORING CUSCO
Explore the Inca sites above Cusco this morning, where ceremonial spaces, defensive outposts and monumental stonework reveal how the empire shaped its capital. Visit Tambomachay, Puka Pukara and Qenqo before continuing to Sacsayhuaman, whose vast zigzag walls still overlook the city. After lunch, explore further with Insight Choice. Tour San Pedro Market with a Local Expert or visit Cusco Cathedral on Plaza de Armas. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 9 | LEISURE TIME IN CUSCO
Today, explore Cusco at your own pace. Perhaps join an optional visit to the ChocoMuseum or lace up your boots for a scenic hike to Rainbow Mountain. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a memorable dinner at Inka Grill. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | DEPART CUSCO
It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your trip comes to an end. Take a private transfer to Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.

Nazca Lines Option

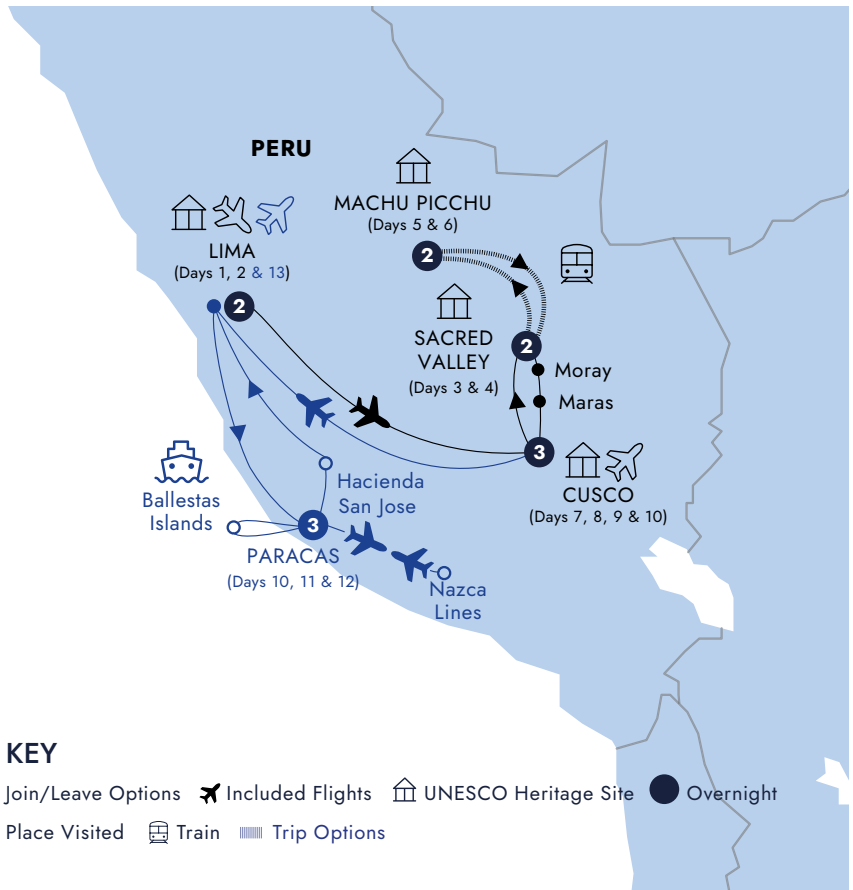
Customise your holiday by adding a four-day extension to Paracas including a flight over the Nazca Lines.

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Women-Only Option

We also offer a Women-Only version of this tour, designed by women, for women, and averaging 18 travellers. See more on page 177, visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent for details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lima | Explore Peru's buzzing capital with your Local Expert and visit Casa Aliaga, the 17-generation home of the Aliaga family.

Sacred Valley | Explore Maras' centuries-old salt pans, still harvested by local families, and Moray's terraced agricultural laboratory, where the Incas tested crops. Visit the Ollantaytambo ruins built in the 1400s.

Machu Picchu | Enjoy a guided visit to Peru's most iconic site with a Local Expert. Journey in style on IncaRail's THE PRIME on the way to Machu Picchu.

Cusco | Explore the "historic capital" of Peru with your Local Expert. Enjoy an after-hours Planetarium visit to learn how the Incas interpreted the stars. Visit the Incan archaeological site of Sacsayhuaman.

Cusco | Insight Choice Explore San Pedro Market and connect with local vendors, *or* join a Local Expert as you visit the Cusco Cathedral.

Sacred Valley | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Visit a local traditional Quechua weaver for a private textile presentation and learn about ancient techniques and their cultural significance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Lima | Discover traditional flavours in Museo Larco's 18th-century garden.

Sacred Valley | Enjoy a Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast, on the shores of Laguna Piuray with live music.

Cusco | Savour a slow-cooked Cusquenian lunch in the courtyard of a historic mansion.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

SMALL GROUP TOUR

Heart of Patagonia

Explore national parks, cruise past glaciers and walk beneath the Andes. You'll discover traditional ranch life and meet a glacier expert in this striking region.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: ZPAT

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - April, October - November

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

DAY 1 | TOUCHDOWN IN CHILE
Welcome to Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital nestled between the Andes and the Pacific. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Settle in, and meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers over a relaxed dinner, looking forward to the journey ahead. **(D)**
Hotel: NOI Vitacura, Santiago

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | SIGHTS OF SANTIAGO
Discover Santiago's soul with your Local Expert. Admire neoclassical architecture, visit the bustling Central Market and take in city views from Parque Bicentenario. At Pueblito Los Dominicos, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet artisans preserving the art of horsehair weaving, a cherished tradition in southern Chile. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | ON TO PUERTO NATALES
Fly south to Punta Arenas, gateway to Patagonia. Cross the vast steppe to Puerto Natales, a quiet town on Seno Última Esperanza. Here, glacier-fed waters and distant peaks offer your first taste of Patagonia's rugged beauty. **(B)**
Hotel: Costa Australis, Puerto Natales

DAY 4 | ÚLTIMA ESPERANZA FJORD
Cross the waters of Última Esperanza Fjord by boat, arriving at Estancia La Península: a working Patagonian ranch set amidst breathtaking southern scenery. You're welcomed with traditional sopaipillas, crispy fried pumpkin dough, served with homemade jam before choosing your own way to explore the landscape. Ride horseback along trails once used by gauchos or join a guided hike through wetlands and evergreen forest, rich in birdlife and native flora. Later, gather for a slow-roasted lamb barbecue, then watch skilled sheepdogs at work and learn about shearing techniques that have shaped rural life in Patagonia for generations. **(B) (L)**

DAY 5 | PUERTO NATALES TO TORRES DEL PAINE
Enter Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Settle in at Hotel Las Torres Patagonia. You may wish to discover the traditions of Patagonian horsemen, whose bond with the land and their horses is central to life in the south, or explore the hotel's organic gardens and learn how sustainable practises support the fragile local ecosystem. Both experiences offer a unique window into the spirit of Patagonia. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Las Torres Patagonia/Rio Serrano, Torres del Paine National Park

DAY 6 | TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK
Uncover the contrasts of Torres del Paine. Visit panoramic lookouts at Puente Negro,

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Nordenskjöld, Sarmiento and Lake Pehoé, and witness the force of Salto Grande waterfall. Pause for a gourmet al fresco lunch set against jagged peaks. Walk along Lago Grey, where icebergs drift from the glacier. Reflect over dinner amid this untouched wilderness. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 7 | EL CALAFATE AND LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK
Travel into Argentina to El Calafate, gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Named after the native berry believed to guarantee a return, this remote town marks your transition from Chilean to Argentine Patagonia. **(B)**
Hotel: Mirador del Lago, El Calafate

DAY 8 | GLACIERS OF PATAGONIA
Set out on a full-day exploration of Los Glaciares National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site home to some of Patagonia's spectacular ice fields. Cruise across Argentino Lake, passing massive icebergs en route to the Upsala Glacier, one of the largest in South America. Continue through the Spegazzini Channel to view its towering namesake glacier, the park's tallest. Disembark for a guided nature walk through native lenga forest, then enjoy a scenic lunch aboard the boat before getting up close to Perito Moreno Glacier. Wander the boardwalks for panoramic views and, if lucky, witness calving ice. **(B) (L)**

DAY 9 | PERITO MORENO GLACIER
Enjoy a full day at leisure in El Calafate to strollalong the shores of Lago Argentino or visit the Glaciarium Patagonia Ice Museum. This evening, discover a different side of Patagonia with a visit to a family-owned chacra for a home-made dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | OFF TO BUENOS AIRES
Fly north to Buenos Aires, Argentina's lively capital. Trade wild landscapes for grand boulevards, tree-lined streets and a spirited urban culture. **(B)**
Hotel: Sofitel Recoleta, Buenos Aires

DAY 11 | EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES
Take a deep dive into Buenos Aires on a city tour through its historical and cultural heart. From Teatro Colón and Plaza de Mayo to colourful La Boca and refined Recoleta, each district reveals a different facet of the city. End your journey with a farewell dinner and tango show at El Viejo Almacén in San Telmo for a fitting finale. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | DEPART BUENOS AIRES
Your journey comes to an end as you bid farewell to your Travel Director and fellow guests before your transfer to the airport. **(B)**

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Santiago | Discover Neoclassical landmarks and panoramic views with a Local Expert.

Puerto Natales | *Insight Choice* Explore the sweeping Patagonian landscape on horseback, *or* explore the rich biodiversity of the peninsula on a hike with a Local Expert.

Torres del Paine National Park | *Insight Choice* Meet the baqueanos and learn the Patagonian way of life as you sip yerba mate tea with these guardians of local ranching tradition, *or* tour the region's oldest organic kitchens and garden at Reserva Cerro Paine.

Torres del Paine National Park | Take a scenic drive through Chile's Patagonia Region.
Explore the rugged beauty with a hike along the shores of Lago Grey.

El Calafate | Cruise past towering icebergs and glacial cliffs.

Santiago | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Meet southern Chilean artisans at Santiago's Pueblito Los Dominicos and see how delicate strands of horsehair are dyed, woven and transformed into intricate designs. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Puerto Natales | Discover deep-rooted traditions of Chile's southern frontier during a traditional Patagonian lamb barbecue at Estancia La Peninsula.

Torres del Paine National Park | Enjoy a taste of Patagonian tradition during a dinner prepared with fresh ingredients and inspired by the rugged beauty of Torres del Paine.

El Calafate | Discover local farming traditions, gather fresh ingredients and sit down for a rustic, home-cooked dinner.

Buenos Aires | Spend an evening at El Viejo Almacén, one of Buenos Aires' oldest and most revered tango venues. Your dinner is followed by an evocative tango performance celebrating Argentina's living cultural legacy.

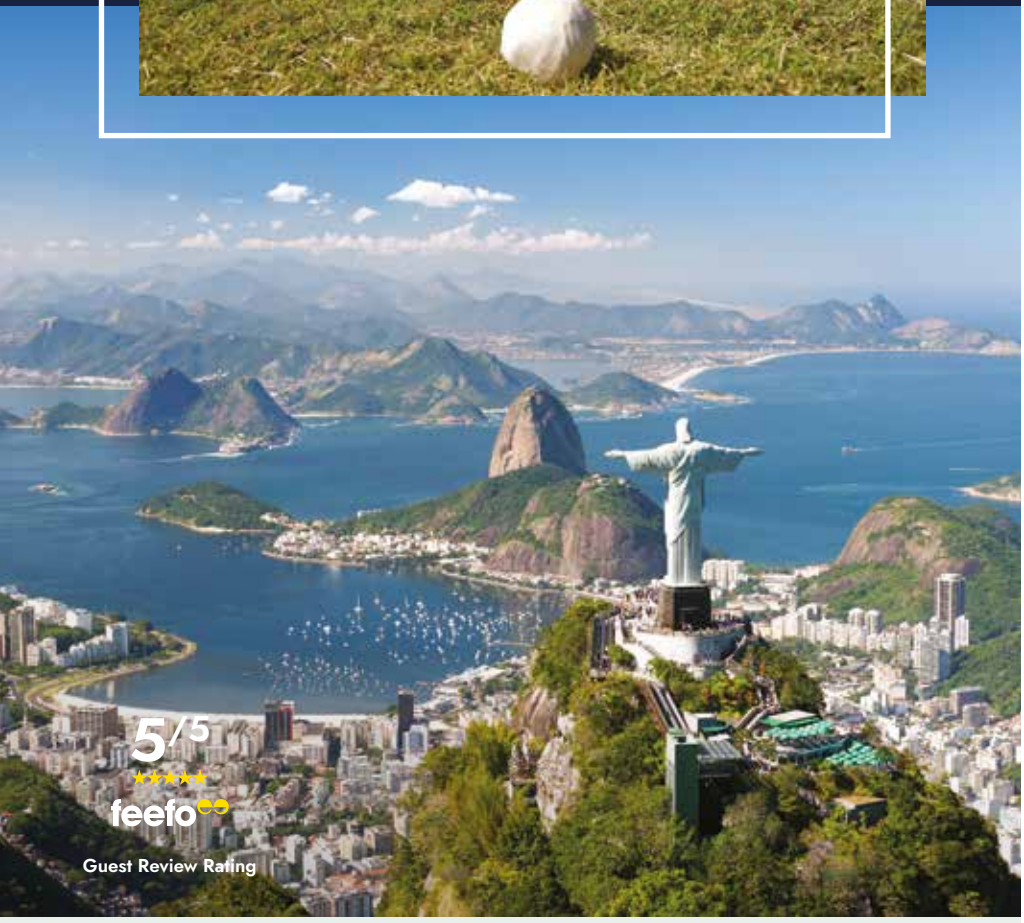
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Contrasts of Brazil & Argentina

From tango halls to rainforest trails, you'll connect with gaucho traditions, take in Atlantic vistas and end with panoramic views from Sugarloaf Mountain.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: ZABR

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - March, September - December

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUENOS AIRES
Welcome to the sophisticated capital of Argentina, often affectionately dubbed the "Paris of South America". On arrival, you'll be transferred to your hand-picked hotel. Take time to settle in and unwind before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Sofitel Recoleta, Buenos Aires

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES
After a relaxed start, gain a deeper understanding of Argentina's identity as you explore the capital with your Travel Director. A guided walking tour takes you through key attractions of this city. Next, immerse yourself in Argentina's grilling culture for lunch at Fogón Asado. This unique dining experience reimagines traditional parrilla cooking, with chefs preparing premium cuts over an open flame, right before your eyes - a contemporary take on one of Argentina's most beloved culinary traditions. In San Telmo, experience an Insightful Encounter at El Viejo Almacén, one of the city's oldest tango venues, where dancers bring this expressive art form to life. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 3 | INTO ARGENTINA'S PAMPAS
Leave the city behind as you journey into fertile lowlands, the Pampas, for a visit to La Bandada, a traditional estancia nestled among open plains and native woodlands. This family-run ranch offers a warm welcome and a glimpse into gaucho heritage, with a lunch of regional specialties served in a relaxed, rustic setting. Later, personalise your experience with Insight Choice. Discover Argentina's national sport with an introduction to polo, where you'll learn about the rules, strategy and enduring popularity of the game (no riding required). Alternatively, step into the kitchen for a hands-on cooking class, where the estancia's chef shares the secrets behind Argentina's beloved empanadas. **(B) (L)**

DAY 4 | IGUAZÚ NATIONAL PARK
Fly north to the province of Misiones, where the subtropical rainforest meets one of South America's greatest natural wonders. The Iguazú River plunges into a series of nearly 300 individual cascades, creating the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls – wider than Victoria and taller than Niagara. As you arrive in Puerto Iguazú, you'll visit a forest-sheltered local market that supports sustainable producers and celebrates regional traditions. Here, enjoy an Insightful Encounter as you discover the story behind Argentina's most iconic drink-mate, a herbal infusion made from the native yerba mate plant. Learn why this energizing tea is more than a beverage – it's a daily ritual and a symbol of hospitality across Argentina. This evening, settle into your

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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premium retreat and the only hotel located inside Iguazú National Park. **(B)**
Hotel: Gran Meliá, Iguazú National Park

DAY 5 | THE ARGENTINIAN SIDE
Explore the Argentinian side of Iguazú Falls with your Local Expert, where a network of trails and walkways reveals the raw beauty of this UNESCO-listed site. Feel the spray on your skin as you approach the roaring Devil's Throat, and witness the power of nature up close from multiple vantage points across the rainforest canopy and riverbanks. In the evening, visit a local finca for a dinner steeped in regional flavour. Set amid native forest, this rural hideaway showcases seasonal produce and time-honoured recipes, offering a relaxed and authentic taste of Misiones province under open skies. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 | OFF TO RIO DE JANEIRO
Wake inside Iguazú National Park and enjoy breakfast overlooking the rainforest canopy. Cross into Brazil with your Local Expert for a guided visit to the eastern side of the falls. Here you can see the entire waterfall system at once, including San Martin Island, from panoramic viewing platforms. Board your flight to Rio de Janeiro, where your hotel sits just moments from Copacabana Beach, one of the most famous attractions in Brazil. From the rooftop, watch the sun dip behind the mountains, or head out to explore the rhythm of local life in the surrounding streets. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Copacabana/Windsor California Copacabana Hotel

DAY 7 | SIGHTSEEING IN RIO
Explore Rio de Janeiro with your Local Expert, discovering neighbourhoods and landmarks that reveal the city's history, culture and natural setting. Enjoy Fast Pass Access as you ride the cable car to Sugarloaf Mountain, where views extend across Guanabara Bay, the city skyline and surrounding peaks. Later, during your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience., delve into the rhythms and roots of Carnival at a samba percussion workshop. Discover the origins of samba and Brazilian music, learn about the instruments that create Carnival's distinctive sound and try playing them yourself. Gain insight into music's central role in the celebrations and why Carnival means far more to Brazilians than a parade. This evening, perhaps join an Optional Experience featuring bold Brazilian flavours and live performance at the atmospheric Aquele Abraço. **(B)**

DAY 8 | EXPLORE RIO DE JANEIRO
With your Local Expert, travel to the summit of Corcovado Mountain for a close look at Christ the Redeemer, one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world. Learn how its design blends engineering innovation with national identity, and take in views across Rio's natural amphitheatre of sea, mountain and city. Later, sit down to a traditional Brazilian barbecue at Assador Churrascaria. Located beside Guanabara Bay, the restaurant pairs classic dishes with one of Rio's most scenic settings. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO
It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your trip comes to an end. You can take an organised transfer to Rio de Janeiro's Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport or continue your exploration of Rio de Janeiro at your leisure. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Buenos Aires | Enjoy a private tango demonstration and engage first-hand with the professional dancers.

