

Europe, Britain & The World

'BUSINESS CLASS' TOURS FOR CURIOUS TRAVELLERS

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Tours for the World's Most Curious Travellers

ALL THE SIGHTS AND INSIGHTS, UP CLOSE
AND PERSONAL, IN 'BUSINESS CLASS' STYLE

Insightful Insights

Mesmerising and hypnotising, the Whirling Dervish ceremony transcends mere dance, offering a profound spiritual journey. This traditional form of Sufi worship, originating in the 13th century, features Dervishes spinning continuously for an hour, sustained by their meditative state. Wearing traditional white (1) flowing robes symbolising spiritual rebirth, they perform to enchanting music in an atmosphere of deep reverence. *Discover on Wonders of Turkey, p.178 and Treasures of Turkey, p.180.*



Welcome to 'Business Class' Tours

AS THE WORLD LEADERS IN PREMIUM GUIDED TRAVEL, YOUR HOLIDAY PROMISES TO BE A SUPERIOR END-TO-END EXPERIENCE, WITH AN ELEVATED LEVEL OF DETAIL AND ATTENTION AT EVERY STEP.

100 TOURS | 48 COUNTRIES



Insightful Insights

The Munich Residenz houses around 1,500 pieces of royal regalia belonging to the Bavarian royal family. Among its most notable treasures is the Crown of the King of Bavaria, which features the Wittelsbach Blue diamond. This gem is one of the most famous stones in the collection and weighs approximately 31.06 carats. *Experience on Best of Germany, p.118, Christmas Markets of Germany and Country Roads of Bavaria, Switzerland & Austria.*

Your Experience

Welcome to a World of Wonder.

SPARK YOUR CURIOSITY *p.6*

Travel like an insider. Included experiences are hand-crafted for you to get up close and personal to every destination. Enjoy Insightful Encounters with locals selected for their expertise and skills, Insider Access that brings you closer to places and spaces before & after hours, and so much more.

THE WORLD ON YOUR PLATE *p.12*

Go beyond the plate to discover the people and produce that infuse flavour into each dish. A culinary journey awaits: from Top-rated Restaurants, Hands-on Cooking Demonstrations to our selection of Dine-Around restaurants. Complemented by thoughtful vegetarian options and accompanied by local wines, soft drinks, tea, and coffee, your mealtimes promise to be as varied as they are delicious.

AT YOUR SERVICE *p.16*

Experience impeccable attention to detail, an elevated level of personalised service and attention from your dedicated Travel Team and network of Local Experts, across the globe. You'll hear from Elena, who was awarded Insight Vacations Travel Director of the Year in 2024. An Italian native, she shares her Italy highlights, and the Insight Vacations difference.

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE *p.19*

Always smaller than mainstream tours, discover how Insight Vacations gives you more choice before you even leave home, and an elevated level of attention from your on-road team.

PUT YOUR FEET UP, LET YOUR HAIR DOWN *p.20*

With a range of hotel partners including Gran Meliá, Radisson, Hilton, and unique independent stays in exceptional locations, sink into a blissful sleep each night and awaken ready and recharged. You'll also enjoy many Relaxed Start mornings, where your days begin no earlier than 9am.

'BUSINESS CLASS' STYLE COACHES *p.24*

Uniquely configured for our smaller group sizes, learn why our customised fleet of coaches, including Mercedes and Volvo, with extra legroom, are a state-of-the-art travel experience that's put Insight Vacations on the map.

Insight Vacations is proudly rated

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Find your Perfect Tour



Europe & Britain

74 TOURS | 36 COUNTRIES

Explore Europe, Britain, and Ireland where vast landscapes, rich history, vibrant cultures, and unforgettable adventures await.

SEE FULL TOUR LIST *p.28*



Rest of World

26 TOURS | 12 COUNTRIES

Explore Asia, North and South America, where you'll encounter natural wonders, and time-honoured traditions.

SEE FULL TOUR LIST *p.196*

Take on the world with Insightful Travel Trivia

Join thousands of other curious travellers each week and test your knowledge against our Travel Experts for your chance to win prizes.



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Spark your Curiosity

OUR COLLECTION OF CAREFULLY CRAFTED PREMIUM EXPERIENCES REVEALS EACH DESTINATION THROUGH A NEW LENS. INCLUDED EACH DAY, THEY DELIGHT YOU FROM DAY ONE, UNTIL IT'S TIME TO GO.

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

The remarkable centuries-old monasteries of Meteora (pictured), teetering on towers of rock and arguably the most spectacular place to visit in Greece. Meaning "suspended in the air," these ancient monasteries are suspended at an average of 1,000 feet. Alongside your Local Expert, learn about this jaw-dropping group of monasteries. *Experience on Glories of Greece, p.164, Treasures of Greece & The Islands, and Grecian Fables.*

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

Uncover man-made landmarks and natural phenomena with an insightful twist.

WANDER AROUND A WORLD WONDER

Built in 1632 by the fifth Mughal Emperor in memory of his beloved wife, the shimmering **Taj Mahal** (1) is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Explore its stunning marble façade, intricate inlay work (2), majestic domes, and graceful minarets, along with its symmetrical gardens and pools. *Experience on Classical India & Nepal, p.198.*

MODERNIST MASTERPIECE

Venture inside Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí's extraordinary **Sagrada Família**, Barcelona. See its giant, tree-like pillars and spectacular vaulting, wonderful rainbow of the incredible stained-glass windows, at this masterpiece set for completion in 2026. *Experience on Best of Spain & Portugal, p.82, Northern Spain and 3 other tours.*

EXPERIENCE TIME STOOD STILL

Stroll amidst the 83 monoliths of **Stonehenge**, a prehistoric monument steeped in mystery and wonder. Believed to have stood sentinel for over 5,000 years, these ancient stones continue to captivate and inspire. *Experience on Country Roads of Wales, Devon & Cornwall, p.34, Best of Britain, and 4 other tours.*

A MEANDER TO REMEMBER

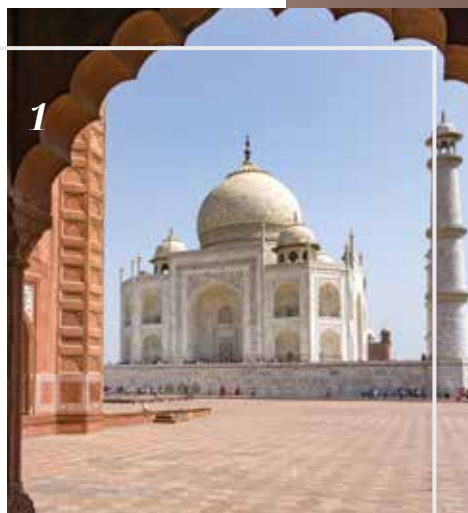
No journey to Venice is complete without a ride on one of the city's **400 gondolas** (3), where your gondolier will expertly guide you through the timeless charm and romance of the city. Mastery of this skill requires approximately 400 hours of training in both the art of navigating and understanding the rich history. *Experience on Easy Pace Italy, p.106, Italian Intermezzo, and 7 other tours.*

FLATS, FLOWERS AND FLAMINGOS

Journey to the **Atacama Salt Flats**, one of Earth's driest regions. Spanning 40,000 square miles, witness distant volcanoes and spot Andean and James flamingos at Chaxa, Miscanti, and Minque Lagoons. *Experience on Best of Chile from Atacama to Patagonia, p.204.*

A COASTLINE OF COLOUR

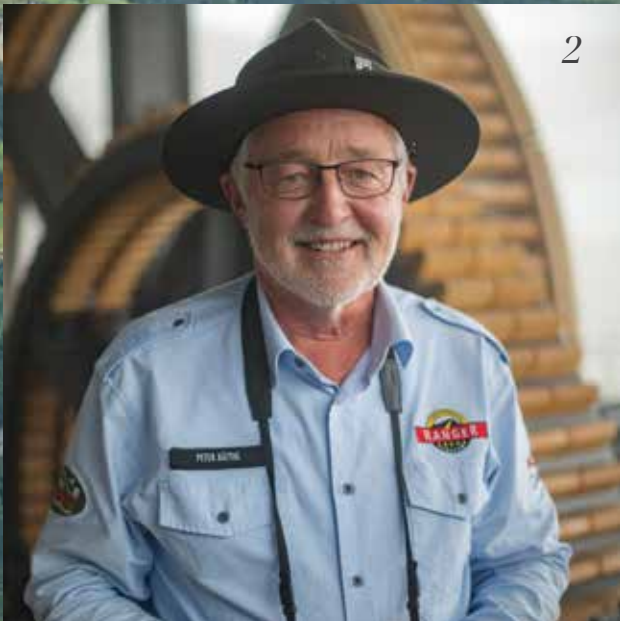
Embark on a cruise to explore the **Cinque Terre** (4), an extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage Site comprising of five picturesque fishing villages along the Italian Riviera. Stop at Monterosso, and delight in the allure of its iconic multicouloured houses. *Experience on Italian Elegance, p.110, Treasures of Italy, and 4 other tours.*



INSIGHTFUL ENCOUNTERS

You'll enjoy first-hand, personal encounters with local subject experts such as naturalists, historians and more. Uncover more than you could ever read in guidebooks, or discover on your own.

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YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

Ascend to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn (1), aboard a cutting-edge, solar-powered open-top cable car for unparalleled panoramic views from 6,227 feet above sea level. Keep an eye out for native marmots, as you're guided around the summit by a **Swiss ranger** (2) who'll share their expertise on the Alps local flora and fauna. *Experience on Country Roads of Switzerland, p.122, Flavours of Europe, and 2 other tours.*

GO WITH THE FLOW

Sail along the Nile aboard a traditional felucca (3), past the **Philae Temple Complex** and the **Temple of Isis**. Under the guidance of an **expert Sailor** (4), you'll hear fascinating stories about the river's rich history and cultural significance to the people of Egypt. *Experience on Splendours of Egypt, p.176, Wonders of Egypt, and Land of the Prophets.*

A TOUR PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS

Founded in 1891, **Madrid's Prado Museum**, boasts the world's premier collection of Spanish paintings and an exceptional array of international masterpieces. Through the lens of an **expert Art Historian**, you'll discover renowned works by El Greco, Velázquez, and Francisco de Goya. *Experience on Grand Spain & Portugal, p.86, Northern Spain, and 5 other tours.*

EXACTLY YOUR CUP OF TEA

You're invited to visit the home of aristocrat, **Sir Ludovic**, as you exclusively tour the gardens and interior of his 18th-century mansion and cherished home, **Ardgowan Estate** (5), **Inverkip**. Indulge in a traditional Scottish tea, as you hear the story of his family's heritage. *Experience on Elegance of Great Britain, p.32 and Best of Ireland & Scotland, p.52.*

SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

In the village of Saint-Paul de Vence you'll connect with a **seasoned pétanque player** to uncover the secrets of this classic French sport. Sharpen your aim and prepare to put your skills to the test in a friendly match. Finish off with a refreshing glass of pastis, a quintessential French apéritif. *Experience on Country Roads of France, p.64 and French Heritage, p.66.*



INSIGHT CHOICE

On chosen days, you are invited to select your preferred experience to personalise your journey.

LANDSCAPES OR LIGHTSCAPES

Let your sense of wonder explore the Icelandic capital with two unforgettable experiences. Choose a magical journey at **FlyOver**, where a state-of-the-art flight simulator transports you over Iceland's breathtaking landscapes. Or explore the **Perlan Museum's** **interactive exhibits** that provide insights into glaciers, volcanoes, and the Northern Lights. *Experience on Natural Wonders of Iceland, p.158 and Scenic Iceland & The Northern Lights, p.160.*

MICHAELANGELO OR MACCHIATO

Let your curiosity guide you through the streets of Renaissance Florence. Choose to marvel at **Michelangelo's 'David'** (6) at the Accademia, or enjoy a typical Florentine morning with your Travel Director, exploring **Piazza Santa Croce** then taking your seat for an authentic Italian café experience. *Experience on Treasures of Italy, p.108, Italian Escapade, and 4 other tours.*





INSIDER ACCESS

Experience travel as an insider, not merely as a tourist. Benefit from exclusive before-and-after-hours access and private entries that allow for a more intimate and personal discovery.

*In*sightful Insights

Casa Machiavelli (pictured), still in the Machiavelli family's possession, is the Tuscan villa where Niccolò Machiavelli lived in exile after 1512. Set within the serene vineyards and olive groves, Machiavelli wrote "The Prince," his influential treatise on political power which still remains a best seller to this day. Today, the villa remains a historical landmark, offering a window into the life of this pivotal thinker. *Experience on European Dream, p.186.*

A FIVE-MILLION-STAR EXPERIENCE

As day turns to night, enjoy exclusive after-hours access to **Cusco's Planetarium**. Explore the Inca's deep connection with 'chaskas' (stars) as you sip hot tea, while a Local Expert illuminates the constellations' influence on Andean cultures. Then, learn to stargaze as you peer through telescopes at the brilliant night sky. *Experience on Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines, p.202.*

MARVEL AT A MOSAIC MASTERPIECE

Explore the 9th-century **Basilica of Saint Praxedes**, home to the world's best-preserved and most intact collection of Byzantine mosaics, including the acclaimed Gian Lorenzo Bernini's inaugural sculpture, the Bust of Bishop Santoni. This exclusive after-hours experience provides an unforgettable glimpse into Rome's profound religious heritage. *Experience on Highlights of Europe, p.184, Country Roads of Italy, and 11 other tours.*

EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO EXTREME VIEWS

Experience the **Glacier Skywalk** after hours, a glass-floored walkway suspended 280m above the Sunwapta River. The following day, enhance your Rockies adventure with a pre-opening Ice Explorer tour of the **Athabasca Glacier**, enriched with insights from a Local Expert about this ancient 200,000-year-old ice mass. *Experience on Canadian Rockies and Pacific Coast, p.212 and Spectacular Rockies & Glaciers of Alberta, p.220.*

A MOZART MOMENT

Discover the life of Mozart in an exclusive private tour of his birthplace, **Hagenauer Haus**, built in 1756. Take your seat for a pianoforte demonstration while exploring an array of memorabilia and instruments belonging to the legendary composer. *Experience on Country Roads of Bavaria, Switzerland & Austria, p.124, Winter Wonderland, and Alpine Christmas Markets.*

WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

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.

Turn to page 26 to learn more about our 5-year How We Tread Right sustainability strategy and our 11 measurable goals anchored to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals, including our **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences**. Simply by choosing to travel with us, you're making a positive, lasting impact.

FIND YOUR RHYTHM IN SEVILLE

Seville's **Cristina Heeren Foundation** (pictured) is dedicated to the preservation of flamenco by nurturing young talent across three disciplines: dance, music and song. Watch them perform before an interactive dance class with the school's talented students. Your visit supports UN Global Goal 4: Quality Education, conserving local traditions and protecting natural heritage. *Experience on Highlights of Spain, p.70, Treasures of Spain, Portugal & Morocco, and 4 other tours.*

HELP RIO'S BOTANICAL GARDENS FLOURISH

Discover **Rio's Botanical Garden** with a knowledgeable botanist, delving into its renowned research and conservation centre. Explore a rich tapestry of bromeliads, orchids, ancient trees, and exotic plants among its 8,000 species. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land. *Experience on Argentina, Uruguay & Brazil Discovery, p.206.*

MOTHER NATURE'S GIANT FEAT

40,000 basalt stones rising up from the earth await you at **Giant's Causeway**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Through the stories, facts and insider knowledge of your Local Expert, you'll learn the efforts the National Trust has done to protect its biodiversity and ecosystems. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land. *Experience on Country Roads of Ireland, p.50 Best of Ireland & Scotland, and Britain & Ireland Discovery.*

DISCOVER TRADITIONS IN TROMSØ

Delve into the fascinating history of the Sami people in Norway's North, Tromsø, as a local family welcomes you to their **reindeer camp** to share their traditions and learn about the country's protection of their unique cultural heritage over traditional feast. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities. *Experience on Northern Lights of Scandinavia, p.156.*

Look out for this logo for your experience on your chosen itinerary.