Buenos Aires | *Insight Choice* Join a hands-on masterclass as you prepare empanadas, *or* delve into the fast-paced world of polo, Argentina's most prestigious sport.

Puerto Iguazú | Discover the story behind mate, Argentina's most iconic drink made from the native yerba mate plant.

Iguazú Falls | Enjoy breathtaking views from both the Argentinian and Brazilian side of the park with a Local Expert.

Rio de Janeiro | Discover the contrasts between Rio's historic heart and modern spirit, guided by a Local Expert.
Take a cable car ride up to Sugarloaf Mountain with Fast Pass Access.

Rio de Janeiro | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Step into Rio's Carnival backstage, meet its makers, and experience samba firsthand while supporting a community project that transforms young lives. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Buenos Aires | Discover the bold flavours of modern Argentine cuisine during a nine-course Asado Tasting Menu at Fogón Asado.
Experience life on a traditional Argentine ranch in the Pampas with a homemade lunch prepared with ingredients from the estancia's own land.

Iguazú National Park | Explore Guaraní food culture through a fire-cooked meal and live music.

Rio de Janeiro | Dine at one of Rio's most renowned rodízio-style grillhouses.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

SMALL GROUP TOUR

Costa Rica Rainforest

Journey from pre-Columbian heritage sites to misty cloud forests and the wild Pacific coast. Reveal the stories, wildlife and traditions that make this country so captivating.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: YZCR

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO SAN JOSÉ

Arrive in San José, Costa Rica's capital set at 1,100 m (3,609 ft) in the Central Valley between Poás and Irazú volcanoes. Coffee production in the 19th century shaped much of the city's early development, funding institutions such as the National Theatre, completed in 1897 and still operating today. This evening, meet your Travel Director and your small group for dinner. **(D)**

Hotel: Intercontinental, San José

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE COSTA RICA'S CAPITAL

Begin with a before-hours visit to the Pre-Columbian Gold Museum with your Local Expert, then step out on a walking city tour through central San José. You'll take in Plaza de la Cultura and the Teatro Nacional de Costa Rica, continue to Plaza de la Democracia y de la Abolición and the National Museum of Costa Rica, finishing in Parque Nacional. Later, take part in an authentic experience at the home of Randall and Doña Aradina, spending time in their orchid garden before lunch is served in their garden pavilion. Back in San José, your evening is at leisure. **(B) (L)**

DAY 3 | SAN JOSÉ TO SARCHÍ AND THE CENTRAL VALLEY

Leave San José behind and step into Costa Rica's Central Valley craft traditions in Sarchí, one of the country's best-known centres for painted oxcarts and artisan woodwork. You'll have space to explore workshops where carretas are built and hand-painted, and to browse small studios producing carved and painted pieces. The central park is a natural point to pause, with the town's landmark oxcart as a reference to the tradition Sarchí is known for. Later, take part in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on an organic farm. You'll learn sustainable growing methods, harvest seasonal ingredients from the garden and use them to create a local dish before dinner. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Montaña de Fuego, La Fortuna

DAY 4 | LA FORTUNA AND THE ARENAL REGION

Enjoy a relaxed start in La Fortuna, then head out to explore the region with Insight Choice. Choose between a hands-on chocolate experience tracing cacao through each stage of production, including the origins of traditional chocolate drinks and a tasting of organic chocolate, or choose a zipline adventure reached by safari truck, with 11 cables running between platforms in the hills above La Fortuna. Later, you'll join a guided nature walk to learn how the area's rainforest ecosystems support local flora and fauna. This evening is at leisure in La Fortuna, with the option to visit the town's

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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hot springs, browse local eateries around the central park or take an early night ready for tomorrow's plans. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | CLOUD FORESTS AND ON TO MONTEVERDE
Begin the day at Canto del Río in La Paz de San Ramón with naturalist Edwin Ramírez. On his property, you'll walk a reforested section of montane cloud forest and hear how restoration is approached on privately managed land. Continue to Monteverde, a highland community in the Tilarán range closely linked to conservation and research, with protected cloud forest reserves established here from the early 1970s. Settle into Santa Elena and enjoy an evening at leisure. Perhaps browse the small galleries and craft shops along the main street, stop in for Costa Rican coffee and dessert, or choose a local restaurant for dinner. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Heliconia, Monteverde

DAY 6 | THE HANGING BRIDGES OF MONTEVERDE
Explore the Monteverde Cloud Forest with a naturalist, walking forest trails and crossing a series of hanging bridges that bring you into the upper levels of the canopy. At this elevation, persistent mist supports moss-covered branches, orchids and other epiphytes. As you move through the tree canopy, look out for species recorded here, including resplendent quetzals, bellbirds and hummingbirds, with the chance of seeing monkeys and coatis along the trails and around the canopy. Return to your hotel later in the day for dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 | CRUISE THE RIVER AND ON TO TAMARINDO
Descend from the mountain landscapes of Monteverde towards Costa Rica's north-west lowlands, where wide river systems and seasonal wetlands define Guanacaste. You'll take a boat tour on the Bebedero River, cruising through this important wetland corridor known for birdlife and riverside wildlife. From the water, you'll scan the banks and overhanging branches for species that gather along the river's edge. Continue to Tamarindo for the night. The evening is at leisure. Perhaps head to the coast for sunset views or choose a local restaurant to sample regional dishes like arroz de maíz or chorreadas. **(B)**
Hotel: Tamarindo Diria Beach Resort

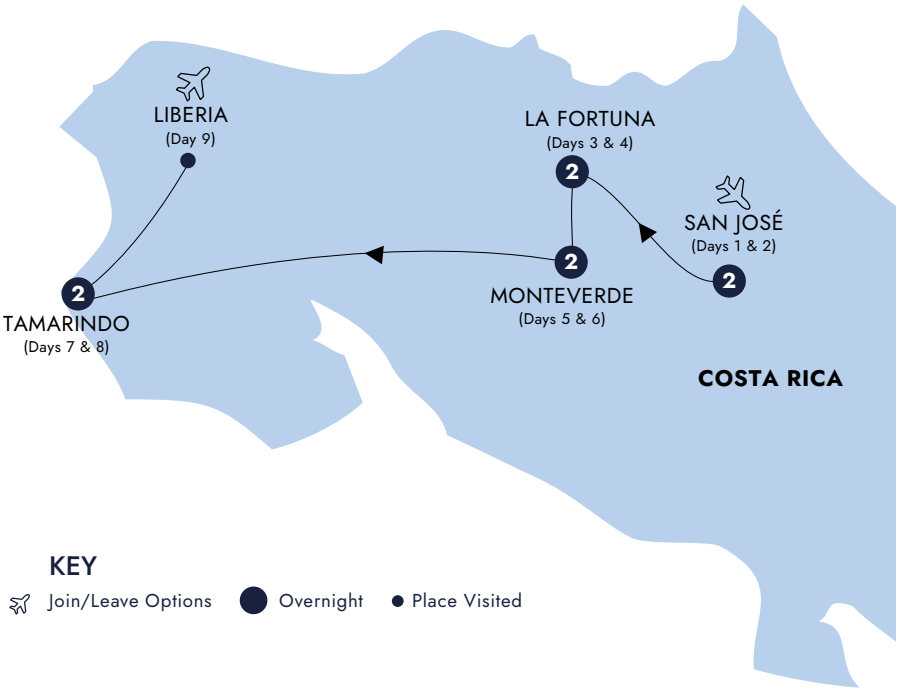
DAY 8 | TAMARINDO AT LEISURE
Today is free to use as you like in Tamarindo. You may choose a beach day on the Pacific coast, book a surf lesson in one of the area's best-known beach towns, or head inland for a change of landscape with volcanic trails, waterfalls and geothermal features in the Rincón de la Vieja area. If you'd like time on the water, you can choose an Optional Experience with a morning snorkel and catamaran tour to Playa Tamarindo. This evening, join your Travel Director and small group for a final dinner together to celebrate your journey through Costa Rica. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | DEPART LIBERIA
Say goodbye to your Travel Director and your small group, taking with you the days spent between cloud forest, wetlands and the Pacific coast. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.

Small Group Tours

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

San José | Walk through central San José to see major landmarks. Enter the Pre-Columbian Gold Museum before opening with your Local Expert. You'll view gold pendants and figurines shaped into animal forms alongside ceremonial pieces that show how metalwork signaled identity and belief.

La Fortuna | *Insight Choice* Ride in a safari truck to the start of the zipline course, then move through 11 cables, *or* follow the life of cacao from start to finish, learning how it is grown, fermented and dried before it becomes chocolate.

La Fortuna | Join a guided nature walk to explore the rainforest habitats of the Arenal region.

La Paz Cloud Forest | Meet Edwin and hear how persistent mist and elevation shape cloud forest conditions, and why protecting these habitats is linked to biodiversity and water systems beyond the region.

Monteverde | Explore the first hanging bridges built in Costa Rica as you walk the Monteverde cloud forest with a naturalist. You'll cross six bridges, suspended up to 50 m (164 ft) above the forest floor, giving a clear view into different layers of the canopy.

Bebedero | Cruise the Bebedero River through wetlands, watching for wildlife.

La Fortuna | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® At Finca Educativa Don Juan, lunch is shaped by sustainable farming practises. See sugar cane pressed at the trapiche, gather fresh farm produce and join a cooking workshop before sitting down to your Farm-to-Table lunch. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Premium Dining

San José | Visit Randall and Doña Aradina's home to walk through their orchid garden, then sit down for lunch and hear how the garden is cared for in this climate.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Yellowstone Discovery

Enter the vast wonderland of the world's first national park. Meet a local naturalist and explore natural wonders from Bozeman to Jackson Hole on an in-depth discovery.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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Trip code: AYLO

DEPARTURE MONTHS

June - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BOZEMAN
Views of the magnificent Rocky Mountains welcome you to Bozeman. Get to know this charming town with an easy stroll along Main Street. In the evening, dine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: AC by Marriott Downtown, Bozeman
WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | ENJOY BOZEMAN
Let your curiosity be your guide as you explore Bozeman with Insight Choice. Opt to join a guided walking tour of Bozeman's historic Main Street, once a gathering place for the local indigenous people and an important location in the 1860s gold rush. Enjoy the stories of the colourful characters who influenced the look and shape of the town as you stroll past historic buildings. Or, visit the Museum of the Rockies, a world-class cultural and natural history museum renowned for displaying an extensive collection of dinosaur fossils. Get up close to the fully mounted Montana Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton and explore exhibits including Welcome to Yellowstone Country, Enduring Peoples and the Paugh History Hall. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | HELLO YELLOWSTONE
Begin in Big Sky Country and travel toward West Yellowstone, a long-standing gateway to the park since the early 1900s. Inside Yellowstone National Park, pause at Gibbon Falls, where the river descends over ancient volcanic rock. Nearby, Norris Geyser Basin reveals the park's most thermally active terrain, with acidic springs, steam vents and unpredictable geysers offering a close look at Yellowstone's powerful geothermal systems. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Canyon Lodge, Yellowstone National Park

DAY 4 | MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS SIGHTSEEING
Set out with Local Expert Adam Brubaker, naturalist and photographer, to track Yellowstone's iconic wildlife in its natural habitat, from elusive wolves to mighty bison. As you scan the vast landscapes, learn how to spot telltale signs of movement and discover the delicate balance that allows these species to thrive. One of the major geyser basins in Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs terraces invites you to put boots to ground on a gentle hike. The 2.2-mile Mammoth Terraces Trail passes many of the most beautiful and historic hot spring terraces of the park and snakes up to a sweeping outlook. This afternoon, explore Fort Yellowstone, home to 35 remaining buildings from the 1890s and early 1900s, and visit the Mail Carrier's Cabin, the only 1800s log structure still standing in Mammoth Hot Springs. After this step back in time, your Travel Director reveals more of Yellowstone National Park. **(B)**

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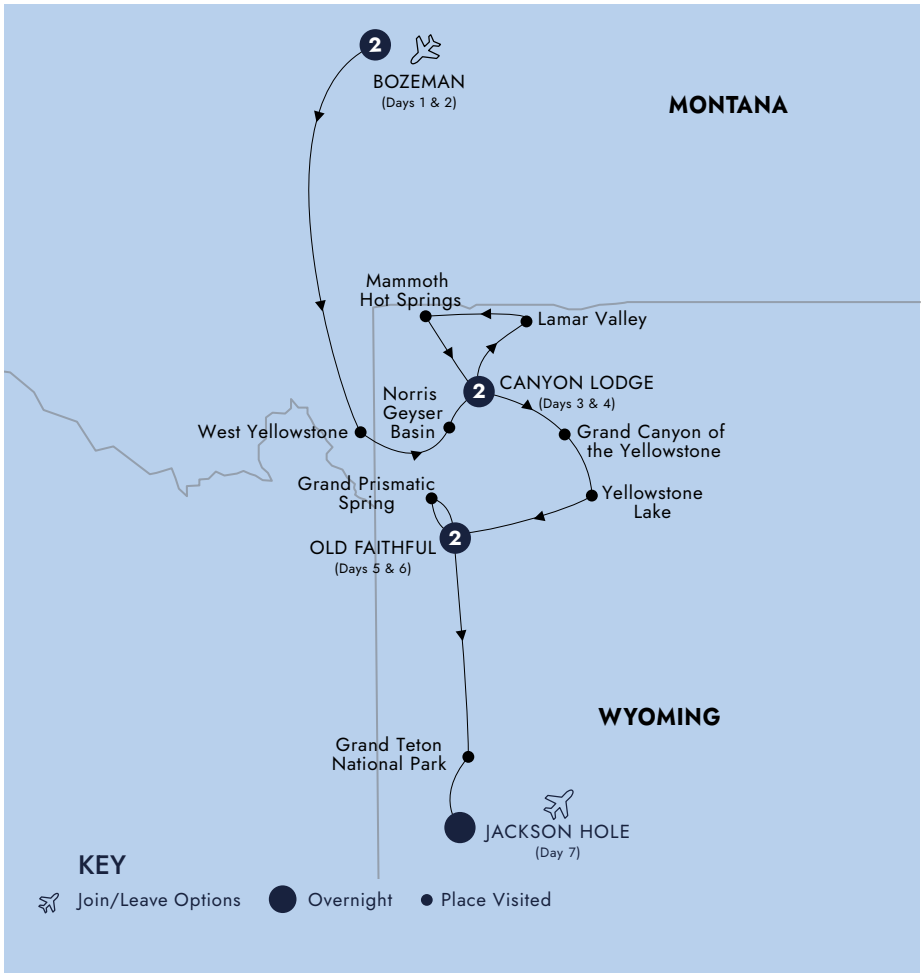
> *Visiting Yellowstone feels like stepping onto another planet, where over 10,000 geothermal features bubble, steam, and erupt in a landscape unlike anywhere else on Earth.*
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DAY 5 | YELLOWSTONE'S GRAND CANYON
Venture deeper into Yellowstone's heart as you journey to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, where the river has carved a spectacular chasm over millennia. From Artist Point, enjoy a view of the towering Lower Falls framed by the canyon's vividly coloured volcanic walls. Later, engage in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that brings you face-to-face with the living heritage of the Apsáalooke Nation. Through the words of Charles Yarlott, Jr., gain powerful insight into his people's ancestral connection to this land, passed down through oral history and lived tradition. Discover how the Crow people, known for their horsemanship and warrior traditions, preserved their culture and identity through centuries of upheaval. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Old Faithful Snow Lodge

DAY 6 | YELLOWSTONE'S FAMOUS OLD FAITHFUL
Set off this morning with a short hike on the Midway Geyser Loop, strolling along the boardwalks as steam rises from the distant Grand Prismatic Spring - Yellowstone's largest hot spring - and past Turquoise Pool and Opal Pool. Your Travel Director leads the way to Old Faithful showcasing other highlights of the park along the way. After lunch, take your time exploring the many impressive thermal features around Old Faithful, one of Yellowstone's most famous geysers. From rising steam to colourful pools and ponds, choose from a variety of hikes from less than 1 mile to 3 miles. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | MOUNTAIN PEAKS AND THE WILD WEST
Conclude your journey in Grand Teton National Park to marvel at the stunning mountain peaks as your Travel Director reveals all the best vistas in this wildlife haven. Cap off your adventure with a private lunch at the National Museum of Wildlife Art, home to over 5,000 artworks spanning 4,500 years of wildlife history. In the late afternoon, bid farewell to the National Parks with a transfer to Jackson Hole Airport. **(B) (L)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 14:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Bozeman | *Insight Choice* Explore the exhibits of the Museum of the Rockies, *or* discover the charm of downtown Bozeman on a walking tour.

Yellowstone National Park | Discover the many geothermal wonders including Grand Prismatic Spring, Excelsior Geyser, Opal Pool, Norris Geyser Basin and the world-famous Old Faithful.
Hike the Mammoth Hot Springs area. Discover the wild beauty of Lamar Valley alongside local expert, Adam Brubaker. Keep your eye out for wildlife in Hayden Valley. Admire the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

Grand Teton National Park | See the soaring peaks of the Tetons within the National Park and watch for local wildlife.

Yellowstone National Park | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Hear the living history of Yellowstone from Charles Yarlott, Jr., a storyteller raised in the Crow language. Discover how the Crow people, known for their horsemanship and warrior traditions, preserved their culture and identity through centuries of upheaval. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Bozeman | Delight in local specialties like bison meatloaf for a true taste of the region.

West Yellowstone | Enjoy lunch at Bullwinkle's Saloon and Eatery, a family-owned restaurant.

Yellowstone National Park | Sit down to dinner at Lake Yellowstone Hotel Dining Room, recognised for its commitment to sustainable practise and locally sourced and organic ingredients.

Jackson | Savour inventive lunch dishes from Palate in the National Museum of Wildlife Art's private restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

SMALL GROUP TOUR

Yellowstone Winter Escape

See the park transformed by winter, from wildlife-rich valleys and steaming thermal basins to frozen lakes and a memorable snow coach ride.

6 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 9 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - February

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BOZEMAN

Arrive in Bozeman, a historic Montana town shaped by rail routes, ranching traditions and its setting at the edge of the Rocky Mountains. Meet your Travel Director and fellow small group travellers and settle in before gathering for dinner. Share introductions over a relaxed meal and begin your winter journey focused on Yellowstone's snow-covered landscapes. **(D)**
Hotel: AC by Marriott Downtown, Bozeman

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | ARRIVE IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Travel south to Gardiner, set along the Yellowstone River beneath snow-covered hills at the park's northern edge. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with Yellowstone Forever, focused on how wildlife adapts to winter conditions across the park. Continue to Mammoth, passing steaming terraces and open ground shaped by geothermal heat, before travelling into the wide valley floors of Lamar Valley. Here, an Insightful Encounter brings focus to winter wildlife and the landscape reshaped by the return of wolves. Later, travel on to your hotel, Mammoth Hot Springs Lodge, and enjoy time at leisure to make the most of your surroundings. Gather around the outdoor fire pit, take to the seasonal ice skating rink or unwind with a drink in the Map Room beside a crackling fire. **(B)**
Hotel: Mammoth Hot Springs Lodge, Yellowstone

DAY 3 | SNOW COACH TOURING IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Spend a full day travelling through Yellowstone by snow coach, using winter routes closed to regular traffic. You'll move through quiet forest corridors and broad plateaus towards the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, where the river cuts through ice-lined rock. As the day continues, watch for bison moving across snowy meadows, elk along timber edges and coyotes crossing open ground. Travel on to the Upper Geyser Basin to see Old Faithful erupt into the cold air, then explore the surrounding boardwalks before checking into your lodge for the night. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Old Faithful Snow Lodge

DAY 4 | OLD FAITHFUL AND WINTER LEISURE IN YELLOWSTONE

Begin your day at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge, a welcoming winter retreat set in the heart of Yellowstone's geyser country. From here, you may wish to explore the nearby visitor centre at your own pace or step outside to witness an eruption of the iconic Old Faithful. Explore around Old Faithful with Insight Choice.
You could venture into the geyser basin on snowshoes, follow groomed trails on cross-country skis, or remain indoors with your Travel Director, warming up by the fire with

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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hot chocolate. Your afternoon and evening are free to enjoy Yellowstone in winter. You could head out for ice skating, take a short walk near the lodge, settle in with a camera as the light changes, or step outside after dark when clear skies bring out the stars. **(B) (D) (RS)**

> *There's nothing quite like moving along snow-covered trails that are typically crowded in the summer, now experienced in the quiet and stillness of winter. The landscape feels hushed, expansive and almost untouched.*
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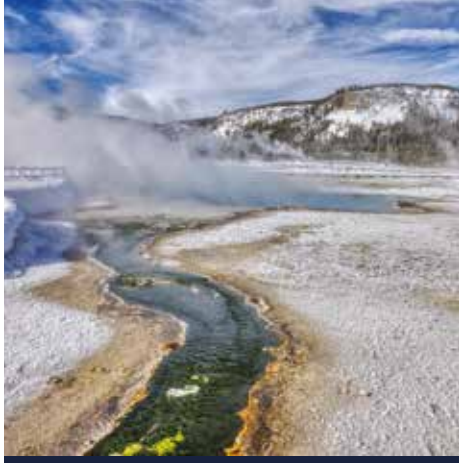
DAY 5 | YELLOWSTONE'S NORTHERN RANGE
Spend the morning travelling by snow coach through Yellowstone, moving through thermal ground and open winter landscapes. You'll pass Norris Geyser Basin, one of the park's most active geothermal areas, and stop at the Madison Junction Warming Station before continuing through the surrounding thermal basin. Around midday, arrive at Mammoth Hot Springs, where time is set aside for lunch at leisure. You can also take the opportunity to explore the striking Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces at your own pace, wandering the boardwalks that weave through these ever-changing limestone formations. In the afternoon, depart the park and travel back to Bozeman. This evening, come together with your small group and Travel Director for a final dinner, marking the final night of your winter journey through Yellowstone. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: AC by Marriott Downtown, Bozeman

DAY 6 | DEPART AT LEISURE
After breakfast, say goodbye to your Travel Director and fellow small-group travellers. Depart Bozeman at leisure, bringing your winter journey through Yellowstone to a close. **(B)**

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lamar Valley | Explore Lamar Valley with MacNeil Lyons of Yellowstone Insight, discovering the northern range, wolf reintroduction, and winter wildlife while learning how predator-prey dynamics restore ecological balance.

Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone | Look out across steep volcanic rock carved by the Yellowstone River, with ice along the canyon walls, flowing water below and steam rising in the cold air.

Mammoth Hot Springs | See terraces formed by mineral-rich water flowing over limestone, with layered formations, rising steam and colours that shift over time.

Old Faithful | *Insight Choice* Snowshoe through the Old Faithful area along packed snow and quiet thermal ground, past geysers and steam vents to see how winter snow, ice and rising steam reshape the landscape, *or* set out on groomed cross-country ski trails near Old Faithful at an easy pace, moving through winter scenery shaped by snowfall and geothermal heat, *or* stay indoors near Old Faithful with your Travel Director and enjoy hot chocolate by the fire while snow falls outside.

Yellowstone National Park | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Spend time in Gardiner with a representative from Yellowstone Forever for a focused talk on how wildlife survives Yellowstone's winter conditions. Through images, examples and discussion, you'll explore how animals move, shelter and conserve energy during the coldest months, and how winter shapes the park's ecological balance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Bozeman | Delight in local specialties like bison meatloaf for a true taste of the region.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

America's Magnificent National Parks

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

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 21 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: AAMC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PHOENIX AND TRAVEL TO SCOTTSDALE
Upon arrival in Arizona, head to Scottsdale at your leisure. This evening, savour dinner and wine with your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Valley Ho, Scottsdale

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | SEDONA AND THE WONDERS OF THE MIGHTY GRAND CANYON
Travel through the world-renowned Red Rock Scenic Byway, a celebrated route known for its dramatic desert landscapes. Meet your Local Expert, 'Canyon Tim' at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon to learn about the origins of the five-million-year-old canyon. **(B)**
Hotel: Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

DAY 3 | SIGHTS OF MONUMENT VALLEY
Early risers will witness one of Mother Nature's grandest shows on earth: a sunrise over the Grand Canyon. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park. Enjoy a Navajo cookout amid the landscape's giant buttes and mesas. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas

DAY 4 | LEISURELY LAKE POWELL
Enjoy a day at leisure in Lake Powell. Choose to relax at the resort or join an Optional Experience, floating down the Colourado River past Horseshoe Bend and Petroglyph Beach, or exploring Antelope Canyon with a local Navajo (Diné) guide. This evening, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience awaits at Red Heritage, where Navajo performers share Powwow dance, flute and drum music over dinner at this Navajo-owned performing arts theatre. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK
Travel through Bryce Canyon Country on a portion of the Scenic Highway 89. Enjoy a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park and see the natural amphitheatre and its famous hoodoos. **(B)**
Hotel: The Red Cliffs Lodge Zion, Springdale

DAY 6 | ZION NATIONAL PARK
After breakfast, you 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 further with Insight Choice. Choose to enjoy a hike to the Emerald Pools or take a self-guided leisurely stroll along the Virgin River Walk and keep your eyes out for wildlife. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 | SALT LAKE CITY
This morning you'll make your way out of Zion National Park and travel to Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah. In the evening join your fellow travellers for a dinner with wine at the hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 8 | JACKSON AND THE TETONS
Head north across the Oregon Trail to historic Jackson, Wyoming. Here you'll be able to explore the storied town at your own leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: Elk Country Inn, Jackson Hole

DAY 9 | YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
Today, head toward Grand Teton National Park. Next, discover breathtaking Yellowstone, known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and the abundant wildlife that you are sure to spot. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Yellowstone National Park Lodges

DAY 10 | GEYSERS AND HOT SPRINGS
Yellowstone National Park is home to over half of all the world's geysers. You can view colourful geothermal paint pots on an informative sightseeing tour with your Travel Director, see Old Faithful and Hayden Valley, and behold the powerful Lower Yellowstone Falls. **(B)**

DAY 11 | THE RANCH AT UCROSS
Travel through Shoshone National Forest to the Wild West town of Cody, and learn about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West. This evening, enjoy a ranch-style dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ranch at UCross, Clearmont

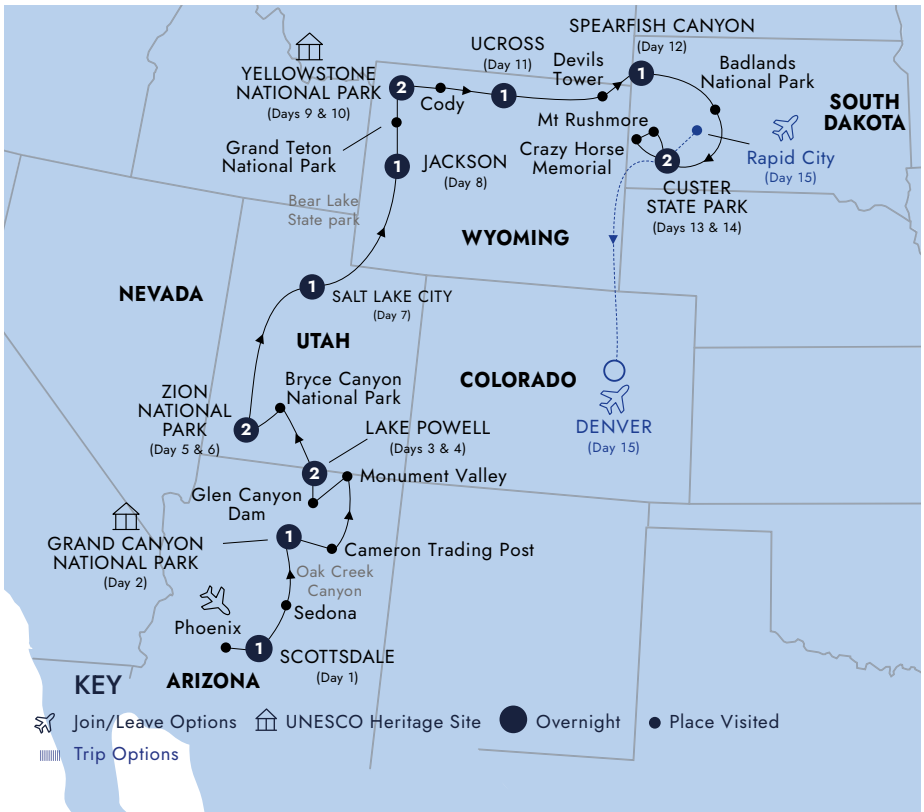
DAY 12 | DEVILS TOWER INTO THE BLACK HILLS
Explore the Ranch at UCross with Insight Choice. Choose to head on a scenic country horseback ride accompanied by a Ranch Hand. Or, try your hand at fishing. Make your way to Devils Tower, an astounding geological feature in the Black Hills. Next, experience Spearfish Canyon popular with wildlife enthusiasts and famous for its elvish woodland. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Spearfish Canyon Lodge, Lead

DAY 13 | CUSTER AND THE WILD, WILD WEST
A day for those looking to explore the Wild West, keep watch for the pronghorn antelope, the fastest mammal in North America, as you cross the great high plains to the Black Hills of South Dakota. This morning, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience brings you to Badlands National Park, where a Local Expert reveals the striking geology, sweeping prairie and deep Indigenous history of this extraordinary landscape. Spanning 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires alongside the largest protected mixed-grass prairie in America, this hidden gem of the national park system offers scenery unlike anywhere else. **(B)**
Hotel: State Game Lodge, Custer State Park

DAY 14 | BLACK HILLS MONUMENTS
This morning, see Mount Rushmore National Memorial, then travel to the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain carving in honour of the Lakota warrior. With exclusive access not available to the general public, you'll ascend 172 m (563 ft) to face the monument up close. Tonight, celebrate your travels over dinner with your Travel Director and newfound friends. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 15 | DEPART IN RAPID CITY OR DENVER
It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers. You can choose to take one of our complimentary shuttle services, to Rapid City Regional Airport or to Denver International Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Depart your hotel and transfer to Denver Airport, arriving at approximately 16:30.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

Custer State Park | Take in vistas of free-roaming bison and spectacular landscapes.

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

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Badlands National Park | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience the otherworldly beauty of Badlands National Park in the company of a Local Expert from Black Hills Adventure Tours, whose interpretation reveals both the park's remarkable geology and its deep Indigenous heritage. Journey through a landscape shaped over millions of years while hearing the stories, histories and perspectives that bring you up close and personal with this powerful place. Guided by either a local historian involved in training Indigenous guides or by an Indigenous guide supported through professional development, this experience offers authentic cultural connection and meaningful insight. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

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

Clearmont | Start with cocktails before your All-American ranch-style dinner, then head to the fire pit for s'mores and live music.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

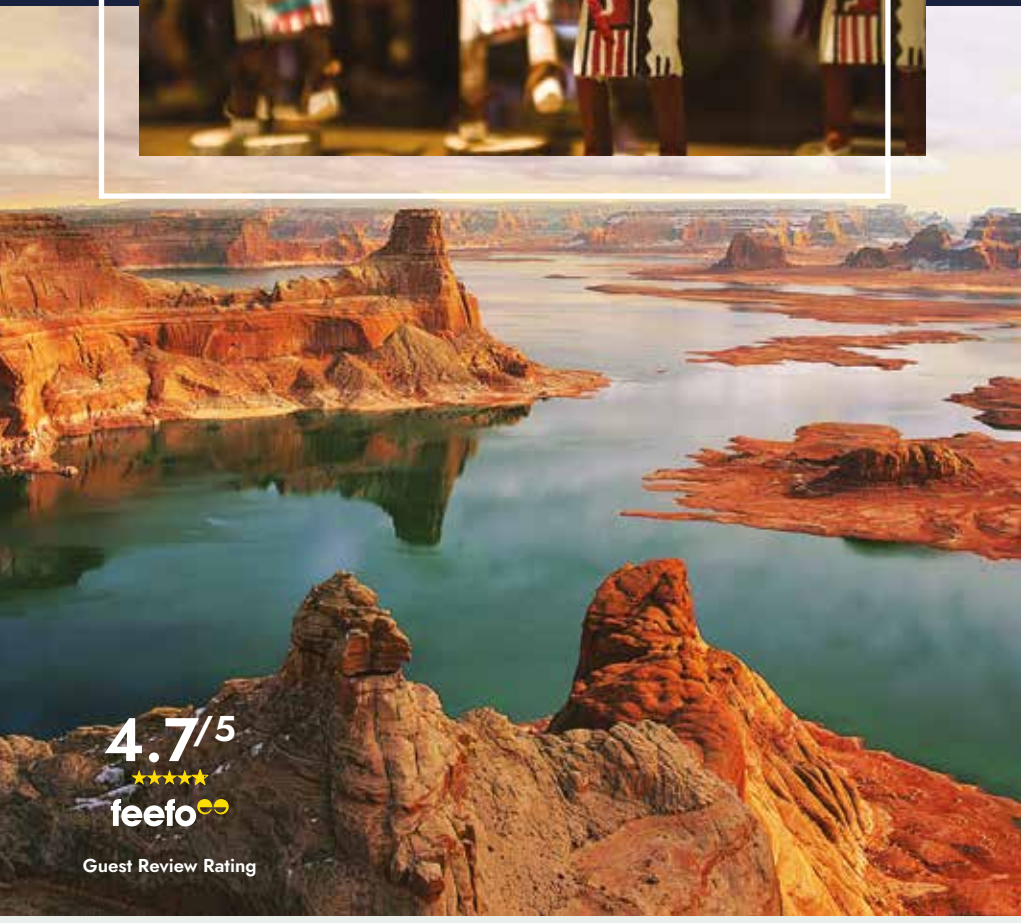
Enchanting Canyonlands

Marvel at the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park. See Sedona's towering red rocks and immerse yourself in Monument Valley's Navajo culture.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED

SMALL GROUP OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: AEC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PHOENIX AND TRAVEL TO SCOTTSDALE

Welcome to Arizona, famous for its scenic road trips, towering Monument Valley, and of course the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon. Arrive in Phoenix and transfer on your own to Scottsdale. Perhaps explore the city's Arts District, home to numerous galleries, museums and public art installations. This evening, savour dinner in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**

Hotel: Valley Ho, Scottsdale

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

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

Travel through world-renowned Red Rock 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. At an astonishing 445 km (277 miles) long, 29 km (18 miles) wide and 1.6 km (1 mile) deep, the Grand Canyon is the second-most-visited national park in the USA. Meet your Local Expert 'Canyon Tim' at the South Rim for specialised insight on the Grand Canyon. You'll discover the origins of the five-million-year-old canyon and the jaw-dropping features of this park, home to deep canyons, sweeping vistas and rich environmental history. The afternoon is at leisure to explore as you please. Perhaps take to the sky on an optional flightseeing helicopter tour over the South and North Rims. Tonight, enjoy spectacular sunset views from your hotel inside the park. **(B)**

Hotel: Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

DAY 3 | SIGHTS OF MONUMENT VALLEY

Early risers will witness one of Mother Nature's grandest shows on earth: a sunrise over the Grand Canyon. Travel along the South Rim View Drive, skirting the South Rim of the canyon. Stop at Desert View Point to see the historic watchtower built by Mary Colter in the Puebloan style. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park, where Navajo (Diné) Local Experts guide you through the history, culture and heritage of the Navajo Nation aboard all-terrain vehicles. Enjoy a Navajo cookout amid the giant buttes and mesas of this unique landscape. **(B) (L)**

Hotel: Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas

DAY 4 | LEISURELY LAKE POWELL

Today is entirely yours to do as you please. Partake in one of our popular Optional Experiences, explore on your own, or simply relax by the resort swimming pool with views of Lake Powell. As an optional activity this morning, let yourself be tempted by a gentle trip down the Colourado River. Calmly float past some of the most awe-inspiring sites, like the iconic Horseshoe Bend and Petroglyph Beach.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Or, explore the iconic and picturesque Antelope Canyon with a local Navajo (Diné) guide. Tonight, Navajo culture takes centre stage with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Red Heritage. This Navajo-owned performing arts theatre will delight as you see local tribal members sing, share a colourful Powwow dance, flute playing and live drum music over dinner and drinks. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | BRYCE CANYON COUNTRY
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, recognised by National Geographic as the No. 1 Drivers' Drives 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. Take in the breathtaking views along the Rim Trail with photo stops at the most scenic viewpoints. Enjoy a leisurely walk from Sunset Point to Sunrise Point, where you'll be spellbound by the beauty and majesty of this dramatic natural landscape. In the evening, you'll arrive at our lodge. Take a stroll or relax and unwind in preparation for a full day of exploring the next day. **(B)**
Hotel: The Red Cliffs Lodge Zion, Springdale

DAY 6 | ZION NATIONAL PARK
After breakfast, you 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 further with Insight Choice. Choose to enjoy a hike to the Emerald Pools or take a self-guided leisurely stroll along the Virgin River Walk and keep your eyes out for wildlife. **(B) (D)**

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. Alternatively, a transfer to our post-night hotel is also provided should you wish to extend your stay. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 15:00.