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE**



WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The World on Your Plate

A GREAT JOY OF TRAVEL IS DISCOVERING
A DESTINATION THROUGH CUISINE.

Join chefs, local culinary experts, and take your seat at a selection of our favourite restaurants and establishments across the world. Vegetarians will enjoy industry-leading options and meals paired with wine, soft drinks, tea, and coffee. You'll rise and shine as you expect, with breakfast included every morning.

TOP-RATED RESTAURANTS

Each establishment, hand-selected by our experience team, delivers distinct flavour, flair, and all the trimmings.

DINNER FIT FOR A KING

You'll be treated to an exquisite dining experience at the 5-star, 800-year-old **Ashford Castle (1)**, Ireland, former home of the Guinness Family. In **King George V Restaurant (2)**, named after his visit in 1905, delight your palate with dishes like **Wild Rabbit** and **Michael Twomey's Beef**, showcasing Irish culinary expertise. *Experience on Irish Elegance, p.42.*

FIVE-STARS ACROSS FIVE COURSES

Discover San Francisco's rich Chinese heritage, where 22% of the population is Chinese American. Indulge in a culinary voyage at **Palette Tea House** in **Ghirardelli Square**, savouring a five-course menu featuring inventive **dim sum** and authentic **Cantonese** flavours. Its Michelin Food Guide recognition speaks volumes about its excellence. *Experience on Best of California, (visit insightvacations.com).*

LOVE AT FIRST BITE

At **Bran Castle, Romania** immerse yourself in the rich history of this iconic fortress, renowned as the legendary home of Count Dracula. Uncover captivating tales while savouring Romanian dishes like **Beef Goulash** and **Apple Fritters** in a uniquely enchanting setting. *Experience on Treasures of the Balkans, p.144.*

WHEN A MEAL BECOMES A WORK OF ART

As you dine on **Moules-Frites** and more at **La Coupole Restaurant** in Montparnasse, learn how this Art Deco masterpiece is a love letter to 1920s Paris, once frequented by celebrities including Picasso, Josephine Baker and Édith Piaf. *Experience on Flavours of Europe, (visit insightvacations.com).*

BETTER LAKE THAN NEVER

Opened in 1972 on the shores of Lake Lucerne, **Restaurant Seeblick** offers a uniquely Swiss culinary experience featuring local ingredients from the Rütli region. Delight in dishes such as **Ämmätter Cordon Bleu**, a classic with **Spicy Mountain Cheese**, and **Beef Entrecôte**. *Experience on Glorious Switzerland, p.120.*

PICKED BY MORNING. ENJOYED BY NIGHT

Nestled within the historic Grade 2 listed 18th-century flour mill, **Heskyn Mill**, anticipate the freshest **Farm-to-Table** flavours picked that morning. Learn how hosts John and Anne, procure ingredients from local producers or responsibly forage them nearby, aiming to minimise waste. *Experience on Best of Britain, p.30.*



EAT YOUR GREENS IN A GREEN OASIS

Voted the most sustainable city in the world, in Copenhagen sustainability meets culinary excellence with a trip to **Vækst (3)**. An award-winning restaurant set within a greenhouse, celebrated for its sustainable practices and exquisite dishes like **Fried Cod with Radish**, **Trout Roe**, and **Beurre Blanc**, as well as **Salted Scallops with Green Gooseberries**. *Experience on Country Roads of Scandinavia, p.150.*



HANDS-ON COOKING- DEMONSTRATIONS

Join top chefs and culinary experts to craft local dishes rich in taste and style.

TRY NEW TASTES. LEARN NEW SKILLS

In Ottawa, immerse yourself in a captivating Forest-to-Table cooking demonstration and dinner at **Just Food**, using fresh foraged ingredients reflected through a seasonal ever-changing menu. *Experience on Eastern Canada Discovery, p.222 and Best of Eastern Canada & USA (visit insightvacations.com).*

SAY OLÁ TO PAELLA

The name 'paella' comes from the Valencian word for 'frying pan', so it comes as no surprise that in its original home you'll join a local chef at **La Cigrona** to create this aromatic favourite from scratch, alongside chilled sangria. *Experience on Spanish Heritage, p.84, Best of Spain & Portugal, and Highlights of Spain.*

FAMILY FAVOURITES

At **Trattoria Terra Madre** (pictured), you'll meet with Alessandro, the owner, who emphasises his philosophy of using home-grown organic produce. You'll help his Nonna create **Orecchiette Pasta**, then sample your creations during a delectable four-course Farm-to-Table dinner using fresh ingredients. *Experience on Sicily in Depth, p.92, Grand Italy & Sicily, and 2 other tours.*

A WINNING CULINARY EXPERIENCE

In Olympia, a local chef invites you to explore her passion for local ingredients. Join her to learn to create **Authentic Tzatziki** and other exquisite Greek favourites. *Experience on Glories of Greece, p.164, Treasures of Greece & The Islands, and Grecian Fables.*

DINE-AT-HOME

Relish in company of locals, who open their doors, lay their tables and share their traditions for an insight into their lives.

THE WORLD'S YOUR OYSTER IN STON

You'll cruise by private boat to meet with a local **Oyster Farmer in Ston (1)**, you'll discover the freshest flavours while sampling a full Sea-to-Table experience at his home and learn about the cultivation of these creamy treasures. *Experience on Country Roads of Croatia, p.142.*

TOAST NEW CULINARY DISCOVERIES

Indulge in the essence of tradition joining the locals for a **Peruvian 'Pachamanca'**. Hot stones, wrapped in leaves, simmered underground for hours as your fragrant feast is cooked to perfection. Once ready, partake in a ceremonial 'opening' of the Pachamanca with a toast. Witness the symbolic pouring of alcohol onto the ground, a tribute to Mother Earth. *Experience on Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines, p.202.*

CHARM FROM THE FARM

You are warmly invited to the charming guesthouse of **John and Freda in Killarney**, where you will delight in a refined Farm-to-Table experience. Savour the freshness of ingredients meticulously sourced within a 5-mile radius, ensuring an authentic taste of the local flavours. *Experience on Focus on Ireland, p.40 and Britain & Ireland Discovery, p.58.*

HEAR STORIES OF TRUE RESILIENCE IN SARAJEVO

Set against the backdrop of Sarajevo, a city known for its rich history and resilience, listen to inspirational stories about their culture while you enjoy the meal with a **Sarajeven family**. *Experience on Treasures of the Balkans, p.144, and Eastern Capitals & The Dalmatian Riviera, p.146.*

DINE-AROUND

On selected days, personalise your dining journey from a choice of hand-picked restaurants.

DO YOURSELF A FLAVOUR

Experience the essence of Sicily through a curated evening in **Palermo**, where each course tells its own story. Guided by a Local Expert, you'll discover diverse eateries throughout the city as you enjoy each course in a different location, culminating in a memorable tuk tuk ride back to your hotel. *Experience on Sicily in Depth, p.92.*

ANCIENT TOWN, NEW TASTES

Strolling along the cobbled streets with the ancient town walls of **Rothenburg ob der Tauber** you'll select your favourite from an array of restaurants, each with its own unique atmosphere and local specialities. Whether you're looking for local Franken cuisine or international favourites. *Experience on Best of Germany, p.118.*



THOUGHTFUL VEGETARIAN MENUS

Vegetarian options await across all meals and menus.

UNDER THE NIGHT SKY

In Jaipur, you'll enjoy a one-of-a-kind dining experience at **Dera Amer**, an elephant sanctuary by day that transforms into a magical wilderness retreat by night. Under the starry sky, savour authentic dishes like **Palak Lehsuni** and **Aloo Ko Achar**, making for an unforgettable culinary adventure. *Experience on Classical India & Nepal, p.198.*



At Your Service

YOUR 24/7 DEDICATED TEAM TAKE CARE OF ALL YOUR TRAVEL DETAILS.

Your Travel Director and Driver elevate every aspect of your journey, ensuring it's as exceptional as the destination itself. They expertly handle everything from major requests to last minute details, providing a seamless, secure experience.

Their attention to detail, care and experience is proven by the ultimate honour, the Feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award, an independent rating from curious travellers just like you.

Your premium service includes portage, ensuring your luggage is effortlessly transferred from one hotel to the next.





MEET YOUR TEAM

Your Travel Director and Driver are joined by Local Experts, and those in the know in almost every destination.

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, smoothly and seamlessly. Each Travel Director is expertly trained, speaks the local language 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 'Business Class' style 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.



They took very good care of me. The Travel Director, Driver and Guides were excellent. I had a marvelous time.

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OUR GUEST DONNA.
SPLENDOURS OF EGYPT



UNLOCK EDINBURGH LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Perched on a 700-million-year-old extinct volcano, Edinburgh Castle offers a commanding view of the city. With a Local Expert as your guide, you'll explore the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Scott Memorial, and the city's stunning Georgian architecture. The tour culminates with a visit to Edinburgh Castle, home to the formidable Mons Meg and Scotland's Crown Jewels. *Experience on Elegance of Great Britain, p.32.*

SPECIAL FEATURE: MEET ELENA

One of our Italian Travel Directors, Elena, shares the Insight Vacations difference and personal service you can expect on every one of our tours.

"I love painting vivid pictures of the '100 cities' and places of Italy. Venice resembles an upside-down forest, with Alpine trunks floating down rivers and settling in the lagoon. Milan mirrors ripples from a thrown pebble on a lake, with the Duomo at its heart. Mount Etna stands over Italy like a guardian. These narratives help guests vividly imagine these places, ensuring memories that endure beyond mere dates and facts.

The experiences we offer have always been more than just mere visits, they are authentic and always typical of the area. For instance, a private visit to an ornate historical pharmacy known as 'The Pope's Pharmacy' nestled away in Trastevere, Rome. It's an unusual and fascinating experience that reveals surprising aspects of Rome's Papal history. We're also deeply connected to many local characters that our guests love to meet. Whether it's Roberto, one of our Local Experts in Pisa, Chef Flavia in Perugia receiving applause for her heartfelt cooking, or Mr. Paolo passionately explaining his fifth-generation Parmigiano cheese factory, these encounters are always unforgettable.

Our tours offer accommodation that strengthen the insightfulness of our tours. In Venice, you might stay at Hotel Splendid, where you'll arrive by traditional mahogany boat to the hotel's private dock, the epitome of Venetian elegance. At Lake Maggiore, the lakeside Hotel Dino, is



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

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where guests love to enjoy breakfast or cocktails against the stunning backdrop of the lake. A stay at Certosa di Pontignano, Tuscany, is within a fascinating former Carthusian monastery, each adds a delightful surprise to their stay.

Dining is a cornerstone of all our tours. In Todi, we indulge in a quintessentially Italian antipasti feast. We also meet master gelatiere Sergio Dondoli, who shares the secrets behind his award-winning gelato. In Tuscany, every meal is a testament to culinary perfection, with impeccable presentation and exceptional flavours, to name just a few."

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

A personal experience is at the heart of what we do. Depending on your preferences, you can select your preferred travel group size when you book your tour. Regardless of your choice, you'll always travel on our famous 'Business Class' style customised coaches, plus enjoy dedicated attention and access to unique experiences, thanks to both group sizes always being smaller than the mainstream tour companies.

CHOOSE AN AVERAGE OF JUST 33 TRAVELLERS

Capped at a maximum of **40 guests**, these groups offer a more personal experience than mainstream tours of 50 or more; by gaining access to places that other large group tour companies are unable to visit.

CHOOSE AN AVERAGE OF JUST 20 GUESTS

Capped at a maximum small group of just **24 guests**, this choice is perfect if you prefer a further individualised experience with more personal attention and space.



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 MORNING STARTS AFTER 9AM.

WHERE NATURE MEETS CULTURE

Nestled at the foot of King Ludwig's castles, with stunning views of the Alpsee and surrounding mountains, lies the **AMERON Neuschwanstein Alpsee Resort & Spa** (pictured). This unique retreat blends nature and culture, offering modern rooms and a relaxing spa amidst an extraordinary alpine panorama.

Experience on Best of Germany, p.118.



TOP-RATED HOTELS

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

SAY ALOHA TO ISLAND TIME

After your insightful days exploring, rejuvenate at **The Westin Maui Resort & Spa**. (1) on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Nestled on Ka'anapali Beach, with multiple pools, loungers, and a host of restaurants, the resort offers ample opportunities to unwind and relax with its Heavenly Spa featuring an infinity pool to take in the views of neighbouring Mount Lāna'ihale. *Experience on Hawaii with Oahu, Maui & The Big Island, p.230.*



LUXURY IS A SHORE THING

Experience the epitome of 5-star luxury at **Hotel d'Angleterre** (2). Situated on the shores of Lake Geneva with captivating views of the renowned Jet d'Eau, this exquisite hotel harmoniously blends British charm with Swiss hospitality. Conclude your day in style at the hotel's glamorous Leopard Lounge. *Experience on Glorious Switzerland, p.120.*



SPLENDID BY NAME. SPLENDID BY NATURE

Nestled just steps away from the iconic St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge, the **Splendid Hotel** (3) offers an unparalleled experience in Venice. With canal views and a private dock for gondolas and water taxis, you'll immerse yourself in the essence of the "City of Canals" like never before. *Experience on Italian Elegance, p.110.*



ACCOMMODATION FIT FOR A KING

Named one of the best luxury hotels in Devon by Harper's Bazaar, **Bovey Castle** offers a refined five-star experience set within 275 acres of picturesque countryside. You'll see stunning views of the woodland or courtyard from uniquely designed rooms that blend warmth and elegance seamlessly. *Experience on Country Roads of Wales, Devon & Cornwall, p.34.*

STEP INTO THE CITY

Step into history at **The Clermont** (4), opened in 1862. This historic Grade II listed building blends Victorian opulence with modern comforts in the heart of London, where you can walk to Buckingham Palace and explore the historic Westminster Abbey right on your doorstep. *Experience on Elegance of Great Britain, p.32.*



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.