Small Group Option

With an average of 16 travellers, enjoy deeper connections with the places and people you meet along the way. To find out more, visit insightvacations.com/small-groups or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Sedona | Immerse yourself in stunning, natural peaks and rock formations along Oak Creek Canyon Scenic Drive.

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

Bryce Canyon National Park | View the odd-shaped monoliths, known as hoodoos.

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

Zion National Park | *Insight Choice* Explore the natural beauty of Zion National Park on a stroll to the famed Emerald Pools, *or* take a self-guided leisurely stroll along the Virgin River Walk.

Monument Valley | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Deepen your knowledge of the land as you travel by off-road vehicles to the cookout site for dinner with members of the Navajo nation. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

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Premium Dining

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

Springdale | Farewell dinner at Red Cliffs Lodge.

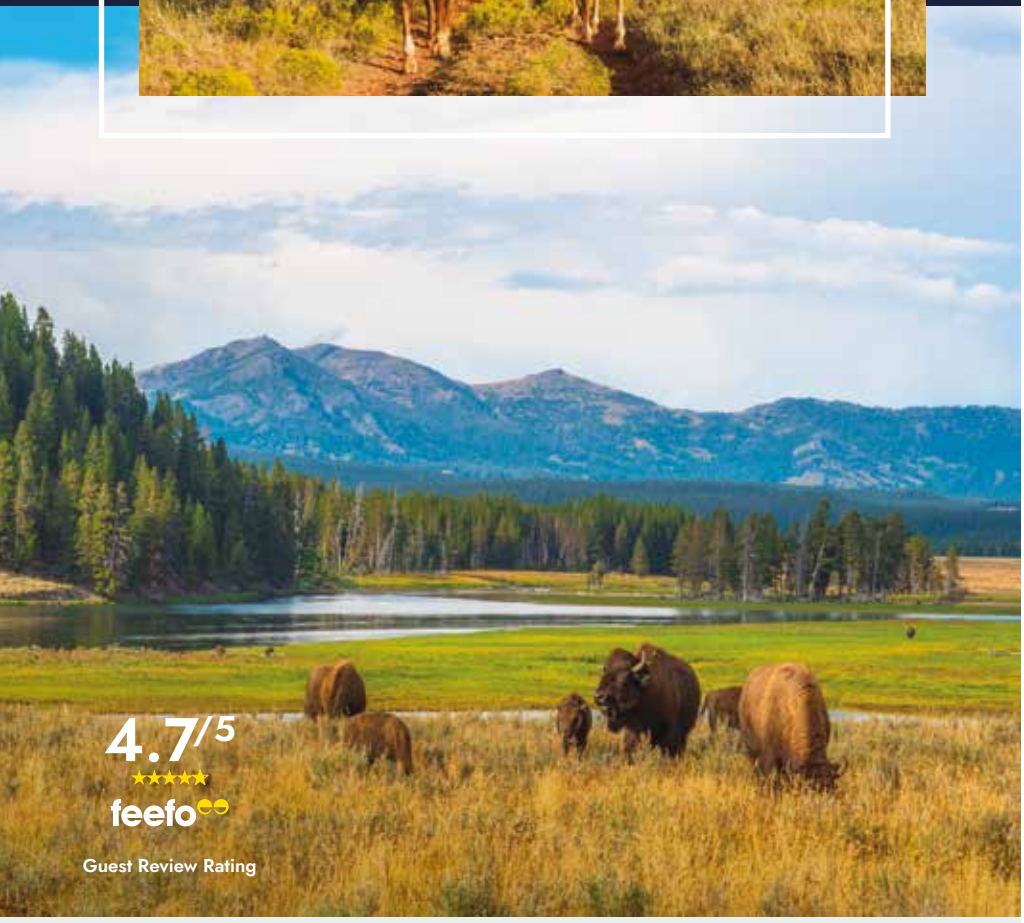
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American Parks Trail

Experience an authentic Wild West adventure in Yellowstone National Park. Learn about the Indigenous culture of the Black Hills and float down the Snake River.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: AAP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

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 lovers of the outdoors, with a strong focus on skiing and hiking. Savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | JACKSON AND THE TETONS
Before leaving Salt Lake City, take in the State Capitol building. Drive along the scenic Logan Canyon, over the Wasatch Mountain Range, and up to Bear Lake. Stop for lunch near Bear Lake offering views of beautiful turquoise waters. Then, head north across the Oregon Trail to historic Jackson. Have your cameras ready for the famous elk antlers at central square. Eager shoppers will find a number of charming traditional boutique galleries to browse. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure, with your hotel located within walking distance from Jackson Town Square. **(B)**
Hotel: Elk Country Inn, Jackson Hole

DAY 3 | YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
Wake up to a mountainous view like no other and witness the striking Grand Tetons thrust skyward 4,199 m (13,775 ft) from the valley floor. This morning, you have the opportunity to partake in an optional scenic float down the Snake River inside Grand Teton National Park. In keeping with today's rustic country charm, you'll enter Yellowstone, the world's first National Park. Known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and abundant wildlife, you'll experience Wyoming in all its glory. Keep an eye out for black bears or wolves. Tonight you'll stay in one of Yellowstone's National Park Lodges, allowing you to experience the park after hours, in its natural habitat. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Yellowstone National Park Lodges

DAY 4 | GEYSERS AND HOT SPRINGS
Yellowstone National Park is home to over half of all the world's geysers. Boasting over 500 steaming geysers, today is your chance to walk among hot springs, watch erupting geysers, see bubbling mud pots, and keep your eyes peeled for colourful geothermal paint pots on an informative sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. See Old Faithful, Hayden Valley and behold the powerful Lower Yellowstone Falls. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THE RANCH AT UCROSS
Set off on your travels through the stark Shoshone Canyon and Absaroka Rocky Mountains, leading you to the Wild West Town of Cody. Channel your inner showman and learn more about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre, known for its Western art collection, firearms, and natural history.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Travel through the Bighorn National Forest to the Ranch at UCross. Take in the rustic charm as you're hosted at a traditional Wyoming Family ranch. Start off the evening with a cocktail hour in the historic Ranch House bar. After a home-cooked dinner, enjoy a fire pit with live entertainment, including country, folk and bluegrass music. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ranch at UCross, Clearmont

DAY 6 | DEVILS TOWER INTO THE BLACK HILLS

Explore 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 National Monument, an astounding geological feature that protrudes out of the surrounding Black Hills. You'll learn why this symbolic landmark is sacred to the Lakota people and other local tribes. Experience Spearfish Canyon, a favoured spot among wildlife enthusiasts, famous for its woodland beauty. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Spearfish Canyon Lodge, Lead

DAY 7 | CUSTER AND THE WILD, WILD WEST

A day for those looking to explore the Wild West, keep watch for the pronghorn antelope, the fastest mammal in North America, as you cross the great high plains to the Black Hills of South Dakota. This morning, a one-of-a-kind MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience brings you to Badlands National Park, where a Local Expert reveals the striking geology, sweeping prairie and deep Indigenous history of this extraordinary landscape. Spanning 244,000 acres of sharply eroded buttes, pinnacles and spires alongside the largest protected mixed-grass prairie in America, this hidden gem of the national park system offers scenery unlike anywhere else. **(B)**
Hotel: State Game Lodge, Custer State Park

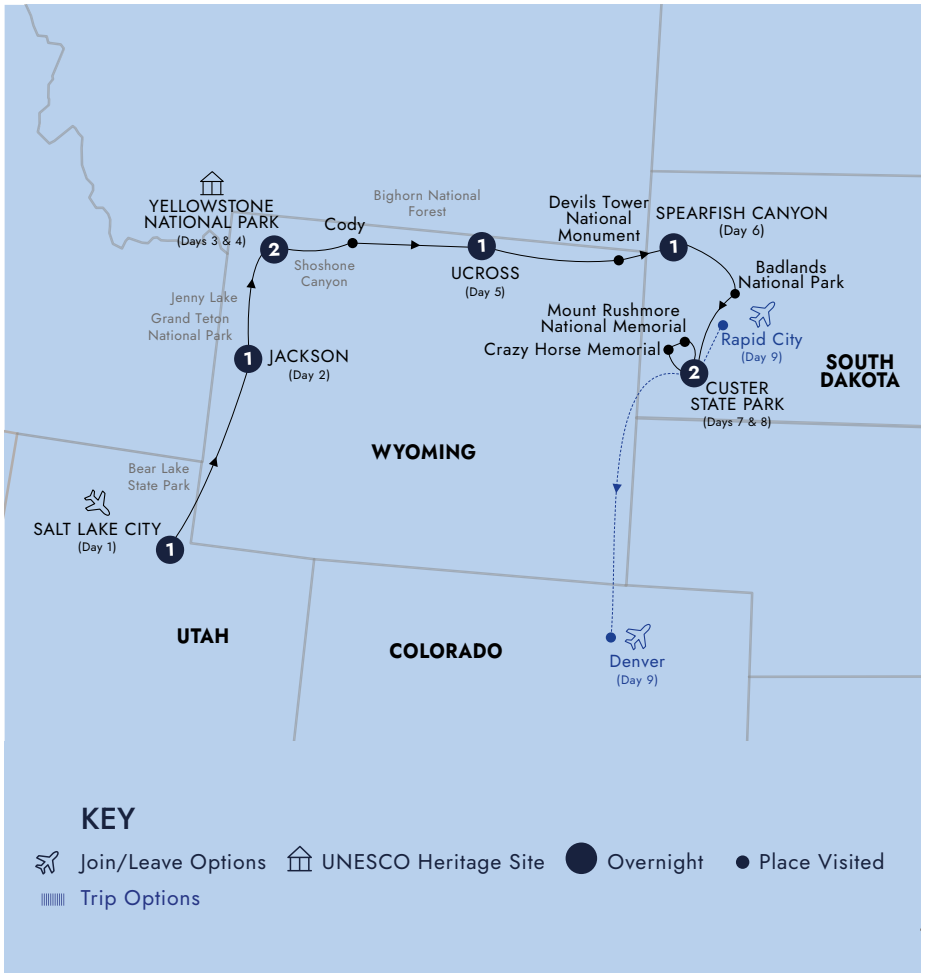
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DAY 9 | DEPART IN RAPID CITY OR DENVER

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers. You can choose to take one of our complimentary shuttle services, to Rapid City Regional Airport or to Denver International Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Depart your hotel and transfer to Denver Airport, arriving at approximately 16:30.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Jackson | Explore the town's boutiques and stores, which blend the Old West with a modern twist.

Yellowstone National Park | Discover the many geothermal wonders including Grand Prismatic Spring, Excelsior Geyser, Opal Pool, Norris Geyser Basin and the world-famous Old Faithful.

Grand Teton National Park | See the soaring peaks of the Tetons within the National Park and watch for local wildlife.

Black Hills | View Devils Tower National Monument.
Visit the iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial and Crazy Horse Memorial, where you'll gain exclusive access to the face of the monument.

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

Badlands National Park | Take in sweeping views from panoramic vantage points, including Big Badlands Overlook.

Badlands National Park | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience the otherworldly beauty of Badlands National Park in the company of a Local Expert from Black Hills Adventure Tours, whose interpretation reveals both the park's remarkable geology and its deep Indigenous heritage. Journey through a landscape shaped over millions of years while hearing the stories, histories and perspectives that bring you up close and personal with this powerful place. Guided by either a local historian involved in training Indigenous guides or by an Indigenous guide supported through professional development, this experience offers authentic cultural connection and meaningful insight. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Salt Lake City | Mingle with fellow guests over a dinner with wine.

Ucross | Savour a hearty ranch-style dinner prepared by your local hosts.

Custer | Toast to the finale of your trip at a dinner served at your lodge in Custer State Park.

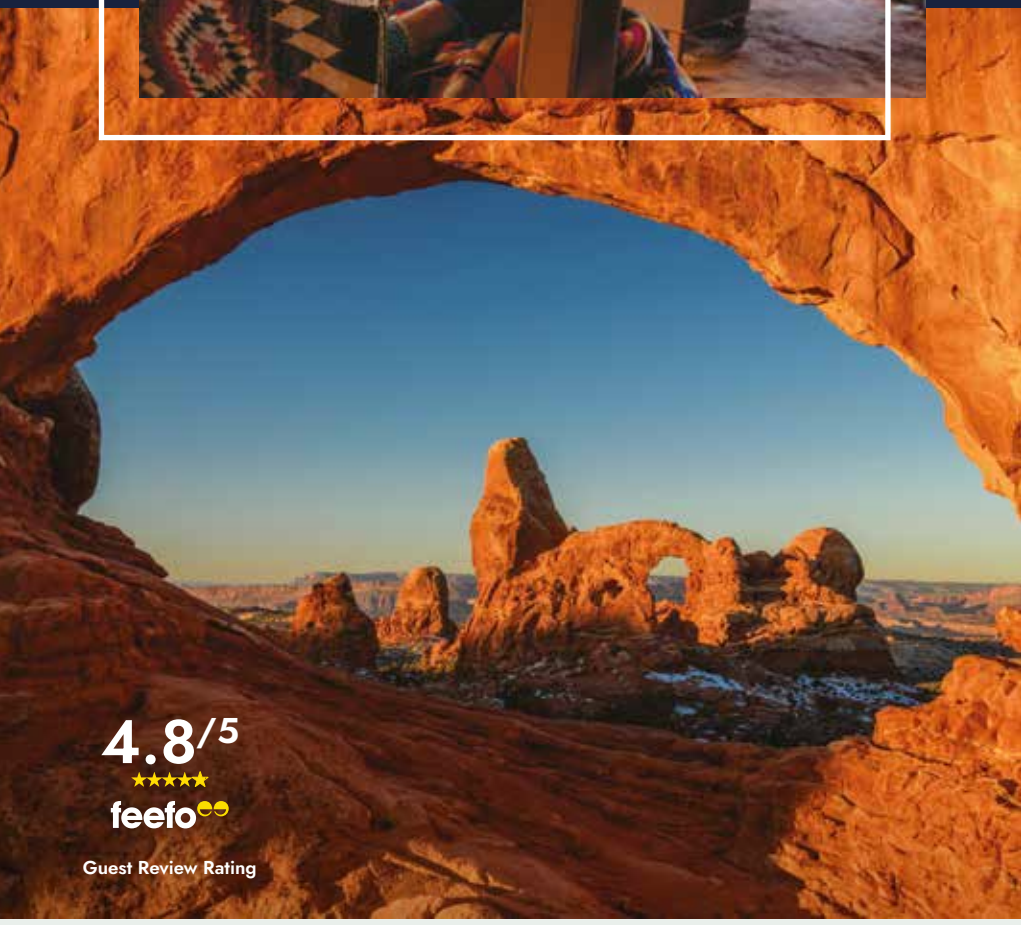
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Wonders of the American West

See ancient pueblo dwellings in Mesa Verde National Park, explore Bryce Canyon's hoodoo spires, and discover the Navajo Nation in Monument Valley.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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Trip code: AWSW

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - June, September - October

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN LAS VEGAS
Welcome to glittering Las Vegas. At Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, see the City of Lights with the same passion, excitement and ambiance of Europe's most romantic city. This evening, savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Paris, Las Vegas

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | ZION NATIONAL PARK
In Zion National Park, follow the paths where Native Americans and pioneers walked as you gaze up at massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink and red. Take a private, narrated tram ride alongside the Virgin River and the canyon walls to some of the most treasured spots in the park. Arrive at Bryce Canyon Lodge to explore the nearby trails and vistas. **(B)**
Hotel: The Lodge at Bryce Canyon

DAY 3 | WHIMSICAL BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK
Travel through Bryce Canyon National Park encountering the whimsical eroded rock formations. Opt to explore by horseback, climbing Bristlecone Pine Ridge lined with 1,500-year-old Bristlecone Pine trees. This evening, go off the beaten path to view the colour-changing hoodoos as the sun sets. Feast on a three-course dinner with wine and sweeping canyon vistas. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT AND CAPITOL REEF
Experience Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument exploring this land of the Ancestral Puebloan and Fremont people. Venture to Capitol Reef National Park's landscape of colourful canyons, ridges, buttes and monoliths. This evening is yours to explore downtown Moab at your leisure. Dine at one of the local restaurants or peruse the many gift shops and boutiques that line Main Street. **(B)**
Hotel: Element, Moab