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ELEVATE YOUR POINT OF VIEW

Discover the ultimate retreat at **Glacier View Lodge (1)** in **Jasper National Park**. This premier destination offers exclusive, early access to the Athabasca Glacier and breathtaking vistas. Savour the majestic snowy peaks from the picturesque lounge, or retreat to the serene comfort of your private room. *Experience on Canadian Rockies and Pacific Coast, p.212.*

SERENE WITH A SIDE OF SURREAL

Erfoud, often referred to as the Gateway to the Desert, is home to the **Kasbah Hotel Xaluca Arfoud**. This unique hotel is constructed using traditional **Moroccan** bricks, and offers a serene and luxurious retreat where guests can fully immerse themselves in the enchanting desert landscape. *Experience on Best of Morocco, p.76.*

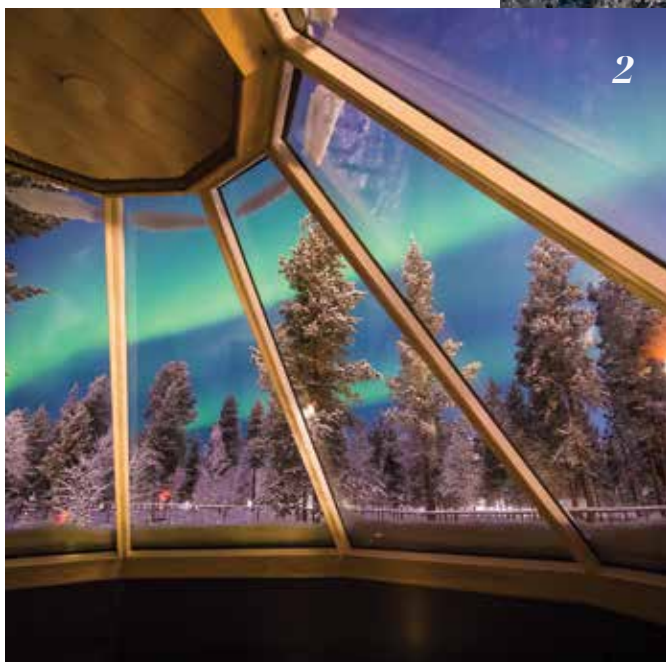
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A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO THE TERM NIGHT LIGHT

Take your Northern Lights gazing to the next level with a stay at **Aurora Village (2)**. Each evening, relax in your cosy and secluded private cabin with its innovative laser-heated glass ceiling, allowing you to peacefully drift into sleep while marveling at the mesmerising spectrum of colours dancing above in the Arctic sky. *Experience on Northern Lights of Scandinavia, p.156.*



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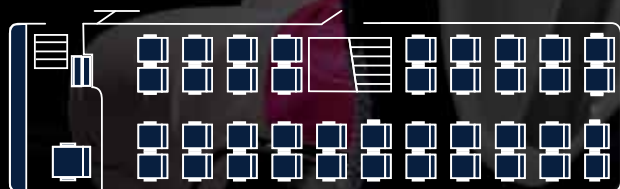
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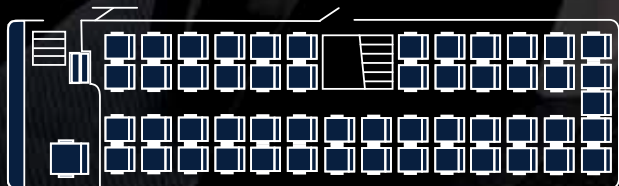
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MAINSTREAM TOUR COACH – 53 SEATER



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Travel has the transformative power to create a positive impact to not only you, but 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 for future generations to discover. We pledge to make a positive impact on not only the people and communities we visit, but also by protecting the wildlife we encounter and conserving the natural resources of the planet we call home. This comes to life through our 5-year sustainability strategy How We Tread Right (HWTR) and our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation, which supports sustainable travel initiatives worldwide, with a focus on nature-based solutions to the climate crisis.

THE 5-YEAR STRATEGY

How We Tread Right (HWTR), is our guiding light when it comes to addressing the impact of our business and trips. It consists of 11 measurable goals which address the issues of climate change, sustainable food production, waste reduction, travel experiences, diversity and inclusion, and wildlife, all anchored to the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

OUR JOURNEY TO NET ZERO

Since the inception of our sustainability strategy, the global community has continued to rally in response to the urgent need for climate action. We're committed to achieve net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by the year 2050.

Our dedication to this goal is outlined in our Climate Action Plan, with science-based targets that address our carbon footprint. We are proud of the fact that, alongside our sister brands, we became the first global tour operator to have near-term, long-term and net zero targets that are validated by the Science Based Target initiative (SBTi).



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our journey to make a positive impact.





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Best of Britain

Get the royal treatment, from a Farm-to-Table feast in the historic Heskyn Mill to learning the insights of Stonehenge.

9 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - December

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO 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 interesting memorabilia and artefacts relating to his life. Continue to historic York to stroll the narrow lanes including the Shambles and view York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral. Later, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening. (D)

Hotel: Hilton, York

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

DAY 2 | HADRIAN'S WALL TO EDINBURGH

See a part of 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. This evening, perhaps partake in a traditional optional dinner at Ghillie Dhu. (B)

Hotel: Malmaison, Edinburgh

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

Hotel: Edinburgh Marriott Holyrood

DAY 4 | LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

Appreciate the history evident on the hillsides and within the local townships as you drive via historic Bannockburn and Stirling, enjoying 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

Travel via Gretna Green to the English Lake District, with scenery so beautiful it inspired a host of writers. Experience the outdoors-loving culture of the region and perhaps try one of the Kendal mint cakes, popular with local

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

climbers and mountaineers. Learn about the life of William Wordsworth and visit his grave in the picturesque, stone-built village of Grasmere. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Castle Green, Kendal

DAY 6 | THE WELSH MARCHES AND CARDIFF

Stop in ancient Ludlow, one of England's most attractive towns, dominated by its castle, rich in tragic royal history. Why not spend time exploring the traditional open-air market, admiring the local crafts and perhaps sampling the produce? Afterwards, cross into southern Wales and head for the capital of Cardiff for an orientation of the port city, upon the River Taff. See Cardiff Castle and the impressive Principality Stadium. **(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, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, which serve as a hub of culture and education for the local population. Continue to Glastonbury, steeped in legend and reputed to be the final resting place of King Arthur and the Holy Grail. View the ruined monastery before continuing 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. Spend time reconnecting with nature amidst the stunning landscape of towering granite tors, open moorland, beautiful rivers and lush, wooded valleys. Alternatively, enjoy 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. Enjoy 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. Watch the rolling countryside scenery gradually change into buzzing cityscape scenes as you continue to the capital and the country's most populous city. Your journey concludes upon arrival at the hotel in London. **(B)**



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Edinburgh | Visit Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish Crown Jewels, Mons Meg and other artefacts with your Local Expert.

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

Dartmoor National Park | *Insight Choice*

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

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

Bath | Visit the Roman Baths and discover 2,000 years of history. Learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

Saltash | 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.

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Premium Dining

York | Enjoy a traditional Yorkshire dinner and the chance to get to know your fellow travellers.

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Elegance of Great Britain

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

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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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 Edinburgh hotel, the rest of the day is yours to relax before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers. (D)

Hotel: Apex Waterloo Place, Edinburgh

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. 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 GRETN GREEN

Journey to Ardgowan, set on a stunning 10,000-acre coastal estate. Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle. Learn the history of the area, the Shaw Stewart family and the conservation efforts to protect the land on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER[®] Experience, followed by a degustation of traditional Scottish tea and scones. Visit Gretna Green before continuing to the picturesque English Lake District. (B) (D)

Hotel: Castle Green, Kendal

DAY 4 | ENGLISH POETS AND THE LAKE DISTRICT EXPERIENCE

Devote the day to a scenic wonderland of rugged mountains and tranquil waters - inspiration to a host of English poets. Visit Wordsworth's grave in the small churchyard at Grasmere. Experience the outdoors-loving culture of the region and perhaps try one of the Kendal mint cakes, popular with local climbers and mountaineers. 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)

Hotel: The Ro, Windermere

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 Thrisk Hall. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, York

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 VIKING CITY OF YORK

Explore one of Britain's most historic cities, once controlled by the Vikings. Walk within the 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)**

DAY 7 | LINCOLN'S MAGNA CARTA

Visit Lincoln Castle, one of the finest Norman castles in England. Your tour will include a chance to see one of the four remaining copies of the Magna Carta. Continue to Stratford, beautifully situated on the River Avon. **(B)**

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, Stratford-upon-Avon

DAY 8 | SHAKESPEARE'S STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Discover how William Shakespeare and his incredible works continue to delight audiences today when you visit his birthplace, full of interesting memorabilia and artefacts relating to his life. Later, join your Travel Director for dinner. **(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. **(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 | ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON

Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the prehistoric and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring megaliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Continue into the heart of Wiltshire to reach the city of Salisbury where you have time at leisure to enjoy lunch and explore the city. See the tallest spire in England, atop the medieval cathedral and walk the streets to observe an architectural timeline from the city's medieval walls and half-timbered Tudor town houses to Georgian mansions and Victorian villas. Watch the rolling countryside scenery gradually change into buzzing cityscape scenes as you continue to the capital and the country's most populous city. Your journey concludes upon arrival at the London trip hotel. **(B)**

**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 provides a fascinating insight into the life of the Brontë family.

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

York | Walk with your Local Expert to see the majestic York Minster and wander the maze of cobbled streets to see the Shambles.

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

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

Ardgowan House | Join Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate, and savour a traditional Scottish tea made from local ingredients. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 12: Affordable and Clean Energy & Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
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*Premium Dining*

Edinburgh | Get to know your fellow travellers over dinner of modern European cuisine, at a quirky bistro tucked away in Leith.

York | Join your hosts for dinner at the historic Thirsk Hall. The building was extended in 1770 by famous English architect John Carr.

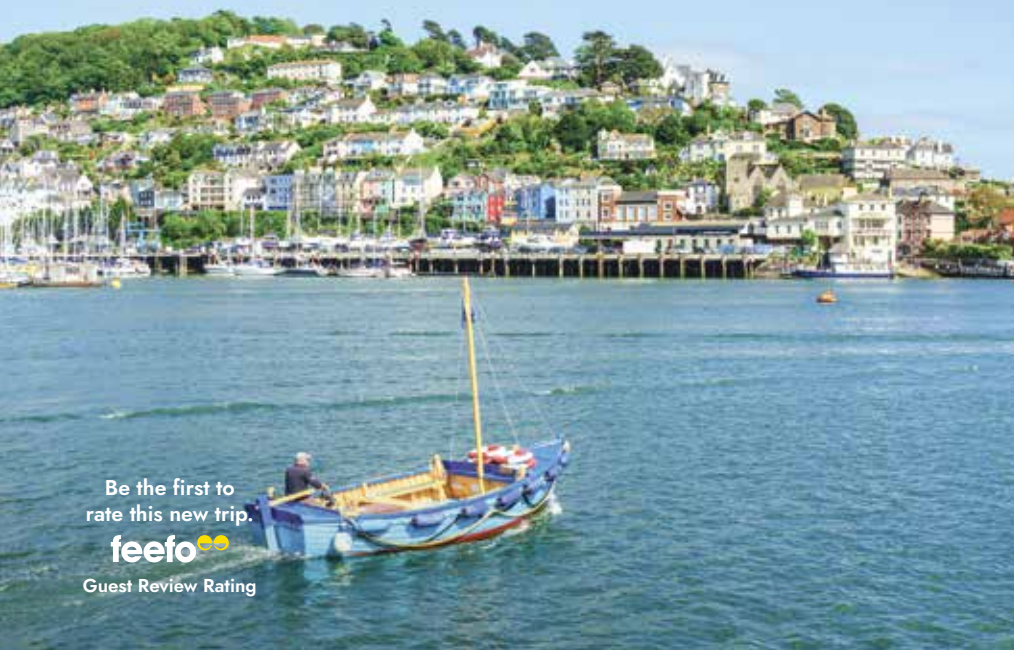
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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - October

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DAY 1 | OXFORD, THE COTSWOLDS AND BATH

Welcome to England. From lush green rolling hills to old-world villages, this pretty country surprises and delights at every corner. Make your way along the scenic Great West Way road to Oxford. Continue your journey on to the Cotswolds. See the pretty market town of Stow-on-the-Wold, before heading to the historic city of Bath, with its Roman and Georgian architecture. Enjoy an orientation of the city, before ending 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 to enjoy the amenities at your hotel, 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. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths, also an important hub of culture and education for the area. During free time perhaps learn more about the life of the esteemed author Jane Austen, who made Bath her home? (B) (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, visit a local kitchen garden for a peek into the freshest seasonal aromatics from this stunning area. After a morning in the great outdoors, rectify your lethargic bliss with a hearty Farm-to-Table pub lunch, where a delicious seasonal menu with local ingredients will be available. (B) (L)

Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAY 4 | CARDIFF

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of this vibrant city. See Principality Stadium, home of Welsh Rugby, and Cardiff Castle. The rest of your day is at leisure. (B) (RS)

DAY 5 | GLASTONBURY ABBEY AND PLYMOUTH

Begin your day at the historic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, an 8th-century monastery now registered as a Grade I listed building. Continue to the port city of Plymouth in Devon, famous for its cobbled streets, gin distilleries and the Mayflower. (B)

Hotel: Crowne Plaza, Plymouth

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 | EXPLORING THE SOUTHWEST

Today, journey to the quaint coastal town of Looe, a holiday hotspot of the Victorian Era. 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 and where, according to local lore, Arthur was born. Travel to Port Isaac, a pretty fishing village and popular filming location for British television programmes. Have your camera ready to capture stonework façades and coastline views during an orientation around the village. For lunch, visit Padstow and perhaps try traditional fish and chips before returning to Barnstaple. **(B)**

DAY 8 | BREATHTAKING NATIONAL PARKS

Stop in the town of Lymouth 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) (RS)**
Hotel: Bovey Castle, Dartmoor

DAY 9 | COUNTRY HOUSES OF DORSET

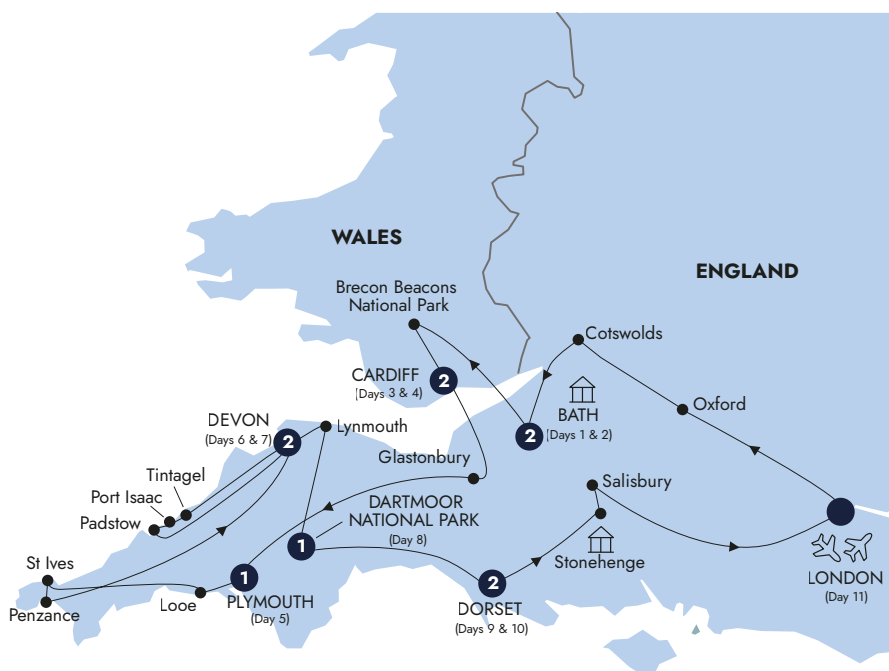
Stop at Athelhampton, a 500-year-old Tudor Manor House in the heart of Dorset. Join Estate Manager Owen for a walk through one of the world's greatest estates, and enjoy time at leisure to explore the tranquil Elizabethan gardens. Delight in a quintessential Devonshire high tea with freshly baked scones 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)**

DAY 11 | SALISBURY AND STONEHENGE

Journey to iconic Stonehenge to appreciate the history, and mystery, of this prehistoric monument. Continue to Salisbury and visit the 13th-century cathedral. 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 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS*Premium Experiences*

Cotswolds | See this quintessentially British countryside dotted with honey-coloured stone houses lining the winding streets.

Oxford | See the spires and colleges of this world-famous university town.

Brecon Beacons | *Insight Choice* Explore the stunning flora of the Brecon Beacons, forage for edible and medicinal plants with a Local Expert, or visit a local kitchen garden for a peek into the freshest seasonal aromatics from the Brecon Beacons.

Glastonbury | Visit the historic Glastonbury Abbey. Founded in the 7th century, its ruins are now registered as a Grade I listed building.

Looe | Journey to this quaint coastal town. A holiday hotspot in the Victorian era, explore its stores and winding streets at leisure.

Puddletown | Visit the Manor House of Athelhampton and join an Estate Manager Owen on a guided tour.

Bath | Visit the Roman Baths and discover 2,000 years of history. Learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

Brecon Beacons | Indulge on a hearty Farm-to-Table pub lunch, where a delicious seasonal menu with local ingredients will be available. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Bath | After a day exploring the Roman town of Bath, indulge in a traditional roast dinner.