DAY 5 | ARCHES NATIONAL PARK AND CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK
Visit Arches National Park, housing the greatest concentration of natural arches in the world. Immerse yourself in the grandeur of the remarkable Windows Section and the captivating Double Arch up close. Then it's onto Canyonlands National Park for a drive onto the Island in the Sky, a mesa resting 304 m (1,000 ft) above the countryside. Your sightseeing tour includes various lookout points including the Grand Viewpoint with sweeping views of the Colourado River carving through the red-rock landscape. Tonight, take your pick from a selection of local restaurants to customise your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Visit Mesa Verde National Park, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978, and learn how the park protects some of the best-preserved Ancestral Puebloan archaeological sites in the United States. Among 600 historic cliff dwellings, view the ancient pueblo dwellings known as Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling in the country. This evening, settle in for a relaxing stay at the only lodging inside Mesa Verde National Park. **(B)**
Hotel: Far View Lodge, Mesa Verde National Park

DAY 7 | MONUMENT VALLEY

Continue your adventure as you journey to the iconic film location featured as the backdrop for Forrest Gump's final run. Deepen your understanding of the region with your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park, where Navajo (Diné) Local Experts guide you through the history, culture and heritage of the Navajo Nation over an authentic cookout dinner. This carefully prepared experience keenly exemplifies the relationship of respect with the land in the valley and the importance placed on preserving the natural treasures found here. Savour each moment of this Navajo cookout amid the giant buttes and mesas of this unique landscape. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Goulding's Lodge, Monument Valley

DAY 8 | MONUMENT VALLEY TO MYSTERY VALLEY

Embark on an exclusive journey into Mystery Valley, an area full of Anasazi ruins and rock art not seen from the main highway. Enjoy a guided tour with a local Navajo (Diné) guide among ancient Indigenous ruins and see graceful geological formations, scattered artifacts and breathtaking views of the neighbouring valley. In Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, board an off-road vehicle to explore with your guide. This area is also the backdrop for many Western Hollywood hits, including "Stagecoach" and "Fort Apache". Inspired by these iconic movies, you'll find "John Wayne's Cabin" at nearby Goulding's Lodge. This small structure was used for exterior shots in "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon," starring Wayne himself. **(B)**

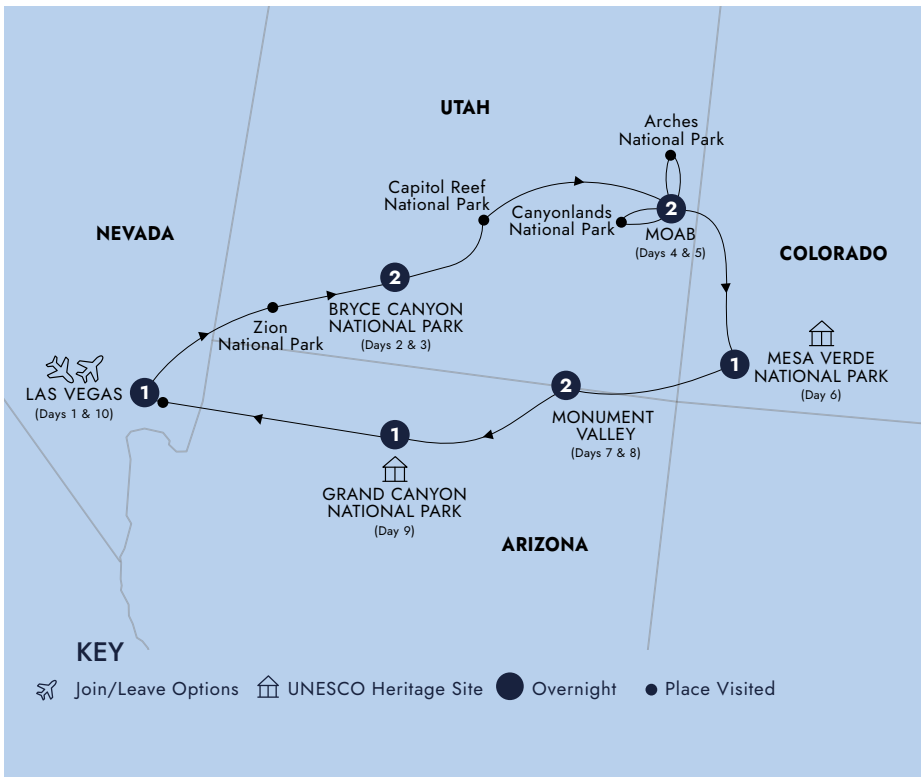
DAY 9 | THE WONDERS OF THE GRAND CANYON

Visit the historic Cameron Trading Post before taking in the Grand Canyon from Desert View Watchtower built by Mary Colter in the Puebloan style. Track the Colourado River that leads you to the aptly named Painted Desert which extends towards Hopi & Navajo Nation lands. At Grand Canyon National Park, continue your exploration with Insight Choice. Enjoy a leisurely hike along the scenic Rim Trail with your Travel Director, or join Local Expert 'Canyon Tim' for an enlightening discussion covering millions of years of history. End your holiday in the grandest way possible with dinner inside the park. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

DAY 10 | RETURN TO LAS VEGAS

Wake up to the backdrop of the Grand Canyon and enjoy peace and tranquility before the day-trippers arrive. You may take an optional flight-seeing helicopter ride or fixed wing flight for stunning views over the Grand Canyon before your journey ends with a departure transfer to Las Vegas International Airport. For those extending their stay in Las Vegas, a complimentary hotel transfer to the Las Vegas post-night hotel booked through Insight Vacations is included. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 17:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Arches National Park | View the park's famous natural formations, including the iconic Delicate Arch.

Canyonlands National Park | Enjoy spectacular views over the rugged, river-carved wilderness.

Mesa Verde National Park | See the ancient pueblo cliff dwellings.

Monument Valley | Embark on an exclusive journey with a local Diné (Navajo) guide into Mystery Valley's relatively unknown haven of Anasazi ruins.

Grand Canyon | *Insight Choice* Hike along the rim for spectacular views, *or* meet Geology Expert, "Canyon Tim".

Monument Valley | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Deepen your knowledge of the land as you travel by off-road vehicles to the cookout site for dinner with members of the Navajo nation. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Bryce Canyon National Park | Enjoy a memorable dinner set against the park's beautiful surroundings.

Moab | Choose from a hand-picked selection of mouthwatering restaurant options during your Dine-Around evening.

Grand Canyon National Park | Enjoy dinner at the Thunderbird Room with an incredible view overlooking the South Rim.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Soul of the Deep South

Tour Studio B in Nashville, visit Graceland in Memphis, discover history in Destrehan, and hear live music at an authentic jazz club in New Orleans.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY

WOMEN-ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE





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Trip code: ANNO

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - June, September - October

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN NASHVILLE
Welcome to Nashville, the capital of Tennessee and the USA's glittering centre stage. Tonight, head to the famous Grand Ole Opry, the world-renowned country music stage and longest-running radio broadcast in U.S. history for even more Country fun.
Hotel: Gaylord Opryland

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

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, take a tour to RCA Studio B, the birthplace of Nashville Sound. In the afternoon, pay a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame. Tonight meet your Travel Director and fellow guests for a welcome dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 3 | CHOOSE YOUR NASHVILLE EXPLORATION
Make a stop at the Nashville Farmers' Market to explore its artisanal crafts and produce. You decide how to discover Nashville this afternoon with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Nelson's Green Brier, a local Tennessee distillery and home of the Original Tennessee Whisky. Or, visit The National Museum of African American Music, the only museum dedicated to preserving and celebrating the many music genres created, influenced and inspired by African Americans. **(B)**

DAY 4 | HEADING BACK HOME TO MEMPHIS
This morning, you'll travel to Memphis, a city that pulses with rhythm and history. Whether it's your first visit or your hundredth, the soulful sounds of Beale Street are sure to draw you in. Later, join civil rights activist Elaine Lee Turner for a walking tour through pivotal sites of the 1960s movement, including Mason Temple and the Lee Sisters Marker. As Elaine shares personal stories of protest and resilience, you'll gain rare insight into Memphis' role in the fight for justice. This evening, enjoy private access to the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, housed in the original Stax Records studio. Explore more than 2,000 artifacts and exhibits celebrating the artists who defined Southern soul, including Otis Redding, Isaac Hayes and Carla Thomas. The Soulsville Foundation behind the museum empowers young people through music and education, keeping the legacy alive. **(B)**
Hotel: The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis

DAY 5 | A DAY DEDICATED TO THE KING
Begin your day with a visit to the magnificent Graceland, the former home of Elvis Presley. Make your way to Sun Studio, the "birthplace of rock and roll", where legends B.B. King, Johnny Cash and Elvis recorded. Dinner this evening

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

will be served at The Beauty Shop, a former hair parlour turned whimsical New American eatery where Elvis' ex-wife, Priscilla, was said to get her hair done. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | MEMPHIS TO JACKSON VIA THE MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL
Follow the legendary Mississippi Blues Trail, where markers tell the stories of the artists who shaped America's most influential music. In Indianola, a Local Expert leads you through the B.B. King Museum, where you'll see his guitars, explore interactive exhibits, and visit the restored cotton gin where he once worked. Pay your respects at his final resting place before heading to the iconic Club Ebony, a historic stop on the Chitlin' Circuit, a network of venues that provided Black musicians with safe performance spaces during segregation. Here, a local musician will share the club's storied past and guide you in writing your own blues song before a private concert over lunch brings the music to life. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: The Westin Jackson

DAY 7 | JACKSON TO NEW ORLEANS
Step into the rich history of Louisiana with a guided tour of Destrehan Plantation, exploring the lives of both the free and enslaved people who lived here. Continue to New Orleans, founded by the French in 1718 and later shaped by Spanish rule before becoming part of the United States through the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Later, go behind the scenes at Mardi Gras World, where artists craft elaborate floats that bring the city's most famous celebration to life. A Mardi Gras World artist will guide you in designing your own vibrant mask to take home as a unique keepsake. **(B)**
Hotel: New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans

DAY 8 | FESTIVITIES IN NEW ORLEANS
Discover New Orleans with a Local Expert, from the grand mansions of the Garden District to the lively French Quarter. In the afternoon, choose to explore the National WWII Museum, home to immersive exhibits and personal stories from the war, or take a swamp tour, gliding through bayous teeming with wildlife while learning about Louisiana's disappearing wetlands. Celebrate your final evening with a VIP jazz experience at Fritzel's Jazz Club, followed by a Creole dinner at Tujague's, a New Orleans institution since 1856. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | DEPART NEW ORLEANS
It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your adventure comes to an end. Departure to the airport will be at leisure. **(B)**

Women-Only Option

We also offer a Women-Only version of this tour, designed by women, for women, and averaging 18 travellers. See more on page 177, visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent for details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Nashville | Take a guided tour of RCA Studio B, the cradle of Nashville country music sound.
Learn about country music legends at the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Nashville | *Insight Choice* Visit Nelson's Green Brier, home of the Original Tennessee Whisky, and learn about the process that creates this drink's unique taste, *or* visit the National Museum of African American Music and celebrate the central role African Americans play in creating the American soundtrack.

Memphis | Explore Memphis with Civil Rights era activist Elaine Lee Turner.
Explore Graceland, the private retreat of Elvis Presley.
Visit Sun Studios, known as the "birthplace of Rock n Roll."

Indianola | Visit the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Centre. Experience the soul of the blues at the legendary Club Ebony.

New Orleans | Enjoy an exclusive tour of Mardi Gras World and design your own Mardi Gras Mask alongside a certified artist.
Discover the heart of the New Orleans jazz scene with VIP front-row seating at Fritzel's Jazz Club in the French Quarter.

Memphis | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the Stax Museum of American Soul Music for a special after-hours private tour and learn about its soulful legacy. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

Premium Dining

Memphis | Savour a meal at The Beauty Shop, a former beauty parlour turned whimsical New American eatery, where Elvis' ex-wife, Priscilla, was said to get her hair done.

New Orleans | Dine at one of the longest continuously operated restaurants in the country.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Jewels of Alaska

From Indigenous traditions to glacier-lined waters, uncover Alaska through cultural encounters, rail travel and a cruise through Prince William Sound.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: AJAK

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | ANCHORAGE, THE CITY OF LIGHTS AND FLOWERS

Welcome to Alaska, an adventurous land of wildlife, mountains, national parks and glaciers. Savour a dinner at a local restaurant accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**

Hotel: Marriott Anchorage Downtown

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | ANCHORAGE SIGHTSEEING AND ONTO DENALI

Get acquainted with Anchorage on an immersive city tour, from its downtown streets to views of the surrounding mountains and Cook Inlet. At the renowned Alaska Native Heritage Centre, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you sample Agutak (Eskimo ice cream) and hear how this tradition connects Alaska's first peoples across generations. Travel on to the quaint community of Talkeetna, where independent shops and mountain views set the scene for an evening to explore and dine as you choose. **(B)**

Hotel: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

DAY 3 | TALKEETNA SIGHTSEEING

This morning, you have two memorable ways to explore Alaska's waterways: set out on an exhilarating jet boat adventure up the Chulitna River Gorge, travelling through a classic braided river system with multiple channels and shifting islands, and visit an authentic trapper's cabin along the way. Alternatively, opt for a peaceful scenic float down the Talkeetna River, soaking in the stunning views and serenity of the surrounding wilderness. 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 hike along Talkeetna's best trail with a naturalist guide. **(B)**

DAY 4 | JOURNEY ALONG THE ALASKAN RAILROAD

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning before boarding the world-famous Alaska Railroad train for a spectacular journey over swift-rushing streams, toward Denali National Park and Preserve. View the majestic surroundings from the comfort of your glass-domed railcar. Upon arrival, settle in at the lodge before meeting a local climber who will share stories about what it's like to climb Denali, one of the tallest and most daunting land-based mountains in the world. You'll learn about the incredible physical and mental fortitude required to complete the 17- to 18-day round trip, where conditions are so challenging that climbers must build snow walls for protection against the elements. Hearing tales of such a trek from someone who has experienced it first-hand is truly captivating. For tonight's Dine-Around evening, the choice

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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is yours between a charming local brewery or the lodge's rustic restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grande Denali Lodge, Denali National Park

DAY 5 | DENALI NATIONAL PARK, THE CROWN JEWEL OF THE ALASKAN WILDERNESS

Embark on an extensive Tundra Wilderness Tour for some of the best opportunities to view the park's wildlife. You'll have the whole afternoon free to participate in an array of optional activities. This magnificent land is nature at its purest, yet has something to offer all. From a blissful stroll through one of the meadows, to a rewarding hike, this park is for everyone. You will also find that to be true with the exciting Optional Experiences which include fly fishing to a helicopter flightseeing tour - just don't forget your camera! End the day back at your lodge where you'll enjoy panoramic views of your surroundings under the star-filled night. **(B)**

DAY 6 | GIRDWOOD AND MOUNT ALYESKA

Travel south on the George Parks Highway to the Matanuska–Susitna Valley, a region shaped by glacial activity and known for its fertile farmland. Here, you'll visit Moonstone Farm and meet David Church, whose family arrived with the 1935 Matanuska Colony Project, and discover how this multigenerational farm helps sustain local communities and national food security. You'll hear how three generations have harnessed long summer days and glacial silt to grow giant, prize-winning vegetables with distinctive sweetness. Then, follow the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm, where the extreme tidal range, up to 12 m (40 ft), creates one of the world's most dramatic bore tides. Arrive in Girdwood, home to Alaska's only year-round resort, Alyeska, set at the foot of the Chugach Mountains. This evening, join your Travel Director for a dinner accompanied by wine, offering a chance to unwind and discuss the day's discoveries. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Alyeska Resort, Girdwood

DAY 7 | PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND CRUISE AND DEPART ANCHORAGE

As your time in Alaska draws to a close, enjoy the surroundings and amenities at the beautiful Alyeska Resort. Travel to Whittier to board the 26 Glacier Cruise for a 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 an incredible backdrop. Those saying farewell today will travel back to Anchorage. **(B) (L) (RS)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 20:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Talkeetna | *Insight Choice* Cruise on a jet boat tour up the Chulitna River and visit a trapper's cabin, *or* enjoy amazing views of Denali during a scenic float trip on the Talkeetna River.

Alaska Railroad | Embark on a spectacular journey through majestic landscapes from the comfort of your glass-dome railcar.

Denali National Park | Hear a local climber's fascinating account of ascending North America's highest peak. Experience the best of the park on a wilderness tour and see historic Murie Cabin.

Matanuska Valley | Visit a local farm to learn how Alaska's long summer days and glacial silt help grow giant award-winning produce.

Whittier | Cruise Prince William Sound and into the College Fjord to discover glacier-carved fjords.

Anchorage | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Enjoy an exclusive Agutak (Inuit ice cream) making demonstration during a visit to the renowned Alaska Native Heritage Centre. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Anchorage | Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers to savour classic Alaskan flavours over dinner.

Denali National Park | Choose between a charming local brewery or your lodge's rustic restaurant during a Dine-Around evening.