Puddletown | Experience Devonshire tea with a delicious selection of scones, sandwiches and tea at Athelhampton House and Gardens.

Dorchester | Toast to your travels at a delicious dinner at your hotel.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Scotland

Follow your curiosity sailing to the Isle of Skye, the Orkney Islands and strolling St. Andrews' cobbled streets.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: B905

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:00, 11:00 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 Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg and Scotland's Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is at leisure; why not visit the art treasures in the National Gallery? (B)

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

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and journey to St. Andrews, 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 love story of Kate Middleton meeting her Prince Charming began. Continue via Blair Atholl and pass the Grampian Mountains on the way to the sparkling Spey Valley. Stop at Atholl Palace and Gardens for a delicious cream tea. Originally opened in Victorian times, the hotel retains many traditional features. (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 in the morning, 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 highly rated 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 tranquillity 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 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the old Norse Town of Kirkwall, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners during World War II. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Travel through stunning landscapes along the northern coast with its white sandy beaches, and further inland to misty valleys and glens, lochs and rushing waters. Then it's 'Over the Sea to Skye,' the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. On the way to Broadford, hear romantic tales of how young Flora MacDonald helped rescue Bonnie Prince Charlie and see the dramatic Cuillin Hills. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: The Dunollie, Broadford

DAY 7 | THROUGH THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS TO GLENCOE

Take in this wild and beautiful landscape 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 tranquillity of the loch with an optional cruise before continuing to Glasgow? An orientation drive through the city will show you the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. Then the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. **(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.

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Edinburgh | Visit Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish Crown Jewels, Mons Meg and other artefacts with your Local Expert.

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

Loch Ness | Drive along the shores in search of the legendary monster.

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

Isle of Skye | See the dramatic Cuillin Hills and stay in pretty Broadford.

Wick | *Insight Choice* Appreciate the distinctive flavours of a selection of whiskies as you share a wee dram with a master distiller, or Visit the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum to gain a full picture of this once thriving fishing community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities.

Glencoe | 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.

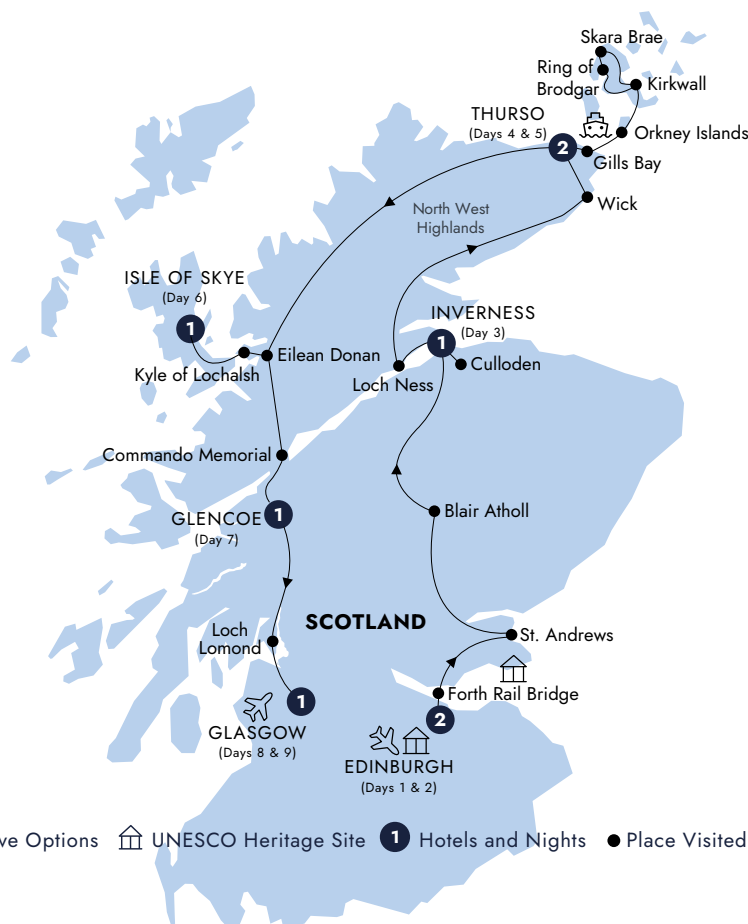
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*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.

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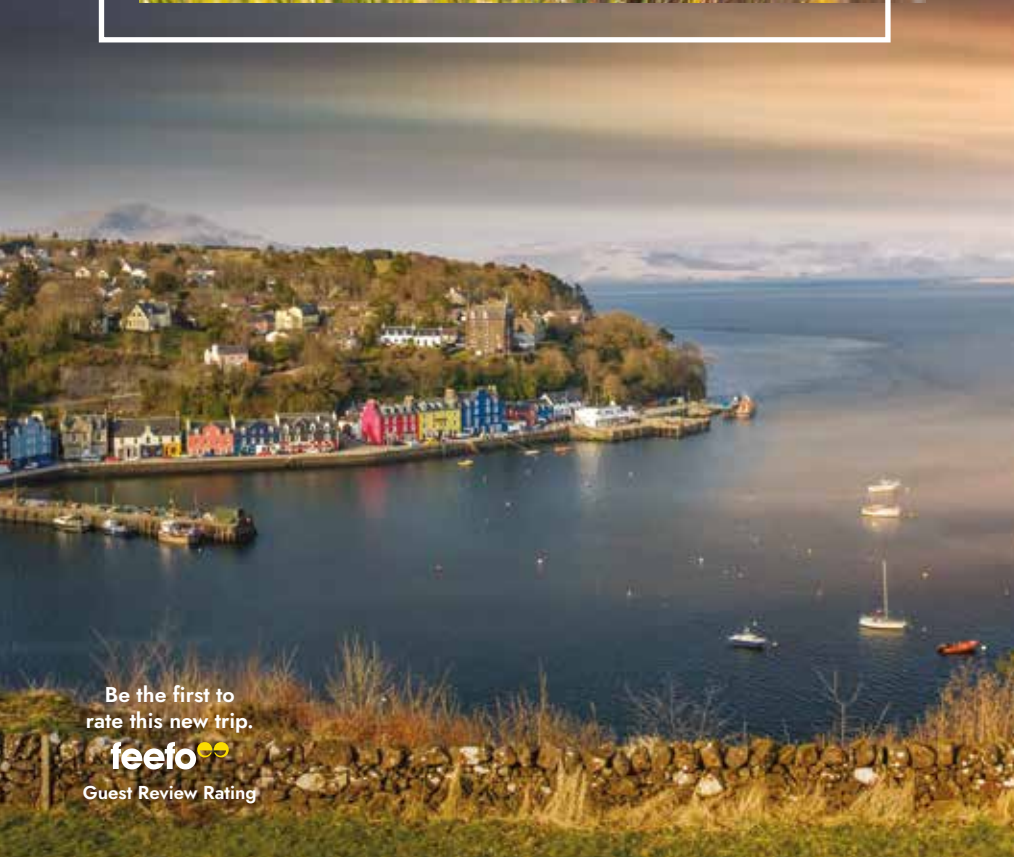
Join/Leave Options UNESCO Heritage Site Hotels and Nights Place Visited

Cruise

Scenic Scotland

Lands so diverse they will leave you spellbound. Explore nature at Dundreggan Rewilding Centre and royal history at Stirling and Edinburgh Castles.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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Trip code: BIBSCO

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO GLASGOW

Glasgow, the undisputed capital of Scottish culture, offers endless opportunities for the curious traveller. As Scotland's largest city, Glasgow boasts more than 20 museums and art galleries that may tempt you upon arrival. After you meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers, celebrate your first night of your tour over dinner. (D)

Hotel: Voco Grand Central, Glasgow

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | GLASGOW SIGHTSEEING

Embark on an orientation drive with your Travel Director who reveals Glasgow's grand public buildings including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. The morning continues with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Ardgowan House where Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate. Not only will you dine with a Baronet, your host will even be involved in the food preparation. Work up an appetite walking amid the beech trees whilst learning about the Shaw Stewart family. Then return to the castle for a sumptuous afternoon tea of finger sandwiches made with locally-sourced ingredients, freshly baked scones, cream, jam and cakes. (B) (L)

DAY 3 | TRAVEL ON TO OBAN

Centuries old history and a massive structure rising above the River Forth — Stirling Castle, a symbol of Scottish national pride and once home to Scottish royals including Mary, Queen of Scots, awaits your discovery. Explore its halls, chapels and bedrooms, see the famous 'Stirling Heads' and admire the poignant Wallace Monument and battlefield of Stirling Bridge from its 16th-century walls. After a morning exploring the lives of royals, arrive in scenic Scotland's Loch Lomond for an Optional Cruise and lunch on the 'Queen of Scottish Lochs' according to historian and novelist Sir Walter Scott. The evening finds you in the resort town and seafood capital of Scotland, Oban, where you can opt to sample the local fare over a seafood dinner. (B)

Hotel: Isle of Glencoe Hotel & Leisure Centre/Balachulish, Glencoe

DAY 4 | OBAN

Scenic Scotland conjures up images of green highlands and wind-whipped seas. Encounter them for yourself today on a ferry from Oban to Craignure, the main ferry port on the Isle of Mull, Argyll and Bute, Scotland. Then make your way to the Isle of Iona for a visit to Iona Abbey. Your curiosity will be piqued on this tiny island that has been a vibrant centre of Christian worship. It's even rumoured that the Book of Kells was made at Iona Abbey. Before returning

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 Oban, view Ràilig Odhrain, the final resting place of many Scottish kings. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | TO THE HIGHLAND CAPITAL OF INVERNESS

Take your Scotland tour to a deeper level at a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Dundreggan, home to a pristine and fragile ecosystem, at Dundreggan Rewilding Centre. Meet a conservation expert to learn about the ecology of the Highlands and the connection between nature and regenerating the Gaelic cultural heritage. After an illuminating morning, the afternoon finds you tailoring your time with Insight Choice. Choose between a relaxing Loch Ness Cruise and a tour of Glen Ord Distillery. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Hotel B&B, Inverness

DAY 6 | BLAIR CASTLE AND EDINBURGH

Full of curiosities, Blair Castle is a treasure trove of history and fine 18th century interiors. Join an optional experience to learn how it has been home to the Atholl family for over seven centuries with a history of both turbulent and peaceful times. Even the gardens surrounding Blair Castle, featuring a nine-acre walled garden, wooded grove, and extensive deer park, will have you reflecting on the castle's past. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, where you could opt to experience the best of Scottish tradition at Ghillie Dhu Georgian hall for Scottish dining, and live music. **(B)**

Hotel: Virgin, Edinburgh

DAY 7 | EDINBURGH CASTLE AND ORIENTATION

Edinburgh offers endless possibilities for the curious traveller. Discover the sights and insights of the city with your Local Expert as you travel along Princes Street to see the ornate Scott Memorial, the neoclassical Georgian facades of New Town and the official Scottish residence of the King, Palace of Holyroodhouse, in the Old Town. Your Local Expert then guides you inside the walls of Edinburgh Castle for the sights and insights into the lives of the royals. With the afternoon free, you are at leisure to continue exploring as you wish. Stroll past the charming buildings on the Edinburgh Mile or join an optional experience of Royal Edinburgh with a Local Expert who brings its ancient stories to life. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | END EDINBURGH

It's time to close the chapter on a memorable Scotland tour. We bid our newfound friends and Travel Director a fond farewell. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Glasgow | See the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral.

Stirling Castle | Delve into the insights of one of the largest and most important castles in Scotland.

Isle of Mull | Travel to the Isles of Mull and Iona, visiting Reilig Odhrain, the sacred burial ground of 48 Scottish Kings.

Scottish Highlands | Insight Choice

Learn the fascinating process of Scottish whisky production at a local distillery and malting facility, complete with a 'wee dram', or soak up the scenery and hear intriguing tales of Nessie during a cruise on one of Scotland's most famous lakes.

Edinburgh | Visit Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish Crown Jewels, Mons Meg and other artefacts with your Local Expert. Explore the city with your Local Expert.

Ardgowan House | Join Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate, and savour a traditional Scottish tea made from local ingredients. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 12: Affordable and Clean Energy & Responsible Consumption and Production.

Inverness | At the Dundreggan Rewilding Centre, learn about the reintroduction of native tree and animal species such as the lynx, red squirrel and beaver. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Glasgow | Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Glasgow's city centre as you indulge in a carefully curated selection of local flavours and traditional delights.

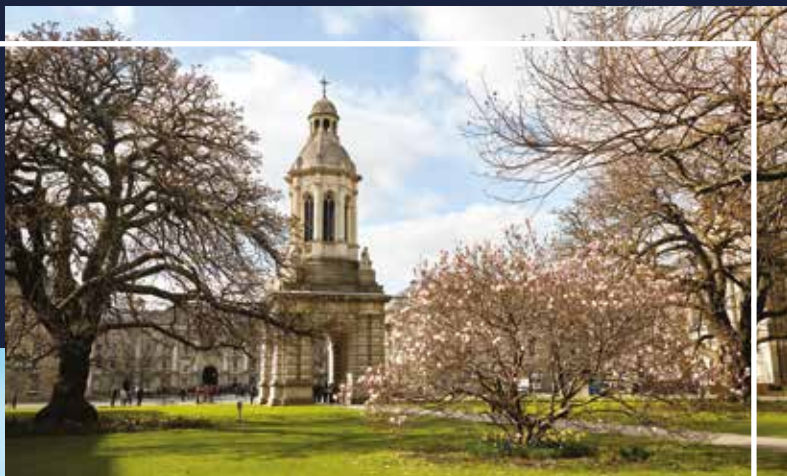
Edinburgh | Enjoy a dinner of modern Scottish cuisine in the heart of Edinburgh.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Focus on Ireland

Embrace the Emerald Isle, including looking out over the Cliffs of Moher and strolling past the Georgian architecture of Cork.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B906

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Begin your afternoon exploration on an orientation of Dublin with a Local Expert. Pass St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christchurch Cathedral as you learn about the city's characteristic rhyming epithets. See the 9th century Book of Kells and walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Enjoy a warm and friendly dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers 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 US President, John F. Kennedy. (B) (RS)

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 700-foot Cliffs of Moher with breathtaking views of the Clare Coast. Continue past the city of Limerick, stop in quaint Adare and take a relaxed village walk to see its thatched-roof cottages. In the evening, stay in the 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

Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose to join a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, admire incredible scenery on a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and National Park. Take 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, birthplace of the great patriot, Daniel O'Connell. Follow the narrow road as it winds along the cliffs to 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.

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) (RS)

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

KATIE, TRAVEL DIRECTOR.

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 prime farmland to the medieval city of Kilkenny, with its majestic castle and river walk. Browse the medieval mile showcasing the hub of Ireland's arts and crafts scene along its narrow lanes. Then, return to Dublin and your hotel. The rest of the evening is at your leisure to further explore if you wish. Perhaps opt to join an Optional Experience to enjoy fine cuisine with a glass of wine in one of the city's well-known stylish restaurants. (B)

Hotel: Clayton Burlington Road, Dublin

DAY 7 | 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.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

See Custom House and travel along the River Liffey. See the Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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 journey the magical Ring of Kerry.

Killarney | *Insight Choice* Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park, or explore the scenery of Killarney National Park on a horse-drawn jaunting car ride with the local jarveys.

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

Killarney | 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.