Girdwood | Savour local specialties with your fellow travellers during dinner complete with wine and good cheer.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Canadian Rockies & Pacific Coast

See Stanley Park and traverse Capilano Suspension Bridge. Crunch across Icefields and terrains of the Rockies and sip the wines of Washington State.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: APNC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VANCOUVER
On arrival, make your way to your hotel. Enjoy dinner accompanied by wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Georgian Court, Vancouver

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

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. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure - perhaps book an optional whale watching excursion on the Pacific Ocean. **(B)**

DAY 4 | VICTORIA TO SUN PEAKS, BRITISH COLUMBIA
Ferry across the Strait of Georgia and continue your scenic journey through British Columbia. Travel along Coquihalla highway, climb to the summit of Coquihalla Pass and cross Thompson Plateau. Continue to Sun Peaks where you'll end a day of scenic travel with dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Sun Peaks Grand & Conference Centre

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, stop at the Mount Robson Visitor Centre in Mount Robson Provincial Park. Arrive in the wonderland of Jasper National Park with its rugged glaciers, colorful meadows and majestic mountains. After a brief orientation tour through town, explore on your own or book onto an optional Float Trip. **(B)**
Hotel: Forest Park, Jasper National Park

DAY 6 | EXPLORING JASPER AND THE COLUMBIA ICEFIELD
Start the day on a narrated cruise across the serene waters of the iconic Maligne Lake (seasonal), one of the jewels of the Canadian Rockies. Travel along the majestic Icefields Parkway and arrive at the Columbia Icefield for your stay at the Glacier View Lodge, the first and only glacier-view resort in Canada, for an after-hours visit to the Glacier Skywalk followed by a gourmet dinner with wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Glacier View Lodge, Jasper National Park

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | ICEFIELDS, GLACIERS AND LAKES TO BANFF NATIONAL PARK
Your Local Expert escorts you to a special before-hours glacier tour where you'll explore Athabasca Glacier in an Ice Explorer. After this morning's icy adventure, continue south to Lake Louise and admire Victoria Glacier. Continue to Banff to dine in town and unwind in your stunning natural surroundings. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff National Park

DAY 8 | THE UNSPOILED WILDERNESS OF BANFF NATIONAL PARK
Today join your Travel Director at Bow Falls, Surprise Corner and a few other local sights. The rest of the day is yours to spend exploring the rugged charms of the park. Choose from several Optional Experiences, including a helicopter flight over the magnificent Canadian Rockies or a ride onboard the Banff Gondola scenic cableway. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
From craggy plains to mountainous landscapes, cross the U.S. border into Montana and onto your charming hotel situated in the heart of Glacier National Park. Revel in your first encounter with the park, a region encompassing over 1 million acres and more than 1,000 different species of plants and hundreds of species of animals. This vast pristine ecosystem is the centrepiece of what has been referred to as the "Crown of the Continent". **(B)**
Hotel: Many Glacier, Glacier National Park

DAY 10 | GOING-TO-THE-SUN AND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
This morning, depart your lodge on the east side of Glacier National Park and join Mariah Gladstone for your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Your Local Expert, Mariah, shares stories of Blackfeet resilience, cultural revitalization and ancestral foodways as you visit the Blackfeet Indian Memorial.Later, travel through the park aboard a privately chartered 1930s Red Jammer bus — named for the sound of double-clutching gears. **(B)**
Hotel: Lake McDonald Lodge, Glacier National Park

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) (D)**
Hotel: 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. Visit Friends Garden Restaurant & Wine Bar, a local favourite, where you'll enjoy lunch focusing on fresh, local and artisanal ingredients. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: The Charter, Seattle

DAY 13 | THE SOARING SIGHTS OF SEATTLE
Enjoy Insight Choice in Seattle. Choose to visit the iconic Space Needle. Alternatively, visit the Chihuly Garden and Glass exhibit. In the evening, indulge in dinner at Ivar's Salmon House on Seattle's waterfront. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 14 | DEPART SEATTLE
Travel to Seattle SeaTac International Airport at your leisure. **(B)**





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

North Vancouver | Visit Capilano Suspension Bridge Park.

Victoria | Admire floral displays at world-renowned Butchart Gardens.

Maligne Lake | Relax onboard a narrated cruise across the serene lake (seasonal).

Icefields Parkway | Venture onto the Glacier Skywalk for an after-hours experience and before-hours access to the Athabasca Glacier.
See glaciers and soaring mountain peaks on one of the most scenic drives in North America.

Glacier National Park | Board a private, historic Red Jammer for a journey along the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Seattle | *Insight Choice* Get an up close look at world-renowned glass artist Dave Chihuly's work, *or* head to the Space Needle and experience its jaw-dropping panoramic views of the Seattle skyline.

Glacier National Park | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Explore Glacier National Park with Mariah Gladstone, a passionate voice for Indigenous resilience. Raised on the Blackfeet Reservation, Mariah Gladstone shares stories of her Piikuni heritage, traditional foodways and modern advocacy. As she journeys with you through Glacier National Park, she brings powerful insights into Blackfeet life past and present — stopping at meaningful sites like the Blackfeet Indian Memorial. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Icefields Parkway | Dine at the Glacier View Lodge, where a seasonal menu tempts your taste buds.

Quincy | Enjoy delicious harvest salads and artisanal flatbreads made with locally sourced ingredients paired with wine.

Seattle | Enjoy dinner at the waterfront Ivar's Salmon House.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Spectacular Rockies & Glaciers of Alberta

Take a tour of the Rocky Mountains and witness Alberta's breathtaking wilderness. Discover Banff National Park, the Columbia Icefield and Jasper National Park.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

Trip code: AGVL

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KANANASKIS
Arrive in Calgary and transfer to Kananaskis, where you'll check in. Gather with your fellow travellers this evening for a delightful dinner, followed by time to relax and enjoy the serene surroundings of Kananaskis Provincial Park. **(D)**
Hotel: Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge, Autograph Collection

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO JASPER
Travel the Icefields Parkway, a 232 km route through the Canadian Rockies, recognized as one of the world's most scenic drives. Pass turquoise lakes, sheer cliffs and the Columbia Icefield, North America's largest south of the Arctic. Feeding rivers that flow to three oceans, this glacial remnant is a geological marvel. Arriving in Jasper National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Dark Sky Preserve, spend your afternoon exploring pristine wilderness or admiring alpine serenity. **(B)**
Hotel: Forest Park, Jasper National Park

DAY 3 | EXPLORING JASPER
Begin your day with a scenic cruise (seasonal) and relax on board a narrated voyage across the serene waters of Maligne Lake, gliding past jagged mountain peaks to reach Spirit Island, a world-famous gem accessible only by boat. In the afternoon, join an optional float trip along the serene Athabasca River. Spend the evening at leisure, relaxing or exploring Jasper's charming town centre. **(B)**

DAY 4 | GLACIER ADVENTURE
Today, you'll visit Athabasca Falls, a breathtaking natural wonder renowned for its powerful and mesmerizing beauty, before departing Jasper for the Columbia Icefield. A warm welcome greets you at the country's first and only glacier-view resort over a champagne reception and nibbles. Before dinner, take advantage of the long daylight hours and set out for an after-hours visit to the Columbia Icefield Skywalk, a glass-floored walkway above the Sunwapta Valley featuring waterfalls and wildlife. After your Skywalk visit, indulge in a delicious, Canadian-inspired, locally sourced dinner, sip cocktails and marvel at the spectacular glacier views that wrap the restaurant. After dinner, step out onto the viewing deck and marvel at the evening sky, relax with a drink in the library or hang out inside Moraine Lounge. The perfect way to end any night. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Glacier View Lodge, Jasper National Park

DAY 5 | LAKES, MOUNTAINS AND GLACIERS
Begin your day with before-hours access to the Columbia Icefield Adventure, experiencing the natural wonder before the crowds arrive. Step onto the vast ice mass to enjoy early access to this breathtaking natural wonder, setting the stage for a truly memorable day.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Then explore Yoho National Park, known for its stunning waterfalls and dramatic landscapes. See the Lower Spiral Tunnels - an early 20th-century engineering solution to a dangerously steep railway grade. Then view Takakkaw Falls (seasonal), plunging 373 m (1,224 ft) in one of Canada's highest cascades. The name, from Cree, means "it's significant," an apt description for this thundering spectacle set amid glacier-fed peaks. Arrive at the Fairmont Banff Springs for a relaxing evening, with time to unwind or explore Banff National Park at your leisure. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff National Park

DAY 6 | A TRIP TO LAKE LOUISE
This morning, make your way to Moraine Lake (seasonal)—the largest glacially fed lake in Canada—for a photo stop before a decadent lunch at Chateau Lake Louise. Marvel as you're surrounded by soaring peaks and the majesty of the Victoria Glacier. Capture a photo or two of the turquoise Lake Louise and rugged backdrop of one of the most famous mountain vistas in the world. This afternoon enjoying a scenic drive through Banff National Park, visiting the hoodoos and Surprise Corner. After opt for a ride on the Banff Gondola before returning to the hotel for a relaxing evening. **(B) (L)**

DAY 7 | EXPLORING BANFF
Connect with the land on a guided walk through the boreal forest with an Indigenous Local Expert. Learn how First Nations communities have traditionally used local plants for medicinal purposes and how animals like the beaver and raven feature in both ecological systems and oral storytelling traditions. Explore Banff with Insight Choice. Visit The Whyte Museum where you'll discover the history and culture of the Rocky Mountains of Canada through 28,000 artifacts and artworks. With the mission of cultivating the exchange of knowledge, the museum engages you with the evolving history, peoples, culture, environment and ideas of mountain culture. Or, join a hotel ambassador to explore the history of the Fairmont Banff Springs, which opened in 1888 and has hosted figures such as King George VI and Marilyn Monroe. This evening, toast the end of your journey with your Travel Director and fellow travellers over dinner to celebrate the insights experienced along the way. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | FAREWELL CANADA
After breakfast, you are transferred to Calgary Airport where your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:00.

Rocky Mountaineer Option

Relax onboard the Rocky Mountaineer for two days of all-daylight rail travel through Canada's West and the Canadian Rockies. Scan the QR code opposite and select your options for itinerary details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Maligne Lake | Relax onboard a narrated cruise across the serene lake (seasonal).

Jasper National Park of Canada | Get up close to Athabasca Falls, where powerful water creates breathtaking views of the Canadian Rockies.

Icefields Parkway | Enjoy an after-hours visit to the amazing Glacier Skywalk. Step onto the cliff-edged, glass-floored walkway rising 280 m (918 ft) above the valley. See glaciers and soaring mountains on one of the most scenic drives in North America. Join a before-hours visit onto the Athabasca Glacier.

Yoho National Park | See the Lower Spiral Tunnels—an early 20th-century engineering solution to a dangerously steep railway grade. Admire Takakkaw Falls (seasonal), plunging 373 m (1,224 ft) and one of Canada's highest cascades.

Banff | *Insight Choice* Learn about the history, highlights and stories that took place around the Fairmont Banff Springs hotel, *or* discover history and culture at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies.

Banff | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Walk through boreal forest with an Indigenous Local Expert and learn how local plants have been used for healing, food and survival for millennia. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Icefields Parkway | Dine at the Glacier View Lodge, where a seasonal menu tempts your taste buds.

Banff | Celebrate your journey with dinner at the Fairmont Banff Springs, a landmark hotel in the heart of the national park. Dine in a setting inspired by Scottish baronial architecture and enjoy a menu that highlights regional Canadian ingredients.

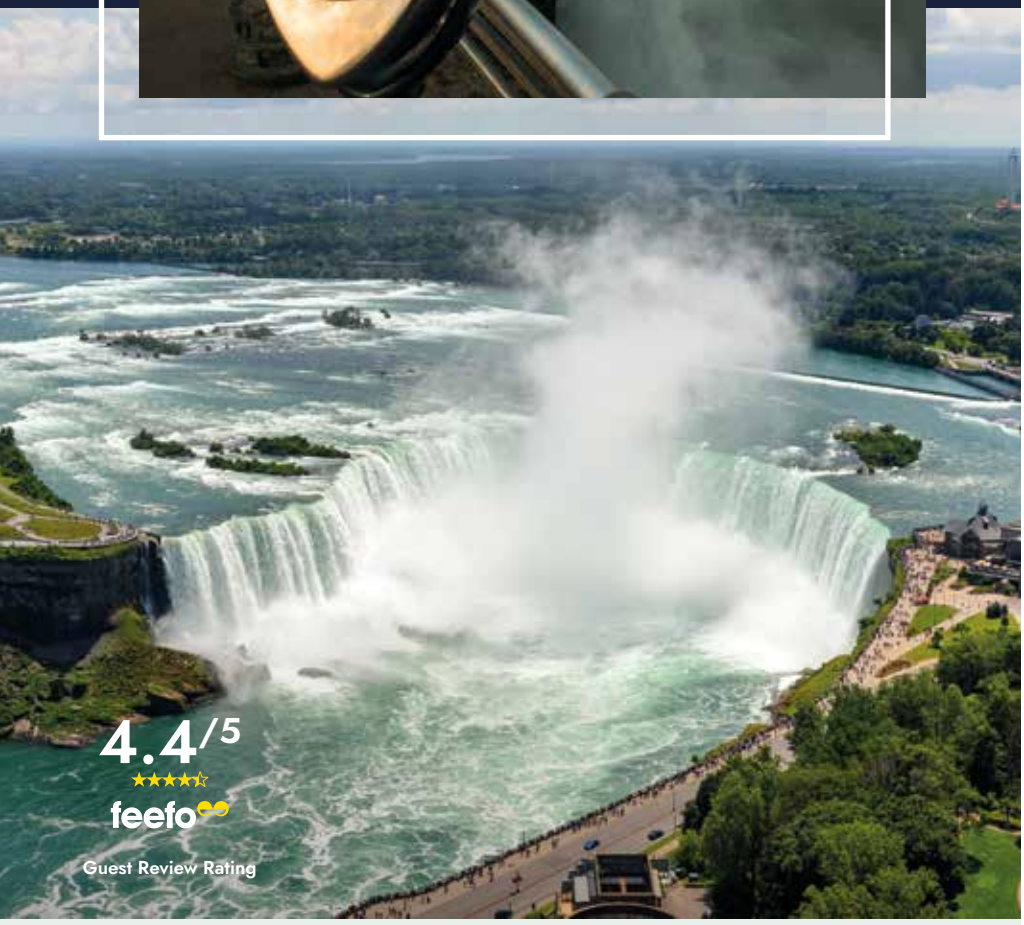
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Best of Eastern Canada & USA

From Toronto's Queen's Park to the sweeping skyline of New York City. Discover Canada's natural wonders and the revolutionary history that shaped the United States.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: ABEC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | THRILLING TORONTO
Welcome to Toronto, a vibrant city on Lake Ontario known for its food and wine scene and eclectic restaurants. Savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton, Toronto

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | TORONTO AND THE THUNDERING FALLS OF NIAGARA
See Toronto's top sights before venturing to the quaint town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Experience the thrill of Niagara Falls on a state-of-the-art eco-catamaran. Opt to soar above Niagara's landscapes on a helicopter flight. Later, return to Toronto for an evening at leisure or choose to visit the top of the iconic CN Tower. **(B)**

DAY 3 | KINGSTON AND OTTAWA
Journey to historic Kingston to view storied buildings, churches and fortifications, many of which being constructed from limestone itself. Continue to the capital city of Ottawa. At a local farm owned by Just Food, a non-profit organisation dedicated to fostering sustainable food and farming practises, you'll not only enjoy a captivating cooking demonstration but also learn valuable culinary skills. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ottawa Marriott

DAY 4 | CANADA'S CAPITAL TO MONTRÉAL
Spend the morning exploring Ottawa on a tour of the city. Later, learn about the diversity of Indigenous cultures across Canada through music, dance and song including a lively and passionate Powwow at your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Mādahòkì Farm. Continue to Montréal in the French-speaking province of Québec. **(B)**
Hotel: Marriott Chateau Champlain, Montréal

DAY 5 | MONTRÉAL, THE ROYAL MOUNTAIN
Join a Local Expert who will guide you around Old Montréal. Next, visit the Notre-Dame Basilica and discover the history of the first neo-gothic church in Canada and marvel at its breathtaking architecture and stained-glass windows. The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you please. **(B)**

DAY 6 | MONTMORENCY FALLS PARK TO QUÉBEC CITY
Depart Montréal and immerse yourself in Canadian culinary adventures as you indulge in the sweet delights of maple syrup, harvested and crafted right on-site. After lunch, explore with Insight Choice. Head to Montmorency Falls Park to experience its natural wonder that towers 84 m (272 ft) over the St. Lawrence River. Or, visit a Copper Art Studio for a guided tour and demonstration of the repoussé copper art before trying it yourself. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: Hilton, Québec

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | QUINTESSENTIAL QUÉBEC
Discover more of Québec City's history and charm with a Local Expert. You'll see the Latin Quarter, Plains of Abraham, City Hall and Palace Royale, while learning about the city's history. No visit to Old Québec would be complete without seeing the grand hotel Château Frontenac. In the evening enjoy dinner in historic old Québec. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | QUÉBEC CITY TO BOSTON
Depart Québec City, crossing the border from Canada into the USA. Take in the breathtaking views of the White Mountains as you journey through Franconia Notch State Park, winding past the park's high peaks and dense woodlands. As Boston's skyline comes into view, feel the excitement grow, as you anticipate two unforgettable nights in one of America's most dynamic cities. **(B)**
Hotel: Hyatt Regency, Boston

DAY 9 | BOSTON, THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY
Join your Travel Director as they guide you along the Freedom Trail, a route that leads you to several historically significant sites, including the Old State House. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | A BITE OF THE BIG APPLE
Follow the bright lights to New York City. Explore New York City with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Summit One Vanderbilt with stunning views of the New York skyline, or join a Midtown architecture walking tour. **(B)**
Hotel: The Knickerbocker, New York City

DAY 11 | A MANHATTAN MASTERPIECE
Explore the 'City that Never Sleeps' with your Local Expert. This evening, head to Essex Market to meet and hear stories from local vendors while tasting their food specialties. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | 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. Perhaps join an optional nighttime illuminations tour to see the capital's sights in a new light. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Royal Sonesta Dupont Circle

DAY 13 | WASHINGTON, D.C. SIGHTSEEING AND LEISURE TIME
Immerse yourself on a sightseeing tour and view the White House, the striking Washington Monument, the sprawling National Mall, the Lincoln Memorial and the World War II Memorial. Next, visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the newest member of the Smithsonian Institution. The rest of the day is at leisure. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests for dinner and toast to new friends and fantastic memories. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | DEPART WASHINGTON, D.C.
Depart at your leisure to Dulles International Airport or Reagan National Airport for your flight home. Alternatively, extend your stay in the nation's capital. **(B)**





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Montreal | Discover the first Neo-Gothic church of Canada, Basilique Notre-Dame.

Quebec City | *Insight Choice* Experience the natural wonders that tower 83 m (272 ft) over the Saint Lawrence River, *or* visit a copper art studio for a guided tour.

New York City | *Insight Choice* Visit Summit One Vanderbilt for amazing skyline views and an immersive, multi-sensory art experience, *or* embark on a captivating 2.5-hour architecture walking tour through the heart of the city.

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

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

Ottawa | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit Mādahòkì Farm and learn about the diversity of Indigenous cultures across Canada and how dance has helped revive the traditional arts. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Premium Dining

Ottawa | Join a cooking demonstration at Just Food Community Farm, nestled within Ottawa's lush 150-acre greenbelt. Watch a chef craft your meal with local foraged ingredients, learn new skills, and savour a three-course feast paired with wine.

Trois-Rivieres | Enjoy a traditional sugar shack (cabane à sucre) lunch including traditional staples like maple taffy on snow.

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Landscapes of the Canadian Maritimes

Blend the best of land and sea: watch for bald eagles on the Cabot Trail and see the Prince Edward Island dunes while trying the freshest seafood.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: ACME

DEPARTURE MONTHS

June - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO HALIFAX

Arrive in Halifax, your quintessential maritime destination. Relax next to the waterfront before savouring dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, Halifax

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | SIGHTSEEING AND RELAXATION IN HALIFAX

Join a Local Expert for an informative city exploration, then delve into the region's nautical history at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Enhance your day with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site, learn about the collection at the Maud Lewis Gallery, or tour the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. **(B) (RS)**

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. At the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, hear tales of the fishing industry's impact on the region before visiting scenic Peggy's Cove. **(B)**

DAY 4 | CAPE BRETON ISLAND AND BLOOMING BADDECK

At Millbrook Cultural Heritage Centre, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as interpreters share insights of history and culture. Further your discovery on a guided cruise across Bras d'Or Lake spotting iconic lighthouses, a bird estuary and historic properties. Experience warm hospitality and Cape Breton-style dinner at your waterfront hotel. Continue your night with traditional music and song at a Ceilidh, a Celtic evening full of Acadian hospitality and entertainment. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Inverary Resort, Baddeck

DAY 5 | THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE CABOT TRAIL

Immerse yourself in a unique experience at The Gaelic College, devoted to the study and preservation of the Gaelic and Celtic cultures. Enjoy a relaxing drive along the Cabot Trail, one of the world's most scenic routes. Travel through Cape Breton Highlands National Park. **(B) (L)**

DAY 6 | BADDECK AND CHARLOTTETOWN

Go behind the scenes with a Local Expert at the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site. Ferry across the Northumberland Strait to Prince Edward Island and quaint Charlottetown, where you'll spend the next three nights in this nautical gem, dotted with colourful fisherman's cottages and a picturesque harbour. Your hotel, The Delta Prince Edward, is Charlottetown's only waterfront hotel and just steps away from shops and restaurants. **(B)**
Hotel: Delta by Marriott Prince Edward, Charlottetown

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 7 | PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SIGHTSEEING

No trip to Prince Edward Island is complete without a visit to Green Gables Heritage Place including the Green Gables House, the fabled home that provided inspiration for L.M. Montgomery's children's classic, 'Anne of Green Gables'. With your Local Expert, discover the cliffs, dunes and countryside of Prince Edward Island National Park before heading on to Cavendish. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | A TASTE OF GEORGETOWN

Head for the quaint seaside fishing village of Georgetown in eastern Prince Edward Island. Enjoy a delicious lunch of island blue mussels cooked fresh by local fishermen. Meet one of the local fishermen who will regale you with tales of life at sea and teach you all about the area's lobster and mussel industry. Enjoy a wine tasting and tour a lighthouse to end your day. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 9 | THE TIDES OF HOPEWELL ROCKS

This morning, cross the eight-mile Confederation Bridge, an award-winning engineering marvel linking Prince Edward Island to the mainland. In Shediac, delve into the marine ecosystem of the Northumberland Strait during a guided visit to the Homarus Centre. Examine the lobster's life cycle, explore the local fishery's sustainability practises and handle live marine species at the touch tank. Later, meet a Local Expert at Hopewell Rocks and uncover the dramatic tides of the Bay of Fundy. This evening, prepare and enjoy lobster the Acadian way, head to tail, during a traditional boil. Then, shake up a summer cocktail in a hands-on mixology class using locally inspired ingredients. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza Downtown, Moncton

DAY 10 | LIVELY MONCTON TO DIGBY

Embark on a coastal drive on the Fundy Trail Parkway, nestling you between the greens of the forest and the blues of the coast with stunning views. Take to the water, crossing the Bay of Fundy from St. John to Digby by ferry (seasonal), keeping an eye out for whales and other marine life. Arrive at your hotel overlooking the Bay of Fundy. **(B)**
Hotel: Digby Pines Golf Resort and Spa

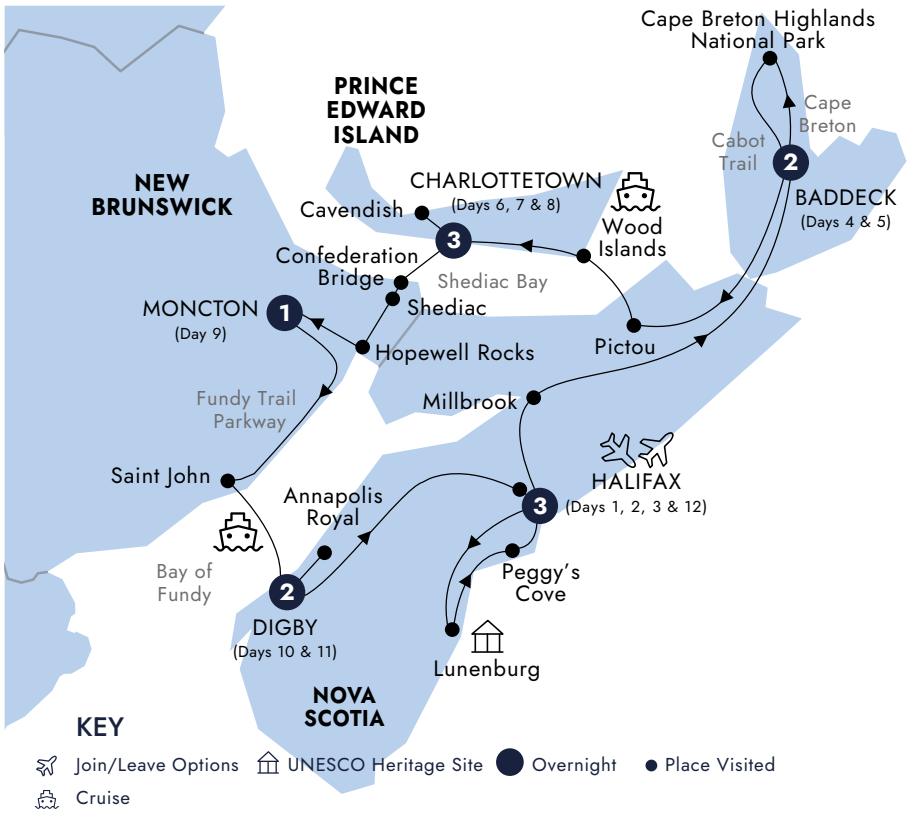
DAY 11 | DELIGHTFUL DIGBY AND ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

In the historic town of Annapolis Royal, join a Local Expert and costumed interpreter for a stroll in the National Historic District. In the evening, meet a former scallop fisher for a culinary demonstration to learn about the region's maritime heritage. Gain insight into how fresh scallops are shucked before they are cooked to perfection for your seafood dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | FAREWELL HALIFAX

It's time to wave goodbye to Halifax and your fellow travellers. A complimentary airport transfer will be made at Halifax International Airport followed by a stop at the Marriott Harbourfront Halifax for those wishing to extend their stay. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Halifax | *Insight Choice* Visit Halifax's historic citadel, *or* visit the home and gallery of Maud Kathleen Lewis, *or* get up close and personal with the Canadian Immigration story.

Baddeck | Take in unparalleled views aboard the Winstar Catamaran. Immerse yourself in the Celtic Heart of North America with an authentic Ceilidh night of Acadian music, hospitality and entertainment.

Cape Breton Island | Experience the spectacular sites along the Cabot Trail.

Prince Edward Island | Discover the island's highlights including a visit to Green Gables Heritage Place.

Hopewell Cape | Learn about the highest tides in the world from your Local Expert.

Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Visit the Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre to learn about the Mi'kmaq people's history, culture, language, and traditional artifacts through a guided tour and multimedia presentation. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Premium Dining

Charlottetown | Learn about the local seafood from a Maritime fisherman before feasting on a delicious lunch.

Moncton | Prepare and eat lobster the Acadian way—head to tail—guided by local hosts who'll demonstrate traditional shelling techniques passed through generations. Learn the practical skills locals use at home and on the shore, and hear how these mealtime customs reflect Acadian culture. Then, take part in a hands-on mixology class and craft a summer cocktail using seasonal herbs and citrus.

Digby | Celebrate the region's famous scallops with a culinary demonstration before a true Acadian dinner.

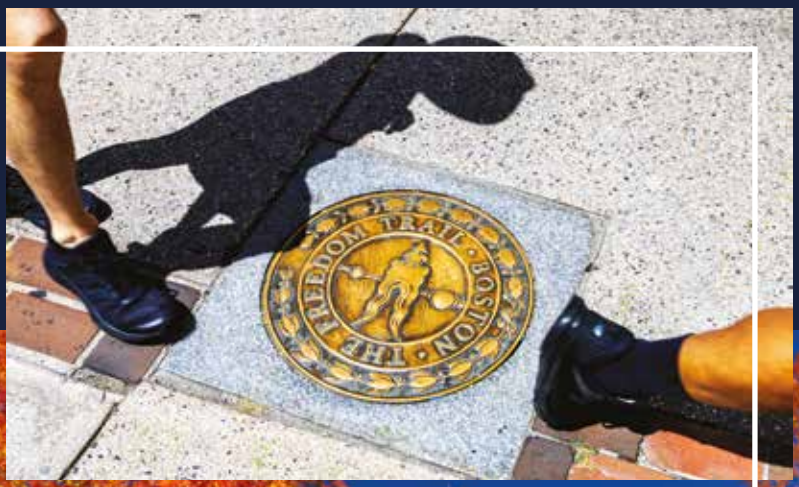
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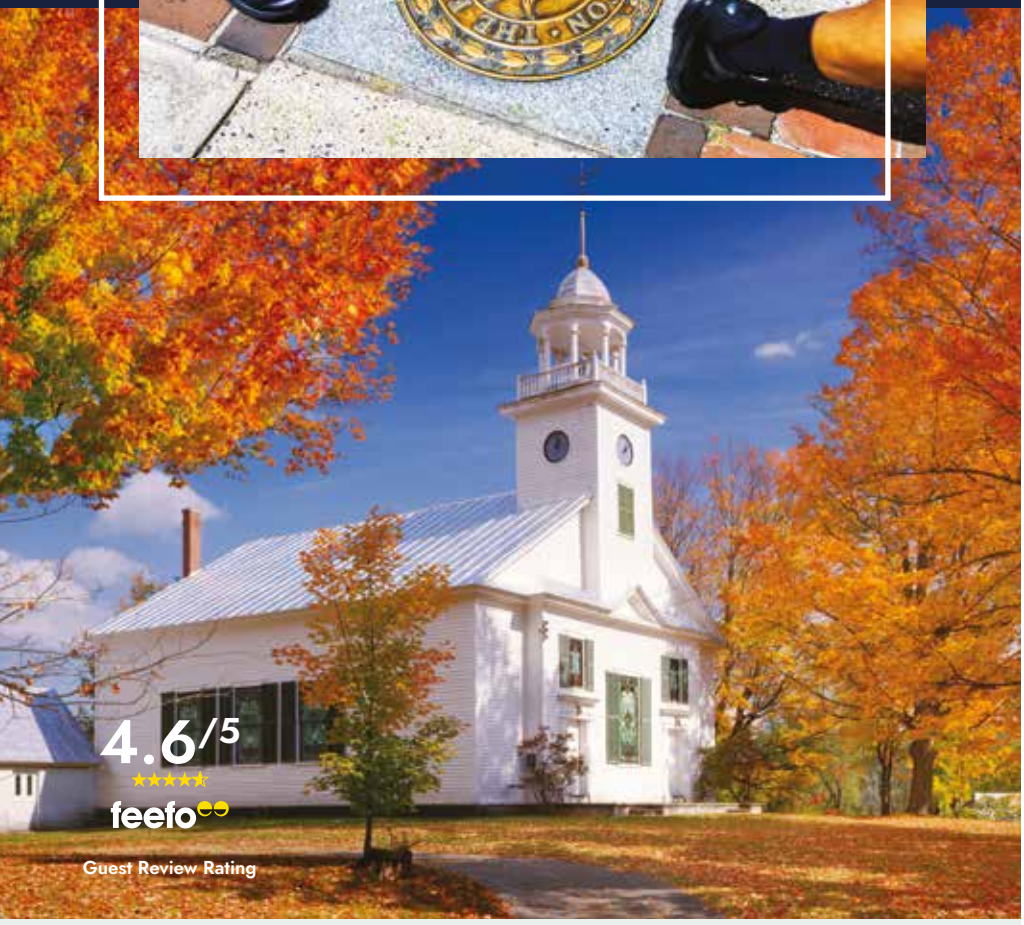
New England's Fall Foliage

Trace Boston's Freedom Trail before heading into New England's countryside, where maple syrup farms and bronze-coloured hills reveal the stories of the region.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED

WOMEN-ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE





Trip code: AENE

DEPARTURE MONTHS

September - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BOSTON

Affectionately known as Beantown, this revolutionary city is one of the oldest in the United States. 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. Savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**

Hotel: Hyatt Regency, Boston

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | BEANTOWN TO SARATOGA SPRINGS

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. See Boston Common, Boston Public Garden, Trinity Church and Copley Square. This afternoon, explore Stockbridge with 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, famous for his work on the Lincoln Memorial. Travel on through the rolling hills of the Berkshires and onto your upstate New York hotel, situated within the Saratoga Spa State Park. **(B)**

Hotel: The Gideon Putnam, Saratoga Springs

DAY 3 | THE LEGENDS OF THE FALL AND STOWE

Trace the roots of Vermont's rural traditions as you travel from Saratoga Springs into the heart of New England. In Weston, step inside the Vermont Country Store, a family-run emporium preserving generations of heritage brands and household curiosities. Continue to Woodstock, and visit the Billings Farm Museum to gain insight on sustainable dairy farming practises and how 19th-century life shaped the region's agricultural legacy. Later, at Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, learn how maple sap is turned into syrup and taste the seasonal delicacy 'sugar on snow'. Your day concludes at the Von Trapp Family Lodge where you will enjoy a three-course dinner. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe

DAY 4 | A TASTE OF VERMONT

Enjoy a relaxed start at the iconic Von Trapp Family Lodge, where Austrian heritage meets Vermont's Green Mountains. Later, connect with the land at Bread Butter Farm during a guided tour, followed by a nourishing lunch by Blossom Whole Food Kitchen. This afternoon, take time to explore the picturesque town of Stowe, filled with artisan boutiques and local charm. **(B) (L) (RS)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 5 | NORTH CONWAY AND THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Journey to New Hampshire's White Mountains and enter striking Franconia Notch. Take a scenic ride on the Gondola SkyRidge at Loon Mountain Resort (seasonal). 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 55.5 km (34 miles) of untouched natural beauty. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: White Mountain, North Conway

DAY 6 | SIGHTSEEING IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

This morning's MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with naturalist guide Chris Lewey provides an up-close and personal insight into New England's wildlife and ecology. 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, the tallest peak in the northeast at 1,917 m (6,288 ft). 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 | NORTH CONWAY - KENNEBUNKPORT - PORTLAND

Cross from New Hampshire into Maine this morning and travel to Kennebunkport, a year-round coastal destination that is home to the rich and famous, and has even served as the summer retreat of former President George H. W. Bush. Travel along Ocean Drive, enjoying more stunning views of the Maine coastline, before arriving in Portland for an afternoon at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner featuring Maine lobster with your fellow travellers. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Westin Portland Harborview, Portland

DAY 8 | PORTLAND - BOSTON

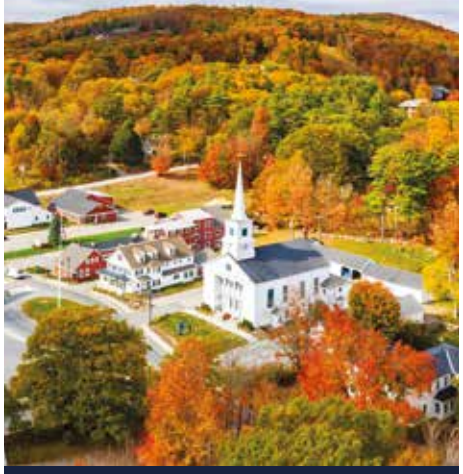
Head to Fort Williams Park, which is home to the iconic Portland Head Lighthouse that has been in operation since 1791 before driving along the jagged coast back to Boston. Guests departing Boston will arrive at Boston Logan International Airport. Those extending their stay will return to the Hyatt Regency Boston hotel. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:30.

Women-Only Option

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Boston | Discover the secrets of the American Revolution on a tour of the historic red-brick Freedom Trail.

Stockbridge | *Insight Choice* Take a self-guided visit to the Norman Rockwell Museum and grounds, which houses the largest collection of original Rockwell art pieces, *or* enjoy a self-guided tour of Chesterwood, the former summer home and studio of 20th-century sculptor, Daniel Chester French, best known for his work on the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Woodstock | Explore the Rockefellers' renowned Billings Farm and Museum, showcasing Vermont's rural history.