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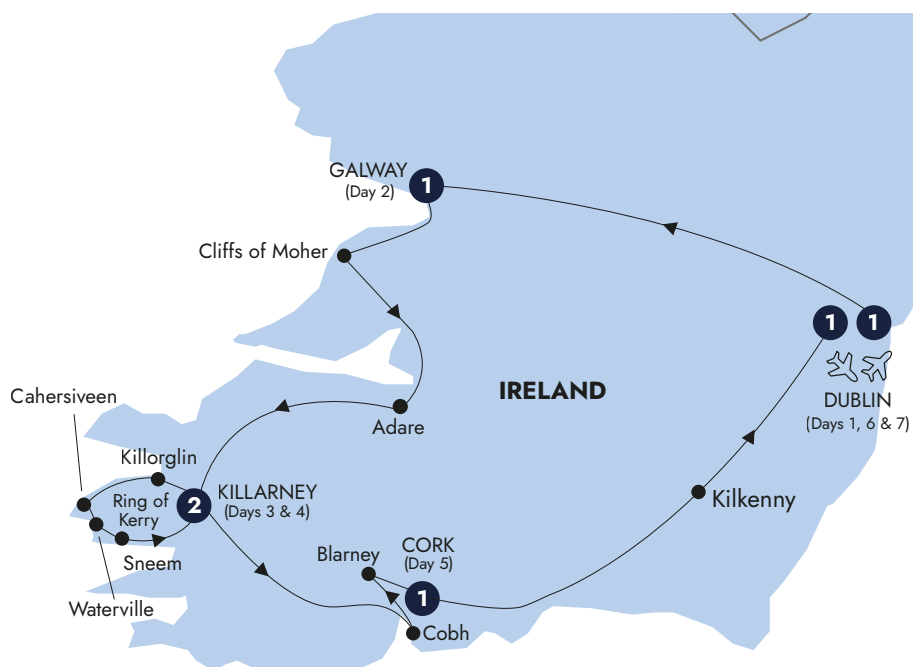


Premium Dining

Dublin | Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, an opportunity to get to know each other over a meal.

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.



KEY

✈ Join/Leave Options 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited

Irish Elegance

Experience the delights of the Wild Atlantic Way. Stay at the 5-star Ashford Castle, drive the Ring of Kerry and journeying from Galway to Killarney.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B907

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

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. See 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 your fellow travellers 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. Driving south, 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 visit his family-run seaweed farm to learn about sustainable farming practices that 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 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves. Then travel north across the Burren, a suddenly stark and barren landscape, scarred with interesting limestone creases. Journey to Galway, the City of 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)

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

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 magnificent, turreted Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Connemara Coast, Galway



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

ERICA, TRAVEL DIRECTOR.

DAY 6 | MAJESTIC ASHFORD CASTLE

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

highlight of your travels. As you arrive a lone piper escorts you over the drawbridge. Your exquisite hotel provides a romantic backdrop in superior surroundings, offering both relaxation and comfort. There are many opportunities to explore the vast estate, pamper yourself at the spa, or get to know the hawks and woodland surroundings at the hotel's falconry school. Dining at Ashford Castle ranks among the finest culinary experiences in the world. Creative cooking, locally sourced ingredients and an innovative menu awaits. Gentlemen, a jacket is required. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Ashford Castle, Cong

DAY 7 | ACROSS THE EMERALD ISLE TO DUBLIN

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the morning and perhaps a stroll on the estate? Then cross the midlands to Dublin where the rest of the day is at leisure. Perhaps visit a museum or do some last minute shopping. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin

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.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Blarney | *Insight Choice* Take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, the famous stone of eloquence sourced from 330-million-year-old limestone, or explore the gardens of the Blarney Castle estate which are brought to life on a guided tour with a senior gardener.

Cashel | See the Rock of Cashel where St. Patrick preached.

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

Shannon | Cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry. This large estuary is where the River Shannon flows into the Atlantic Ocean.

Ashford Castle | On arrival, you are escorted over the drawbridge by a lone piper for a majestic entrance fit for royalty.

Ring of Kerry | 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.

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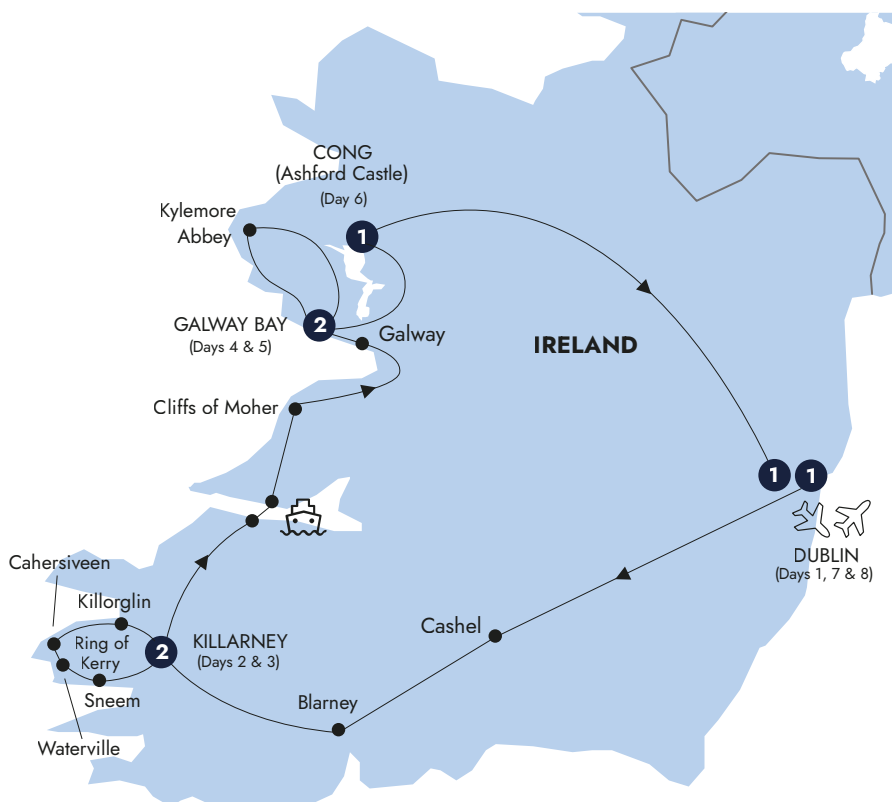


Premium Dining

Dublin | Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, an opportunity to get to know each other over a meal.

Ashford Castle | Dine on delicious Farm-to-Table fare in a stylish setting at the iconic George V Dining Room.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



KEY

✈ Join/Leave Options ① Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited 🚢 Cruise

Enchanting Ireland

Let the luck of the Irish be with you on this guided tour. Visits to iconic Blarney Castle 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: BIBRED

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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: Camden Court, Dublin

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. 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 evening, 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 US President, John F. Kennedy. You'll love hearing intriguing stories of this bustling medieval port followed by a traditional Irish pub dinner. **(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 700-feet, 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 Tarbet. Head to Killarney where

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

you'll relive the highlights of the day over a Dine-Around evening of local cuisine. You also have your pick of optional experiences including a Celtic Steps performance or a Gaelic Roots show of song and dance. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Great Southern Killarney



There are so many different types of seaweed. By the time you walk away from half an hour with John, you'll know how to tell the difference between seaweeds off the coast of Ireland.

FAITH, TRAVEL DIRECTOR.

DAY 5 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

Famous for its 'forty shades of green', the Irish nature at 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. 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. **(B)**

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 infamous 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 board walk, surrounded by water loving plants and waterfalls. The Carnivorous Courtyard features plants that with colourful, fluid-filled leaves whilst 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 and updated 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: Camden Court, Dublin

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 11:00.



KEY

✈ Join/Leave Options 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited 🚢 Cruise



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.

Connemara | Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey is a sight to behold. See its striking Victorian Walled Garden and turreted Church.

Westport | Embark on an exploration of the town of Westport in a remote area of Ireland full of rugged beauty.

Ring of Kerry | Venture into a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages, as you journey the magical Ring of Kerry.

Blarney | *Insight Choice* Take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, the famous stone of eloquence sourced from 330-million-year-old limestone, or explore the gardens of the Blarney Castle estate which are brought to life on a guided tour with a senior gardener.

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

Ring of Kerry | 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.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
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Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Scenic Ireland

Ireland's scenery will inspire the mind of any curious traveller. Stand atop the towering Cliffs of Moher, and drive the mystical Ring of Kerry.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: BIBIRE

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

With soul-stirring landscapes of rugged cliffs and rolling hills, the 'Emerald Isle' has lured the most curious of travellers for centuries. Get your bearings and discover Dublin's past and present on an insightful orientation tour with your Local Expert past the Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral. After an afternoon celebrating the icons of Dublin, embrace its fine cuisine over dinner. (D)

Hotel: Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | DUBLIN AND KILKENNY

Learn the story behind the name at the Guinness Storehouse where you'll sip your way through history, starting with the founder, Arthur Guinness, signed a 9,000 year lease on St. James's Gate Brewery in Dublin. After an enlightening morning, arrive in the medieval city of Kilkenny, with its majestic castle and river walk. Browse the medieval mile showcasing the hub of Ireland's arts and crafts scene along its narrow lanes on an orientation. Visit Kilkenny Castle, founded after the Norman conquest of Ireland and rebuilt, extended and adapted over 800 years. (B)

Hotel: Kilkenny

DAY 3 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND KILLARNEY

Visit Blarney Castle, steeped in centuries of Irish folklore and legend, is famous for its enchanting grounds and the legendary Blarney Stone. Visitors from around the world come to kiss the stone, believed to bestow the 'gift of the gab.' Take your turn at giving it a peck knowing that the stone was sourced from 330-million year-old limestone. Next, head to Killarney, gateway to the famous Ring of Kerry, that has been welcoming travellers who appreciate the spectacular scenery of woodlands and lakes, for over 250 years. Enjoy an orientation with your Travel Director and relive the highlights of the day over a Dine-Around evening of local cuisine. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Killarney Oaks

DAY 4 | KILLARNEY FREE DAY

This morning, take in Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose to join a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, admire incredible scenery on a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of the 15th Century Ross Castle. 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. (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 5 | CLIFFS OF MOHER AND GALWAY

All aboard the Ferry from Tarbert to Killmer bringing you to an up close and personal encounter with the towering Cliffs of Moher. Take in views of the Clare Coast and the pounding Atlantic, where puffins find sanctuary in its nooks and crannies. Gain insights into the cliffs' geology and history before driving through the rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway. Upon arriving in Galway, your Travel Director will lead an orientation tour to help you get acquainted with the city. In the afternoon, you can join a Galway Walking Tour to visit notable sights such as the Lynch Memorial, Church of St. Nicholas, Spanish Arch, and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy. End your day with a delightful dinner at a local restaurant featuring live music. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Clayton Galway

DAY 6 | GALWAY FREE DAY

Ireland's cultural centre and the festival capital of Ireland, Galway hosts 122 festivals per year. One might say the city's artistic side is reflected in actor Peter O'Toole, who has a strong connection with Galway. O'Toole claimed that he was born in Galway before being taken to England as a baby and built a house outside Clifden in the county. You'll feel Galway's fun, bohemian vibe come to life over your free day at leisure to discover this bustling port city. You could join an optional experience to the iconic Aran Islands, a must-see of scenic Ireland. **(B)**

DAY 7 | GALWAY TO SLIGO

The seaside town of Westport will charm any traveller. Your Local Expert leads you on a culinary walk for a tasting of the local favourites and to learn about the town's heritage - from its settlement 5,000 years ago to today. The town is

famous for its sustainability and Westport House - a heritage home museum celebrating 300 years of Irish heritage, a quaint stone bridge, Rockfleet Castle and Burrishoole Abbey tied to the 16th-century pirate queen Grace O' Malley. Meaning "abounding in shells," the town of Sligo will enchant the most curious of travellers. An orientation tour introduces you to the charms of the town. Later, perhaps join an optional experience Sligo Drive along the scenic shores of Sligo Bay. **(B)**

Hotel: Sligo Park

DAY 8 | SLIGO

Embark on an insightful MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to Rosses Point, a small maritime village near the intriguing town of Sligo under the guidance of a Local Expert and maritime archaeologist. With the afternoon free in Sligo, take the opportunity for an in-depth look at one of the historic houses, museums or the Yeats memorial building. The Yeats Building in the heart of Sligo is a gathering space for literary culture and the arts. Its permanent exhibition and contemporary exhibitions and give you local insights into this land that was an inspiration for Yeats. **(B)**

DAY 9 | SLIGO TO DUBLIN

Depart Sligo this morning to conclude your scenic Ireland tour in Dublin. Your journey finishes with a memorable dinner. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Camden Court, Dublin

DAY 10 | DEPART DUBLIN

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

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

**KEY**

Join/Leave Options 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited Ship Cruise

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Dublin | See Dublin's elegant Georgian squares, O'Connell Street and the Custom House with a Local Expert.

Kilkenny | Take in the sights of the medieval city of Kilkenny with its majestic castle and river walk. Visit Kilkenny Castle and learn about the powerful family that came to call it home for so many centuries.

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

Ring of Kerry | Venture into a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages, as you journey the magical Ring of Kerry.

Killarney | *Insight Choice* Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park, or explore the scenery of Killarney National Park on a horse-drawn jaunting car ride with the local javeys.

Galway | See the Lynch Memorial Window and the Church of St. Nicholas - the largest medieval parish church in Ireland continuously used.

Sligo | Amble along a coastal promenade and path as your Local Expert shares with you Sligo's connection to the sea. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Dublin | Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, an opportunity to get to know each other over a meal.

Westport | Embark on a food exploration of the town, meeting the locals and savouring the local delicacies.

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Ashford Castle & Ireland's Icons

Get up close and personal with the icons of Ireland. Elevate your experience staying in comfort and style at five-star Ashford Castle, the former famous home of earls, princes and the famous Guinness family.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: BIBRAC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/ashford-castle-ireland-s-icons](https://www.insightvacations.com/ashford-castle-ireland-s-icons)

DAY 1 | HELLO DUBLIN

Kick off our journey along the walled gardens and rambling walks of Powerscourt Gardens a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner. (D)

Hotel: Camden Court, Dublin

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

History dating back to the 1100s awaits as you join a Local Expert on a Dublin city tour to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral. Here at Ireland's largest church, gain all the insights learning how Irish author Jonathan Swift was once installed as Dean and ultimately laid to rest. With rest of the day at leisure, stroll along Grafton Street and see its lively performers, stop for a pint of the 'Black Stuff' in Temple Bar or relax in St. Stephen's Green. (B)

DAY 3 | ADMIRE COUNTY KILKENNY AND ON TO CORK

Embark on an excursion to get up close and personal with Ireland's thoroughbred industry at the Irish National Stud. Next up is Cork, a fusion of castles, gardens and foodie havens will enchant curious travellers like you. Your Travel Director orients you to the sights, sounds and flavours from the circa-18th century English Market lined with local cheeses, fresh seafood and handmade chocolate to Cork City Gaol, a museum offering insight into Cork's history. Cork is also home to the biggest jazz festival in Ireland. With the evening at leisure, take in the city's musical culture joining an optional experience of Irish entertainment with local musicians including a hearty pub dinner. (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 infamous 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 ushering you into the beauty of the Ring of Kerry. Tonight's Dine-Around invites you to enjoy your pick of Irish specialities. 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

Join a Local Expert for a scenic guided walk at Torc Waterfall. Circle the scenic Ring of Kerry. (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 | ONWARDS TO THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Begin the day with a ferry crossing before arriving at the towering Cliffs of Moher. Perched at 700-feet, take in views of the Clare Coast and the pounding Atlantic, where colonies of puffins make their homes. The area is home to Guillemot and Razorbills, Peregrine Falcon, Kittiwake and Fulmar as well as endangered bird species including Choughs. Full of fascinating insights, make your way through the rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway Bay. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Red, Galway

DAY 7 | GALWAY

Ireland's cultural centre and the festival capital of Ireland, Galway hosts 122 festivals per year. One might say the city's artistic side is reflected in actor Peter O'Toole, who has a strong connection with Galway. O'Toole claimed that he was born in Galway before being taken to England as a baby and built a house outside Clifden in the county. You'll feel Galway's fun, bohemian vibe come to life over an orientation tour. Your Travel Director introduces you to the sights including Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy. With the rest of the day at leisure, continue to explore this bustling port city on your own or join an optional Galway Waking Tour with pub dinner. **(B)**

DAY 8 | KYLEMORE ABBEY AND CONTINUE TO ASHFORD CASTLE

Full of curiosities, Kylemore Abbey is a treasure trove of picture-perfect scenery and a storied past as the oldest of the Irish Benedictine Abbeys. Discover more on a Lough Corrib Cruise, where you'll explore one of County

Galway's natural jewels and learn about its historical significance. Conclude another grand day arriving at five-star, award-winning, Ashford Castle where a lone piper escorts you over the drawbridge. Your exquisite hotel provides a romantic backdrop in superior surroundings, offering both relaxation and comfort you've come to enjoy on your Ireland tour. Feel history come alive with past owners including Benjamin Lee Guinness, Lord and Lady Ardilaun and hotelier Noel Huggard who transformed the estate into a hotel in 1939. In addition, celebrities such as John Lennon and Brad Pitt and even royal patrons including King George V have luxuriated at Ashford Castle. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ashford Castle, Cong

DAY 9 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN

Time for a last-minute stroll on the Ashford Estate. Perhaps take in more of the splendid scenery on out joining a leisurely walk with the Irish wolfhounds. Then cross the midlands, also known as Our Hidden Heartlands, a beautifully unspoiled part of Ireland where life moves at its own pace. Return to the capital where the remainder of the day is free. Dinner awaits tonight, where you'll raise a glass and toast with your new friends. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Camden Court, Dublin

DAY 10 | JOURNEY HOME

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

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Kildare | Horse racing is part of Irish culture; get a rare peek into it over your visit to the Irish National Stud.