Montpelier | Learn how maple syrup is tapped from trees and try 'sugar on snow.'

Franconia Notch State Park | Take a scenic ride on the Gondola SkyRide (weather permitting).

Kancamagus Highway | Enjoy a picturesque drive along the Kancamagus Scenic Byway.

North Conway | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Learn about regional flora and fauna with a Local Expert during an ecological look at autumn in New England. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Stowe | Enjoy Austrian-style lagers during your dinner at Von Trapp Brewing's bierhall.

Shelburne | Savour a Farm-to-Table lunch at Bread & Butter Farm with Chef Tessa, a seventh-generation Vermonter.

Portland | Enjoy a Maine lobster dinner, a local delicacy known for its tenderness and rich flavour.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Cape Cod & the Islands

Follow the red-brick Freedom Trail in Boston, visit the living history museum at Plimoth Patuxet and admire the grand homes of Martha's Vineyard.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED

WOMEN-ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE





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Guest Review Rating

Trip code: ACAP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BOSTON

Welcome to Boston, a city that played a central role in American history. Boston's prestigious universities, like Harvard and MIT, amplify its status as a leading hub for innovation and research. In the evening, savour a dinner with wine and the opportunity to mingle with fellow guests. **(D)**

Hotel: Hyatt Regency, Boston

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING PLYMOUTH'S PAST

Trace the path of American independence along Boston's Freedom Trail. See the nation's oldest public park, Boston Common, the Old State House and the Granary Burying Ground, final resting place of revolutionaries. Then travel to Plymouth and step aboard the Mayflower II, a full-scale replica of the 1620 ship. At Pilgrim Hall Museum, explore an extraordinary collection of 17th-century artifacts with a Mayflower descendant on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, gaining powerful insight into the founding stories of early Plymouth Colony. Finally, walk through recreated homesites at Plimoth Patuxet Museums, where you'll witness traditional practises and lifeways of both the Wampanoag and English communities. **(B)**

Hotel: Dan'l Webster Inn and Spa, Sandwich

DAY 3 | THE WONDERS OF CAPE COD

Cape Cod offers a day of discovery through one of New England's most distinctive coastal landscapes. Explore the history of the Wampanoag, the First Peoples of this region, whose relationship with these shores reaches back thousands of years, alongside stories of European settlement, fishing communities, lighthouse keepers and the life-saving services that once patrolled the coast. Enjoy lunch at leisure and time to explore Provincetown, with the opportunity to join an Optional Experience with Art's Dune Tours, an off-road exploration through the protected dunes of Cape Cod National Seashore, before returning to your hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 4 | NAUTICAL HISTORY IN NANTUCKET

Set sail from Hyannis to the island of Nantucket, where cobblestone streets and preserved historic homes tell the story of a bygone whaling era. Stroll through the charming downtown, learning how the rise and fall of the whaling industry shaped Nantucket's social fabric and economy. As you uncover tales of seafaring adventures, witness the island's transformation into a beloved destination for visitors from across the globe. After a day steeped in maritime history, return to Hyannis by ferry for an evening at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THE CHARMS OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD – AN ISLAND ESCAPE

Board a morning ferry to Martha's Vineyard, an island long favoured for its natural beauty

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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and notable visitors. Begin with a visit to the Gingerbread Cottage Museum in Oak Bluffs, where your Local Expert reveals the origins of this colourful 19th-century enclave. Enjoy free time to explore at your own pace—perhaps visit the Flying Horses Carousel, the oldest of its kind in America. Later, gain a broader perspective during an orientation of the island, passing coastal landmarks including State Beach, made famous by the film Jaws. This evening, savour island hospitality with a seasonal menu crafted from local farms, fishing boats and foragers during your dining experience
at Bettini, located in your elegant hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Harbour View, Martha's Vineyard

DAY 6 | THE TIMELESS ELEGANCE OF NEWPORT
Arrive in Newport, where over 95 years of hospitality and charm characterise the historic Hotel Viking. Set in the heart of this coastal city, your boutique accommodation offers luxurious rooms and stunning views. Personalise your afternoon with Insight Choice. Opt to visit the Newport Car Museum, where over 100 vehicles highlight milestones in design and performance of cars throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Or explore Green Animals Topiary Garden at the Brayton House, the oldest of its kind in the United States, where sculpted shrubs have been meticulously shaped since 1872. This evening, take a leisurely stroll through Newport's vibrant streets, where every corner reveals another piece of its storied past. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Viking, Newport

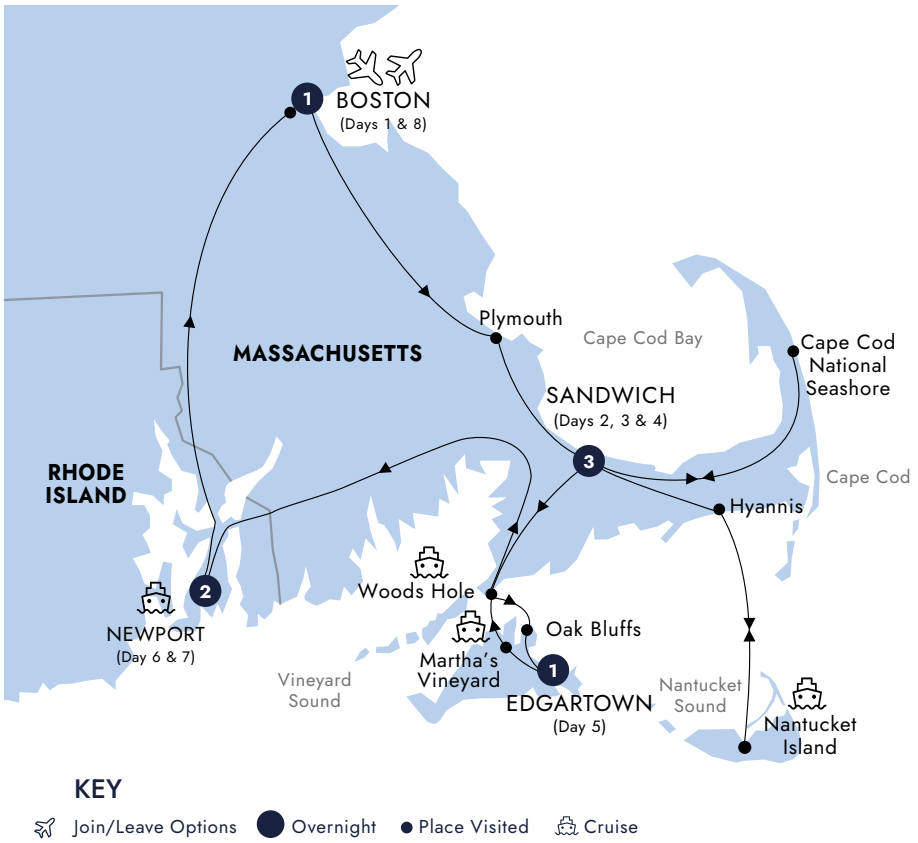
DAY 7 | NEWPORT, THE QUEEN OF SUMMER RESORTS
Your day begins with Newport's famed Ten Mile Drive, a scenic route that hugs the coastline, showcasing public parks, historic landmarks and breathtaking ocean views. Afterwards, explore the grandeur of Newport's "summer cottages" with a visit to the Breakers, the grandest of them all. A symbol of the Vanderbilt family's wealth and prominence, this opulent mansion offers a glimpse into the lavish lifestyle of America's Gilded Age elite. Later, take to the water aboard the Madeline, gliding through Newport Harbour and Narragansett Bay. This evening, gather at La Forge for dinner overlooking the International Tennis Hall of Fame — a fitting finale in the heart of this elegant seaside city. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | FAREWELL TO BOSTON
As your tour comes to a close, bid farewell to your fellow travellers and transfer to Logan International Airport for your onward journey. With memories of Boston's historic charm, the beauty of Cape Cod, and the elegance of Newport, you leave with a deeper appreciation for this unique corner of New England. **(B) (RS)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:00.

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Plymouth | Visit the Plimoth Patuxet Museum to learn about the Wampanoag Indigenous community and early English settlers, while helping preserve their history.

Boston | Unlock the secrets of the American Revolution on a tour of the historic red-brick Freedom Trail.

Nantucket | Discover the island's whaling history on a guided walking tour.

Martha's Vineyard | Visit the port neighbourhood of Oak Bluffs.

Newport | *Insight Choice* Visit the Newport Car Museum, featuring over 100 vehicles from the 19th and 20th centuries, *or* explore the Green Animals Topiary Garden, the oldest of its kind in the United States.

Newport | Enjoy a private cruise offering majestic views of Gilded Age mansions, lighthouses, and former speakeasies. Visit the Breakers Mansion, the former summer cottage of Cornelius Vanderbilt II.

Plymouth | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Led by a Mayflower descendant, enjoy a guided visit to Pilgrim Hall Museum, the oldest continuously operating public museum in the United States. View original 17th-century artifacts and possessions carried on the Mayflower as you explore the personal stories behind early Plymouth Colony. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

Premium Dining

Boston | Taste New England classics like clam chowder and Boston cream pie.

Martha's Vineyard | Indulge in a locally-sourced dinner in a private dining space in Bettini Restaurant.

Newport | Enjoy a fantastically fresh seafood dinner with wine.

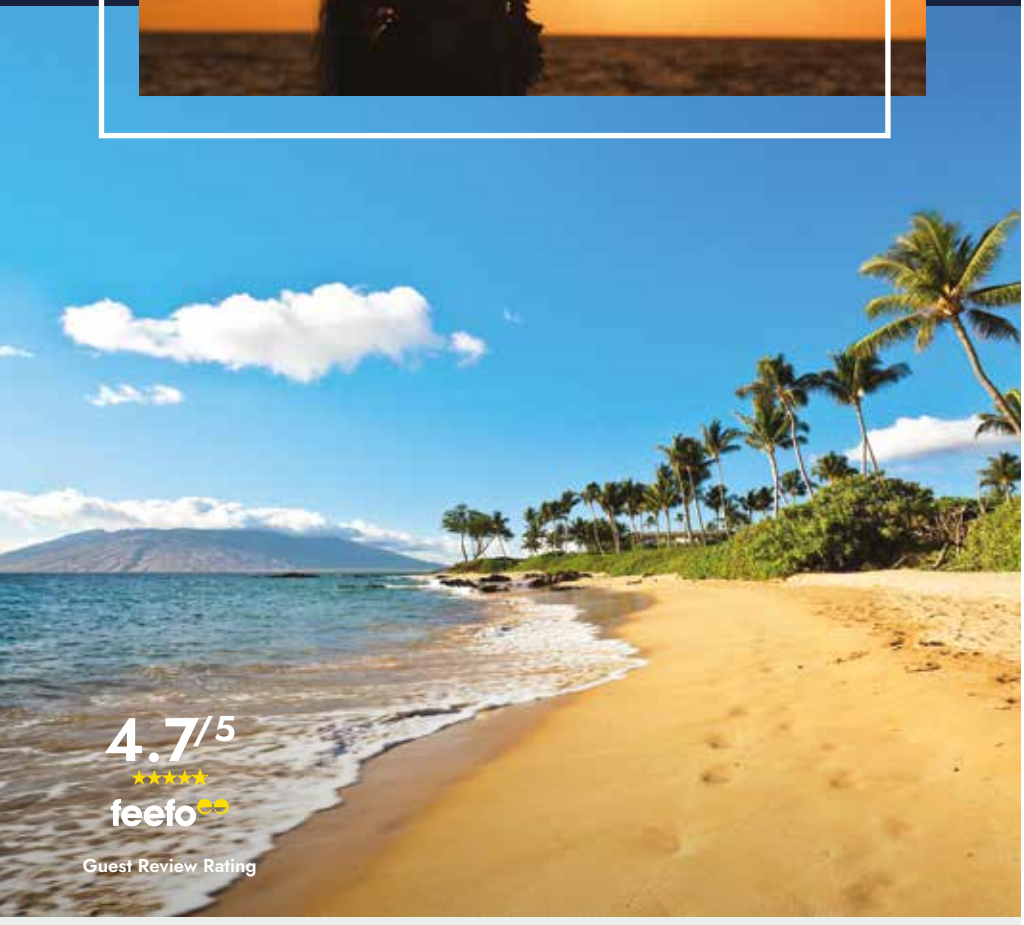
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Hawaii with Oahu, Maui & the Big Island

Discover the archipelago's rich heritage, from volcanic landscapes and ocean views to Pearl Harbor. Taste island-grown pineapple and witness the sun rise at Haleakalā.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: APARK

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | ALOHA HAWAII
Arrive in Honolulu and receive a warm lei greeting before meeting your Travel Director. Home to the iconic cocktail and made famous by Elvis Presley's 1961 film Blue Hawaii, your Oahu hotel sets the scene for your stay. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, Oahu

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | PEARL HARBOR
Enjoy a relaxed start this morning followed by a visit to the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, commemorating the tragic day of December 7, 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. Spend time at the superb visitor centre and explore exhibits that recount the events that led the U.S. to join World War II. As part of today's adventure, you'll see the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. It honours all those who served in the U.S. 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) (RS)**

DAY 3 | A TRIP AROUND OAHU
After a relaxed start this morning, 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 with your Local Expert in a Hawaiian Legacy Forest and learn about the sacred planting ceremony of a native tree contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem. Delve into an al fresco, sustainably sourced picnic lunch while enjoying views of the Legacy Forest. Continue to North Shore where in the winter months waves can reach 9 m (30 ft) making it a favourite spot among big wave surfers worldwide. Visit Haleiwa, the social and artistic hub of the North Shore. 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) (RS)**

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 Iao Valley State Park and see the 366 m (1,200 ft) landmark Iao Needle. This green-mantled rock outcropping overlooks sacred lands and was used as a burial site

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

for Hawaii's chiefs for centuries. Tonight, get together with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali Beach, Maui

DAY 5 | UPCOUNTRY MAUI
Head to Upcountry Maui and discover a different face of the island. Visit one of the last working pineapple farms with a fun and knowledgeable Local Expert. 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. Return to your resort and spend the evening at your leisure. **(B) (L)**

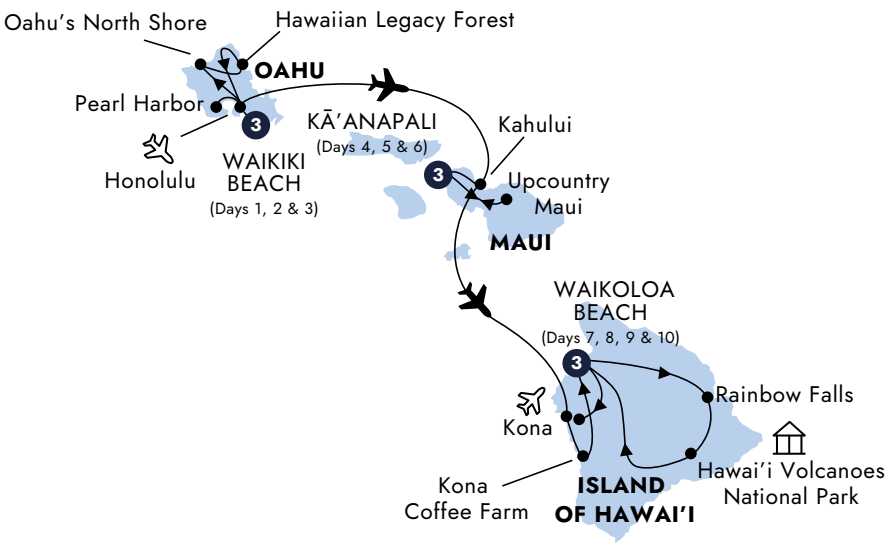
DAY 6 | INSIGHT CHOICE IN MAUI
Explore Maui with Insight Choice. Choose to experience sunrise at Haleakalā National Park, offering an astonishing volcanic landscape. Hear the Hawaiian legends about the active volcano and see the unique Haleakalā Silversword plant. Alternatively, cruise to the scenic coastline of Lana'i island and snorkel a dazzling coral reef, home to abundant sea life. Tonight you are invited to choose your own dining experience from a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

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 coffee growing area of Kona and join a Local Expert to learn about Kona coffee. Enjoy a tasting of this gourmet specialty 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 and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Waikoloa Village, Island of Hawai'i

DAY 8 | THE VOLCANOES OF HAWAII
Get ready for an unforgettable journey to the volcano. Following a luscious lunch, enter the UNESCO World Heritage listed Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. 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
Enjoy a relaxed start and spend the day on island time, lounging under the swaying palms or by the pool. Indulge in a spa treatment or snorkel in the local lagoon, looking for the rare green sea turtles that call these waters home. Or, opt to take to the skies on a helicopter tour and witness the sea cliffs of Waipi'o Valley and the Kohala Mountains. Tonight, come together at a restaurant for dinner and toast to your travels. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | FAREWELL HAWAII
Bid farewell to your fellow travellers and new friends and depart at leisure to the Kona Airport filled with new memories and stories. **(B)**



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Premium Experiences

Honolulu | Visit Pearl Harbor and step aboard the USS Arizona Memorial. See the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Oahu | Take in panoramic views from Pali Lookout, and travel beneath the Ko'olau Mountains and along the Windward Coast.

Maui | See the 366 m (1,200 ft) landmark Iao Needle.
Visit one of the last working pineapple farms with a Local Expert. Learn about the plantations' impact on the islands and sample some of the extra sweet Maui Gold variant.

Maui | *Insight Choice* Visit Haleakala National Park offering an astonishing volcanic landscape, *or* cruise to the scenic coastline of Lana'i island and snorkel a dazzling coral reef.

Hawaii | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Oahu | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Join an eco-tour with your Local Expert in a Hawaiian Legacy Forest, where your visit will support the planting of a native tree, contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Premium Dining

Oahu | Savour an al fresco, sustainably sourced Farm-to-Table lunch, complemented by beautiful views of the North Shore.

Maui | Enjoy lunch at Hali'imaile General Store, the island's original Farm-to-Table restaurant.
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