Blarney | Insight Choice Take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, the famous stone of eloquence sourced from 330-million-year-old limestone, or explore the gardens of the Blarney Castle estate which are brought to life on a guided tour with a senior gardener.

Ring of Kerry | Venture into a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages, as you journey the magical Ring of Kerry.

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

Galway | See the Lynch Memorial Window and the Church of St. Nicholas - the largest medieval parish church in Ireland continuously used.

Connemara | Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey is a sight to behold. See its striking Victorian Walled Garden and turreted Church.

Wicklow | The walled gardens and rambling walks of Powerscourt Gardens will enchant any traveller. On your visit, stroll through the manicured formal gardens and terraces passing striking statues, lakes and secret hollows. You'll savour taking in the wonder of nature curated by world-class gardeners. Your visit directly supports UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

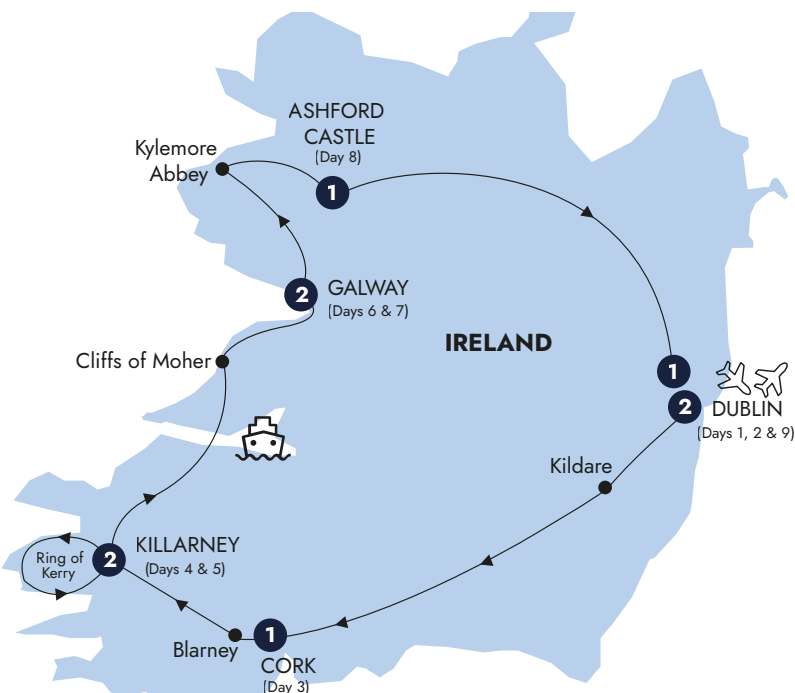


Premium Dining

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

Ashford Castle | Dine on delicious Farm-to-Table fare in a stylish setting at the iconic George V Dining Room.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



KEY

Join/Leave Options 1 Hotels and Nights • Place Visited Ship Cruise

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



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B909

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, with the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers. (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. With a Local Expert, learn how the castle was built in 1195 after the Norman Conquest of Ireland and admire its beautifully restored Victorian era rooms. Continue through Cahir and see its 13th-century castle. In Cork, your Travel Director shows you around the university city, with its vibrant waterfront and grand Georgian parades. (B)

Hotel: The Kingsley, Cork

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS TO KILLARNEY

Travel to Blarney Castle and kiss the stone to ensure a lifetime of eloquence. Travel 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) (RS)

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) (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 6 | AROUND THE DINGLE PENINSULA

Continue driving with views of wide skies, peaceful towns and coastal scenery of the Dingle Peninsula - the setting for the film *Ryan's Daughter*. Drive to dramatic Slea Head at the peninsula's far end, before journeying back to reach your hotel. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Falls and Spa, Ennistymon

DAY 7 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND GALWAY

Journey to the Visitor Centre at the 700-foot 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 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 US President, John F. Kennedy. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Connemara Coast (Sea View Rooms), 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 | DERRY LONDONDERRY

Cross into Northern Ireland, bound for the ancient walled city of 'Derry.' On arrival, one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan,

will fascinate you as he takes you inside the city walls. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Maldron Hotel Derry, Londonderry

DAY 10 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn how the National Trust is enabling farming and biodiversity to work together, supporting both wildlife and quality food production. Continue to your hotel overlooking Ballygally Bay. Join us for a finale dinner, where old-fashioned hospitality blends with good food and wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Ballygally Castle, Co. Antrim

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

Your trip has come to an end. Transfer available to Belfast's airports or to Dublin Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at Belfast George Best City Airport and Belfast International Airport at 08:00.

**KEY**

- ✈ Join/Leave Options 🏠 UNESCO Heritage Site 1 Hotels and Nights
 🚢 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.

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

Kildare | Horse racing is part of Irish culture; get a rare peek into it over your visit to the Irish National Stud.

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

Killarney | *Insight Choice* Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park, or explore the scenery of Killarney National Park on a horse-drawn jaunting car ride with the local jarveys.

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

Killarney | 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.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Dublin | Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, an opportunity to get to know each other over a meal.

Ballygally | The warm feeling resulting from the confluence of music, drink, good food, laughter, and conversation, enjoy some 'craic' at dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Best of Ireland & Scotland

Take in the best of the Isles getting up close to the Book of Kells, visiting Dublin's Trinity College and with a Scottish Whisky tasting.

14 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED



4.5/5

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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 Advisor or see insightvacations.com/irelandscotland

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

Relax at your hotel before joining your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, an opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers. (D)

Hotel: Clayton Charlemont, 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

Your Local Expert takes you past the Custom House to see the Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College and gain an insight into its history. 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 and trace the journey of a soul, designed by master horticulturists, Tassa and Minoru Eida. Travel along Grand Parade to see Cork's City Hall and Opera House. (B)

Hotel: Maldron South Mall/The Kingsley, Cork

DAY 4 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND KILLARNEY

Visit the partially ruined 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! (B) (D) (RS)

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 and through the National Park. Tour the superb seascapes, towering cliffs and spectacular mountains of the Ring of Kerry. Follow the narrow road as it winds through delightful villages like Sneem, to admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. Return mid-afternoon for time at leisure. (B) (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 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Continue on to your hotel, located at the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way. Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas. (B)

Hotel: Connemara Coast, Galway

DAY 7 | GLORIOUS GALWAY TO SLIGO

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

(B) (D) (RS)

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 8 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

Cross into Northern Ireland to visit Londonderry, and experience sightseeing with one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan. Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn how the National Trust is enabling farming and biodiversity to work together, supporting both wildlife and quality food production. Continue along the Antrim coast road to your hotel. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Ballygally Castle, Co. Antrim

DAY 9 | HIGH TEA AT ARDGOWAN ESTATE

Set sail across the Irish Sea this morning, heading for the land of the brave. Arrive at the Ardgowan Estate, where Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle, set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate. Explore the history of the area and learn the Shaw Stewart family's conservation efforts to protect the land on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, followed by delightful traditional Scottish tea and scones. Continue to Glasgow to see the city's grand public buildings. **(B) (RS)**

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. Soak up the scenery, and intriguing tales of Nessie. **(B) (D)**

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

DAY 12 | ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH

A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains passing Blair Castle. Cross the Tay to visit St. Andrews and see the Old Course, the home of golf since the 15th century before enjoying free time to explore. Continue to Edinburgh. In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. **(B)**

Hotel: Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh

DAY 13 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the King. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg and Scotland's Crown Jewels, the Honours of Scotland. Join your friends for a dinner of modern Scottish cuisine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | FAREWELL EDINBURGH

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast with transfers arriving to Edinburgh airport. **(B)**

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

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

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

Kildare | Horse racing is part of Irish culture; get a rare peek into it over your visit to the Irish National Stud.

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

Killarney | *Insight Choice* Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park, or explore the scenery of Killarney National Park on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys.

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

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

Edinburgh | Visit Edinburgh Castle to view the Scottish Crown Jewels, Mons Meg and other artefacts with your Local Expert.

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

Ardgowan House | Join Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate, and savour a traditional Scottish tea made from local ingredients. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 12: Affordable and Clean Energy & Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Dublin | Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, an opportunity to get to know each other over a meal.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Romantic Britain & Ireland

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

18 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 25 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B908

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | OXFORD AND STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Meet your Travel Director before departing for Oxford and later, visit Shakespeare's Birthplace. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local pub. (D)

Hotel: Mercure Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon

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

DAY 2 | LINCOLN AND MEDIEVAL YORK

Visit Lincoln and travel to see the York Minster. (B) (D)

Hotel: Hilton, York

DAY 3 | THE ENGLISH LAKES TO EDINBURGH

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

Hotel: Virgin, Edinburgh

DAY 4 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

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

DAY 5 | ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS

See the world's oldest golf course as you arrive in St. Andrews, and perhaps wander to St. Andrews University, where Prince William met his princess when they were students there. Stop at Atholl Palace and Gardens for a delicious cream tea. Originally opened in Victorian times, the hotel retains many of its traditional features. (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 and drive to the World War II Commando Memorial, shadowed by Ben Nevis. Continue through Fort William and Loch Lomond, en route to Glasgow. (B)

Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

DAY 8 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO BELFAST

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

Hotel: Titanic, Belfast

DAY 9 | DUBLIN CITY SIGHTSEEING.

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

Hotel: Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

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



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | STRATFORD-UPON-AVON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

Meet your Travel Director at the trip hotel in London and journey to Stratford-upon-Avon to visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Continue on to York, where you walk within the old city walls to the crooked houses of the Shambles and see York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral. This evening, join your Travel Director 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.

DAYS 2 - 3 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Stop in Durham to see the castle and Romanesque cathedral. Then view part of Hadrian's Wall, Britain's most renowned Roman monument. Head to the elegant Scottish capital, Edinburgh. Journey down the Royal Mile to see the Palace of Holyroodhouse before crossing over to New Town. Walk with your Local Expert inside Edinburgh Castle and see the Scottish Crown Jewels and Mons Meg. The afternoon is free to shop on Princes Street or visit one of the historical museums or artistic galleries that fill this city. In the evening, select departures will enjoy the spectacle of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Hotel: Leonardo Royal, Edinburgh

DAY 4 | ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife. Make your way to St. Andrews, home to the Old Course and birthplace of golf. Enjoy free time to explore. Perhaps stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed? Your travels continue as you cross the Tay river. Journey via Blair Atholl and past the Grampian Mountains to the sparkling Spey Valley. Later, continue to Inverness and your hotel. (B) (D)

Hotel: Pentahotel/AC by Marriott, Inverness

DAY 5 | LOCH NESS AND GLENCOE

In the morning, travel along Loch Ness and hear tales of the famous Nessie. Continue past Glencoe to reach the bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond. Admire the incredible scenery as you cruise what is arguably one of Scotland's most beautiful lochs, whilst enjoying a light lunch.

(B) (L) (D)

Hotel: AC by Marriott/Hotel B&B, Inverness

DAY 6 | THE ENGLISH LAKES TO LIVERPOOL

In the morning, discover the beauty of the Lake District. Continue to your hotel in Liverpool. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Maldron, Liverpool

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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



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DAYS 7 - 8 | NORTH WALES AND OVER TO DUBLIN

Step back into Roman times in Chester, where you see the city's ancient encircling walls and remarkable 13th-century black-and-white Rows. Continue through Wales, passing the massive Conwy Castle before crossing over to the Isle of Anglesey. From the port of Holyhead, set sail for Dublin in Ireland. Head to the Guinness Storehouse and enjoy a tasting of Ireland's world famous drink. With your Local Expert see the famous O'Connell Street, the Custom House and Dublin Castle.

Hotel: Trinity City/Riu Plaza The Gresham, Dublin

DAYS 9 - 10 | KILLARNEY AND THE RING OF KERRY

Travel to Ireland's premier thoroughbred horse breeding region for a fascinating, behind-the-scenes visit of the National Stud with an equine professional, and visit the Japanese Gardens. Cross the rolling pastures that encircle Tipperary to Brookfield Farm and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Meet Ailbhe Gerrard, a passionate farmer and beekeeper, who shares her secrets to crafting the most delicious and sustainable honey of the island. Indulge in a delicious Farm-to-Table lunch. Continue to Killarney. Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert through the National Park. Your Dine-Around evening offers authentic and intimate dining with your friends, from a hand-picked selection of fine local restaurants.

Hotel: The Gleneagle, Killarney

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 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, famous for its imposing castle and the brilliant Principality Stadium. **(B)**

Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAY 13 | ROMAN BATHS, STONEHENGE AND LONDON

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Continue across Salisbury Plain to visit the ancient site of Stonehenge.

Your exploration of Britain and Ireland draws to a close upon your return to the hotel in London. **(B)**



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.

Blarney | *Insight Choice* Take your turn to kiss the Blarney Stone, the famous stone of eloquence sourced from 330-million-year-old limestone, or explore the gardens of the Blarney Castle estate which are brought to life on a guided tour with a senior gardener.

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

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

Bath | Visit the Roman Baths and discover 2,000 years of history. Learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

York | Enjoy a traditional Yorkshire dinner and the chance to get to know your fellow travellers.

Loch Lomond | Savour a light lunch whilst 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.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise

Britain & Ireland Discovery

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

22 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 33 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B959

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/ivdiscovery](https://www.insightvacations.com/ivdiscovery)

DAY 1 | LONDON TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

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

Tonight, dine at a local restaurant. **(D)**

Hotel: Swan's Nest, Stratford-upon-Avon

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

DAY 2 | MEDIEVAL YORK

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

(B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Hilton, York

DAYS 3 - 4 | THE LAKE DISTRICT AND EDINBURGH

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

Hotel: Edinburgh Marriott Holyrood

DAY 5 | FIFE AND ABERDEEN

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

Hotel: Ardoe House Hotel and Spa, Aberdeen

DAYS 6 - 7 | WICK AND ORKNEY ISLANDS

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

Hotel: The Norseman Hotel, Wick

DAY 8 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

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

Hotel: The Dunollie, Broadford

DAY 9 | LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

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

Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

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

Journey to the iconic Giant's Causeway, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Da Vinci's, Londonderry

DAY 11 | BELLEEK AND SLIGO BAY

Meet Ronan, one of the nation's great

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

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

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

DAY 12 | GALWAY AND LIMERICK

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

DAYS 13 - 14 | ADARE TO KILLARNEY

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

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

DAY 15 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND CORK

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

DAYS 16 - 17 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

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

DAY 18 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO LIVERPOOL

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

for an orientation of the city. Consider an optional experience tour featuring the history of The Beatles. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maldron, Liverpool

DAY 19 | THE WELSH MARCHES TO CARDIFF

Continue through the countryside to the Welsh capital and see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAYS 20 - 21 | BATH, SOMERSET AND PLYMOUTH

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

DAY 22 | ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON

Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the prehistoric and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring megaliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Your discovery of Britain and Ireland concludes upon your return to the hotel in London. **(B)**



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



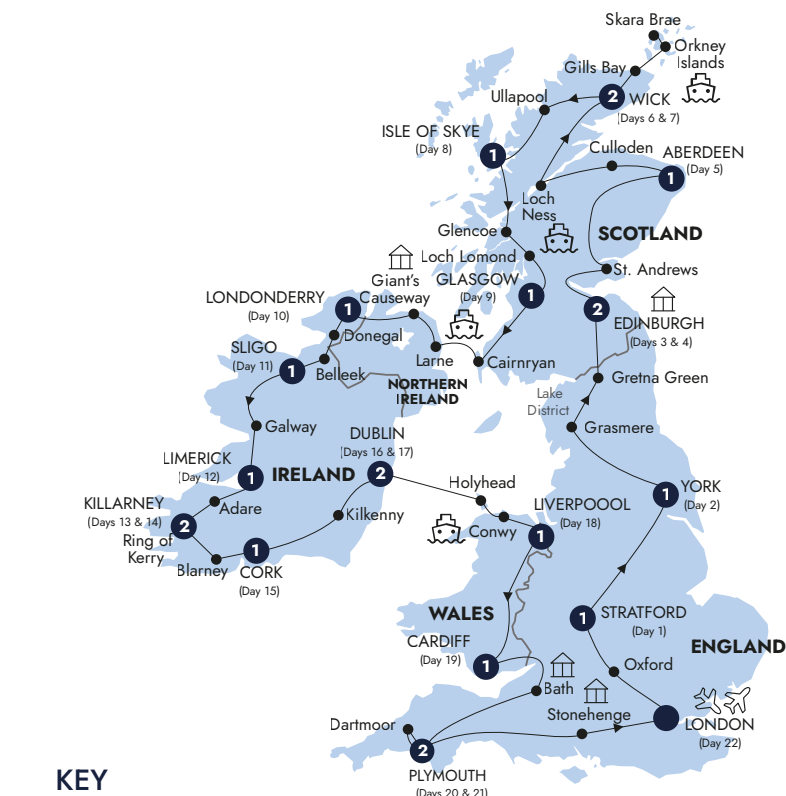
Premium Dining

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.



KEY

- ✈ Join/Leave Options 🏠 UNESCO Heritage Site 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited
 🚢 Cruise

Country Roads of Belgium, Luxembourg & the Netherlands

Hand-picked encounters from canals to clogs. Farm-to-Table feasts and Rembrandt's masterpieces display the best of the region.

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E918

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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. 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. We 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-metre 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. (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 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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

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

Visit the grave of U.S. General George S. Patton in the Luxembourg American Cemetery. Learn insightful stories about the Grand Duchy from your Local Expert, discover its UNESCO World Heritage Site Old Town and admire the view over the Pétrusse Ravine from the Pont Adolphe. (B) (D) (RS)

DAY 7 | EXPLORE BASTOGNE THEN ON TO ROTTERDAM

Head for Bastogne to visit the Mardasson Monument, dedicated to the U.S. troops who died during Battle of the Bulge in World War II. Visit the interactive memorial centre of Bastogne War Museum. Your journey continues to Rotterdam. During your orientation with your Travel Director, see the impressive market hall and its radical modern design. (B) **Hotel:** Doubletree Rotterdam City Centre

DAY 8 | DELFT AND THE HAGUE

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

villages and windmills of the Dutch countryside to Amsterdam. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

DAY 9 | AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING

Explore Amsterdam and cruise through the canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire the elegant merchant houses from the 16th and 17th centuries. 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)

DAY 10 | A TRUE DUTCH DELIGHT

Later, in Amsterdam, visit the Rijksmuseum with a local art historian. Journey to the fishing village of Monnikendam, learn the secrets of cheese makers craft and witness a traditional shoemaker turn a block of wood into clogs. In the evening, join your newfound friends and Travel Director for dinner at a beautiful restaurant in Monnikendam. (B) (D) (RS)

DAY 11 | DEPART AMSTERDAM

Bid farewell to Amsterdam 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 Visit the site of the historic Battle of Waterloo with a Local Expert, or join a private chocolate truffle-making lesson and tasting with a master chocolatier.

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.

The Hague | See the Binnenhof courtyards and the Peace Palace.

Delft | Visit one of the original manufacturers of Delft blue pottery and see the potters at work on your guided tour.

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.

Premium Dining

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

Luxembourg City | At restaurant Les Écuries du Parc, savour a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table meal of locally sourced, seasonal produce.

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

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

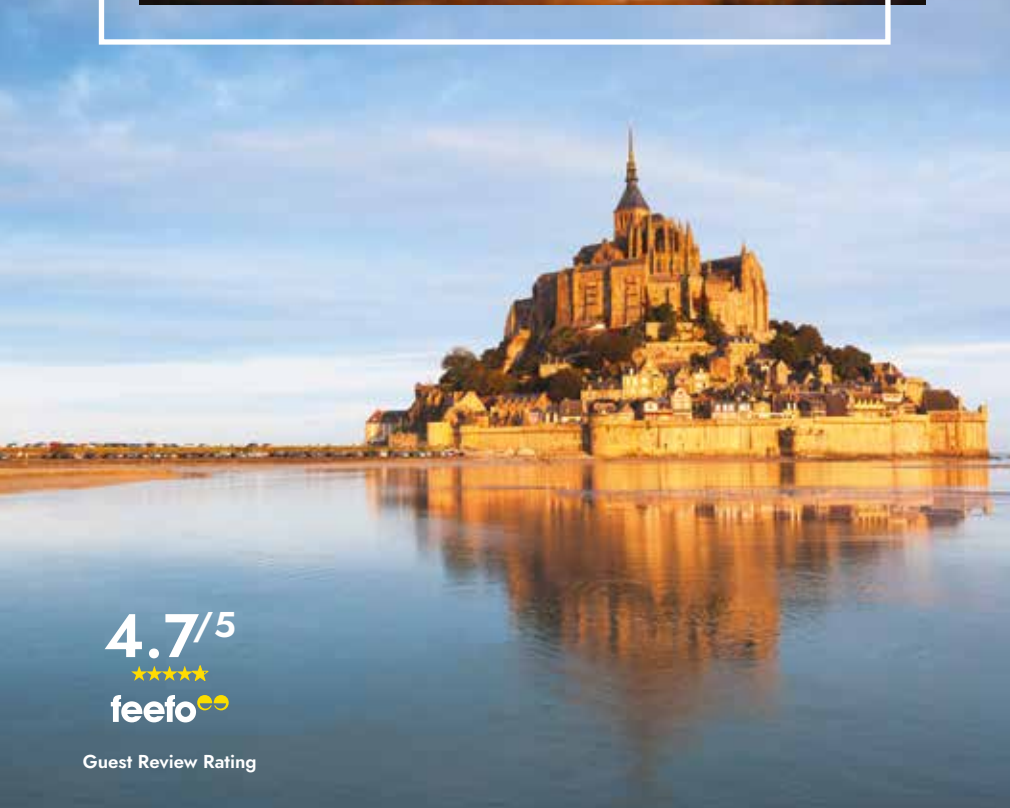
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Normandy, Brittany & The Loire Valley

Enjoy romance, glamour, gastronomy and elegance, including the fragrant gardens of Château de Villandry, one of the hidden gems of France.

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 Advisor or see insightvacations.com/normandy

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS

After checking in upon arrival, the capital is yours to explore. Meet your Travel Director for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Le Méridien Etoile, Paris

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

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 memorialises 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, meet a farming family who grow apples to produce local juice, cider and calvados of Normandy. Sample the local produce paired with Normandy cheese. 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

Visit the bunkers and the Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc with a Local Expert, then spend a few reflective moments at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent, near Omaha Beach. Explore Normandy with Insight Choice, visiting the D-Day Museum or Bayeux Tapestry Museum, before being treated to a delightful Farm-to-Table dinner. (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 along the Emerald Coast 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 to join an optional experience to Cancale, known throughout France for its oyster

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

beds, for a delicious meal of fresh seafood and other Breton specialities. **(B)**

Hotel: Le Nouveau Monde, St Malo

DAY 5 | VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE

Head south to follow the valley of the Loire, passing the moated Angers Castle. Cross the Loire to Saumur, where a local vintner will guide you through tastings of the region's delicious wines. Head to Château de Villandry, the jewel of the Loire, to visit the glorious sustainable gardens on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Ensure you don't miss the water, ornamental and kitchen gardens. This stunning sea of fragrant green herbs, silvery cabbages and purple basil is grown organically to regenerate the local ecosystem. Continue to your very own castle hotel and admire its extensive gardens and potager. **(B)**

Hotel: Château de la Bourdaisière

DAY 6 | SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY

Journey to the fairytale Château d'Azay-le-Rideau beautifully positioned on its own island, where your Local Expert will show you the château's decor and lightness of touch in the playful early Renaissance architecture. Return to your turreted château for relaxation. This evening, your dinner starts with a glass of local sparkling wine and continues with excellent service and delicious Farm-to-Table dishes in the most wholesome

setting, ensuring the memory of your meal will linger long after you've returned home. **(B) (D)**

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

Travelling through the vast wheat fields of the 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. For that special touch of excitement and glamour, don't miss the chance to experience a world-famous cabaret show. **(B)**

Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

DAY 8 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Today, bid farewell to your journey through the French countryside as you transfer to the airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 11:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Honfleur | See this charming fishing town.

Normandy | *Insight Choice* Visit the Bayeux Tapestry Museum in the heart of Old Bayeux, or visit the D-Day Museum in Arromanches and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay.

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

Saint-Malo | Visit the labyrinthine streets to arrive at the cathedral. Later, enjoy the chance to walk along the fortifications and explore the city's nightlife at your leisure.

Angers | See the imposing château.

Azay-le-Rideau | During your visit to Château d'Azay-le-Rideau, your Local Expert will show you a jewel of the French Renaissance from the time of King Francis I.

Loire Valley | Discover the sustainable gardens of Château de Villandry. Now a hub for sustainability, preserving the estate's biological diversity, learn about the sea of fragrant green herbs, silvery cabbages and purple basil grown organically to regenerate the local ecosystem. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 15: Life on Land.

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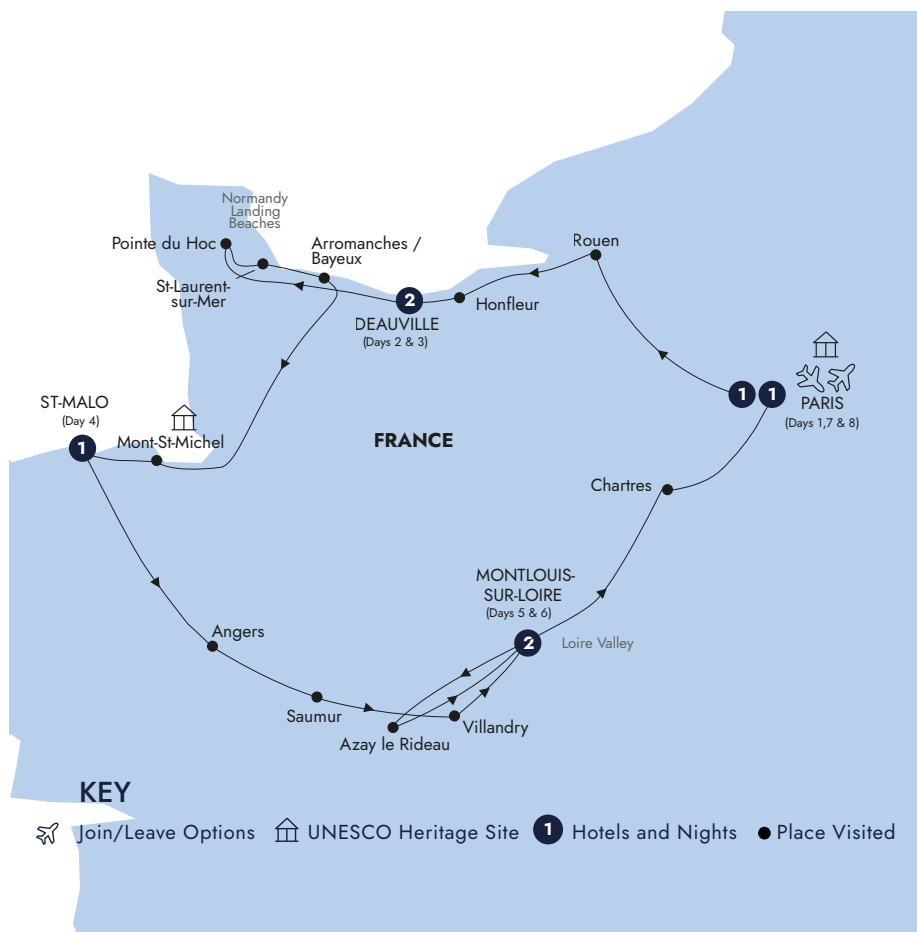


Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Country Roads of France

Drive along the Grand Prix circuit in Monaco, play pétanque and feast on a Farm-to-Table dinner with local wine.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 22 MEALS | LEISURELY



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS

On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers to the hotel leave terminal 2F. Meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before joining a dinner at a classic local restaurant with cuisine inspired by country recipes. (D)

Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | CHAMPAGNE REGION AND ON TO DIJON

Journey through the Champagne region. Stop to savour a taste of Champagne, for which this region is world-famous. Arrive in Burgundy and continue to Dijon, the region's elegant capital. (B) (D)

Hotel: Grand Dijon La Cloche

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN DIJON

With your day at leisure, relax in Dijon or perhaps visit the wine capital of Beaune. (B) (RS)

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: Le Grand, BW Premier Collection

DAY 6 | THE FRENCH RIVIERA TO REACH 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 and 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)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

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Trip code: E723

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

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

Artistic Arles and the immense Pont du Gard feature en route to Avignon. **(B)**

DAY 10 | CARCASSONNE AND TO ALBI

A scenic drive through the Alpilles takes you to Château De Luc, for a wine tasting and your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Explore Carcassonne and on to Albi. **(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) (RS)**

DAY 12 | CAHORS AND ROCAMADOUR

Sample some local Dordogne specialities when you visit the market at Cahors, famous for its black wine. Travel to Rocamadour and enjoy free time to explore this medieval town. Enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner this evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Le Perigord, La Roque-Gageac

DAY 13 | EXPLORING THE DORDOGNE VALLEY

Start the day with a morning drive into the Valley of the Dordogne to visit Lascaux II, where the world-famous prehistoric cave paintings have been faithfully reproduced. Continue to the beautiful town of Sarlat-la-Canéda, its medieval core blessed with fine golden limestone houses. Relax this evening in the beautiful surroundings of the Dordogne region whilst you dine at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT

Follow the Dordogne river this morning and travel north past the cities of Limoges and Orleans. Reach the Île-de-France and immerse yourself in the beautiful city of Paris. **(B)**

Hotel: Le Méridien Etoile, Paris

DAY 15 | ROMANTIC CAPITAL ON THE SEINE

See the Eiffel Tower and the Luxor obelisk in Place de la Concorde, and drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe. Celebrate your unforgettable tour with French cuisine and wine as you dine at a local restaurant in the City of Light. **(B) (D)**

DAY 16 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Today, bid farewell to your journey through the French countryside as you transfer to the airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 11:00.

**KEY**

- Join/Leave Options
 UNESCO Heritage Site
 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited
 Optional Place Visited

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Chamonix | Explore the city's charming streets set against a backdrop of the stunning French Alps.

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

Monaco City | Drive along part of the Grand Prix circuit and wander the old town to see the Royal Palace and yacht-filled harbour.

Pont du Gard | See the ancient Roman bridge that crosses the Gardon River.

Paris | See famous landmarks, including Pont Alexandre III, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. Enjoy a drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe.

Luc-sur-Orbieu | The Fabre family has been producing wine since the 17th Century and share their passion for the production of biodynamic wines during your visit to their winery. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

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EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Troyes | Journey through the Champagne region and stop for a tasting of renowned Champagne wine.

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

Paris | Rendezvous with your newfound friends at La Coupole for a rousing dinner with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

French Heritage

Adventure across France, playing pétanque in Provence, awestruck by the Alps in Chamonix, and mingling with the jet-set on the French Riviera.

22 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 30 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: E326

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS

On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers to the hotel leave terminal 2F. Meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before joining a dinner at a classic local restaurant with cuisine inspired by country recipes. (D)

Hotel: Grand Chicago, Paris

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | CHAMPAGNE REGION AND ON TO DIJON

Journey through the Champagne region. Stop to savour a taste of Champagne, for which this region is world-famous. Arrive in Burgundy and continue to Dijon, the region's elegant capital. (B) (D)

Hotel: Grand Dijon La Cloche

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN DIJON

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

DAY 4 | CHAMONIX

Travel 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. Enjoy free time for lunch. This evening, savour a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Le Grand, BW Premier Collection

DAY 6 | THE FRENCH RIVIERA TO REACH NICE

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

Hotel: Radisson Blu, Nice

DAY 7 | MONACO AND THE CÔTE D'AZUR

Unlock the secrets of the French perfume industry with a visit to a perfumery. Then enjoy a drive along part of the Grand Prix circuit in Monaco. Enjoy an Insight Choice experience with a visit to the Oceanographic Museum or Royal Palace of Monaco. (B)

DAY 8 | PICTURESQUE PROVENCE

Enjoy the winding streets of Saint-Paul de Vence before taking a lesson in the French sport of pétanque. Your day concludes in Aix-en-Provence. (B)

Hotel: Aquabella Hotel & Spa, Aix-en-Provence

DAY 9 | AVIGNON AND PONT DU GARD

Artistic Arles and the immense Pont du Gard feature en route to Avignon. (B)

DAY 10 | CARCASSONNE AND TO ALBI

A scenic drive through the Alpilles takes you to Château De Luc, for a wine tasting and your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Explore Carcassonne and on to Albi. (B)

Hotel: Saint Antoine, Albi

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

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Enjoy a full day at leisure, to relax and soak up the atmosphere of Albi. This evening enjoy a delicious dinner of carefully selected fresh ingredients, at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | CAHORS AND ROCAMADOUR

Sample some local Dordogne specialties when you visit the market at Cahors, famous for its black wine. Travel to Rocamadour and enjoy free time to explore this medieval town. Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table dinner, prepared with locally sourced ingredients. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Le Perigord, La Roque-Gageac

DAYS 13 - 15 | DORDOGNE VALLEY AND PARIS

Visit Lascaux II, the world-renowned site of pre-historic cave paintings. Stop in Sarlat-la-Canéda before arriving in Paris. Luxuriate in the charm of the City of Light as you savour French cuisine and regional wine at dinner.

DAY 16 | ROUEN, HONFLEUR AND DEAUVILLE

Follow the River Seine to Rouen, capital of Normandy. Continue to Honfleur and to your luxurious hotel, located in the chic seaside resort of Deauville. **(B)**
Hotel: Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf, Deauville

DAY 17 | NORMANDY BEACHES AND D-DAY LANDINGS

Spend a few reflective moments at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent, near Omaha Beach. Explore Normandy with Insight Choice. **(B) (D)**

DAY 18 | 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, St Malo

DAY 19 | VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE

Follow the valley of the Loire to Angers. After wine tasting in Saumur head to Château de Villandry to visit the sustainable gardens on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue to your very own castle hotel. **(B)**
Hotel: Château de la Bourdaisière

DAY 20 | SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY

Journey to the fairy-tale Château d'Azay-le-Rideau, considered one of the world's best representations of French Renaissance architecture. Return to your château for relaxation. **(B) (D)**

DAY 21 | LA BEAUCE AND CHARTRES TO PARIS, CITY OF LIGHT

Travel to Chartres Cathedral. From here, return to the French capital. The City of Light really lives up to its name, when the monuments, buildings and bridges are lit up in all their glory. Don't miss the chance to experience one of the world-famous cabaret shows. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Méridien Etoile, Paris

DAY 22 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Today, bid farewell to your journey through the French countryside as you transfer to the airport. **(B)**
TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 11:00.



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 ✈ Join/Leave Options 🏠 UNESCO Heritage Site ① Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited
 ○ Optional Place Visited

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

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

Arromanches-les-Bains | *Insight Choice*

Visit the D-Day Museum and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay, or visit the Bayeux Tapestry Museum in the heart of the Old Town.

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

Luc-sur-Orbieu | The Fabre family has been producing wine since the 17th Century and share their passion for the production of biodynamic wines during your visit to their winery. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Loire Valley | Discover the sustainable gardens of Château de Villandry. Now a hub for sustainability, preserving the estate's biological diversity, learn about the sea of fragrant green herbs, silvery cabbages and purple basil grown organically to regenerate the local ecosystem. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 15: Life on Land.

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EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Paris | Rendez-vous with your fellow travellers at a typical French bistro for a rousing dinner with wine. Bon Appetit!

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

La Roque-Gageac | 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.

Battlefields of WWI and WWII

Learn about key battles of the Somme and Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and stand on Pointe du Hoc. Immerse yourself in history and experience a C-47 simulated flight.

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

Begin your tour in stylish 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

DAY 2 | THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Start your exploration with a city tour led by a Local Expert, culminating at the Imperial War Museum housing one million artefacts. **(B)**

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: Le Louise, Brussels MGallery

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)**

Hotel: Mercure Lille Centre Grand Place

DAY 5 | FROMELLES AND VIMY RIDGE

Arriving at the Australian cemetery of Fromelles, pause to pay your respects and to learn about this monument commemorating one of the darkest days in Australian military history. Explore the town of Arras and make an insightful stop at the Vimy Ridge Visitors Centre, dedicated to a battle that defined Canada. On your history tour, consider joining an optional experience to Wellington's Quarry Museum, named after a network of tunnels used during World War I. Then learn about the efforts of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission that commemorates the 1.7 million casualties from the First and Second World Wars. Finish your day in medieval Amiens rebuilt after World War II. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Mercure Amiens Cathédrale

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 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 the Newfoundland Memorial and Museum and see rare memorabilia from the First and Second World Wars collected by military historian and collector André Coillot. 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)

DAY 7 | HIGHLIGHTS OF NORMANDY

Begin with an indulgent MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Les Confisseries confectionary boutique and workshop. Then 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)

Hotel: Mercure Caen Centre Port de Plaisance

DAY 8 | 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 delve into the sights and insights over a D-Day Experience. You'll even step aboard a genuine C-47 built in 1943 for a simulated flight, feeling like you're flying

over the D-Day Landing beaches. Enter the house dubbed Dead Man's Corner used in the film Band of Brothers. Visit the Utah Beach Museum, illuminating the story of D-Day from its preparation to its conclusion. Stop at the Omaha Beach Memorial before spending a few reflective moments at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. Enhance your evening with an optional dining experience to taste Normandy's renowned local cuisine. (B)

DAY 9 | VERSAILLES AND PARIS

With monuments, churches and elegant squares, 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 Élysées to Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe. Curate your day with an optional experience of 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 the airport at 08:00 and 11:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Brussels | Insight Choice Visit the site of the historic Battle of Waterloo with a Local Expert, or join a private chocolate truffle-making lesson and tasting with a master chocolatier.

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. See the remains of the artificial Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches. Visit the American Military Cemetery at St-Laurent-sur-Mer, the D-Day Museum and the bunkers at Pointe du Hoc.

Notre-Dame-de-Bondeville | Discover the flavours of France at Les Confisseries confectionary workshop-boutique in Notre-Dame-de-Bondeville. Discover how Rouen (apple) sugar is made using traditional methods that date back 200 years. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

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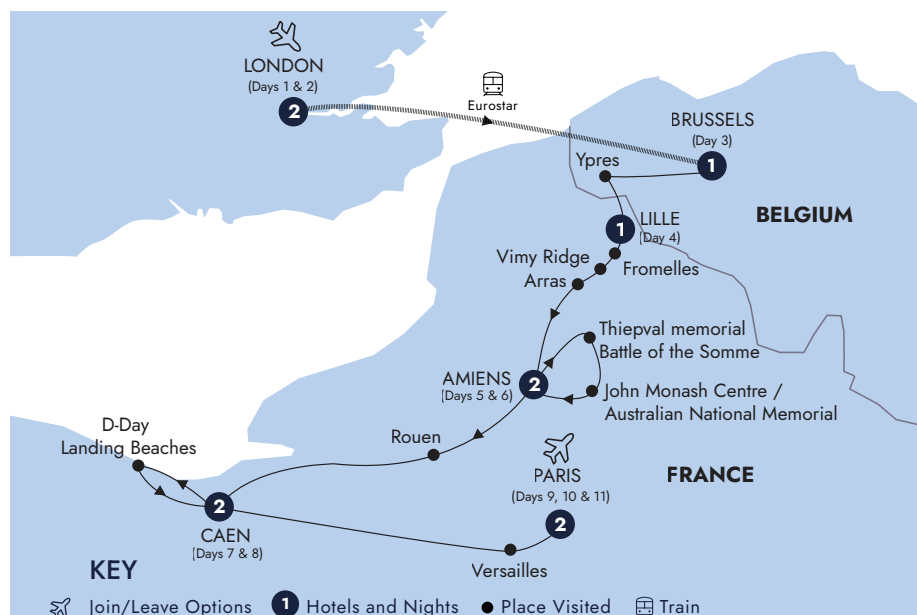
Premium Dining

Brussels | Discover Belgian cuisine in the heart of the capital.

Ypres | Enjoy a cool Belgian beer.

Paris | Join your Travel Director and fellow guests 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 pintxos and paella, Spain is showcased in style.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

Trip code: E936/W936

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Hilton, Barcelona/NH Collection Barcelona Constanza

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

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. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore or perhaps join an optional experience to Montserrat and The Black Madonna. (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 speciality during a Cooking Demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of wine at your dinner. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Barceló Valencia

DAY 4 | EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA

Travel south toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings hollowed out of the soft rock near Guadix. Enjoy views of the Sierra Nevada mountains from a distance as you reach glorious Granada. This historic city was a Moorish kingdom for almost eight centuries and 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 exotic gardens of the Generalife, the Royal summer residence. (B) (D)

Hotel: Gran Hotel 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

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 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

DAY 6 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city. This evening, visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. **(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: NH Madrid Balboa/Barceló Torre de Madrid

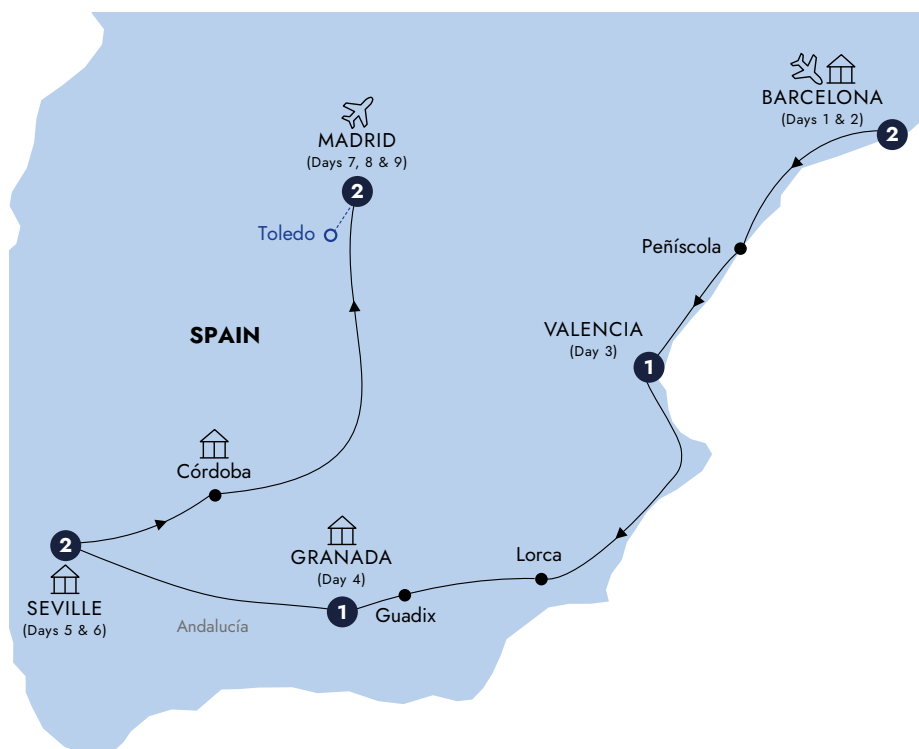
DAY 8 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

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

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



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
 UNESCO Heritage Site
 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited
 Optional Place Visited

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Valencia | See the ultra-modern Centre of Arts and Sciences and the huge gates of the old town, Torres de Serranos and Torres de Quart.

Peñíscola | See the seaside castle featured in the film 'El Cid'.

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

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

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.

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

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Premium Dining

Valencia | Learn the authentic recipe of paella joining a local chef for a Cooking Demonstration.

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Easy Pace Spain

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

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Trip code: E303

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel. Join your Travel Director for dinner at local restaurant La Pau. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports teenagers and young people to transition to their adult life. Learn about local life through the eyes of the 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 | BARCELONA, 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 it apart. Sightseeing with your Local Expert begins with a drive down the Passeig de Gràcia to Gaudí's Sagrada Família. Venture inside the leviathan of the Eixample where a tree canopy carved from stone, holds up the roof as sun pours through stained glass. 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. Perhaps join an optional experience to ascend the sacred mountain of Montserrat, Catalonia's most important pilgrimage site for a thousand years, for sweeping views? (B) (RS)

DAY 4 | PAMPLONA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Journey past Zaragoza on the way to Pamplona in the region of Navarre, famous for the Running of the Bulls. With free time to explore as you wish, perhaps stroll to the famous Estafeta Street. Travel to the aristocratic seaside resort of San Sebastián. Northern Spain's Basque country has evolved into the best place to eat in the Western world, so in the evening, discover the city's rich gastronomic tradition in the heart of Lo Viejo, the 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 a pin-up for 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, join your Local Expert and take the funicular to Mount Artxanda. On return, join a Local Expert to admire San Sebastián and the crescent-shaped La Concha Bay from the heights of Monte Igeldo. After

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

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taking in the amazing views, enjoy a guided tour of the Old Quarter. See the numbered balconies of the Plaza de la Constitución, a reminder of the days when bullfights were held in the square. Explore the Old Town during your progressive dinner with the locals, as you enjoy the gastronomic Basque tradition of pintxos. Similar to tapas, enjoy a variety of snack-sized treats and be sure to try some of the local Txakoli wine. Buen provecho! **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk. The harbour is filled with fishing boats and pleasure crafts, so you can enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps explore the nearby French village of Saint-Jean-de-Luz, known as the Jewel of the Basque Country. During this optional experience you will explore this town with a Local Expert and visit the church where The Sun King, Louis XIV, married the Spanish princess Maria Theresa. **(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. Madrid's grand avenues and dynamic culture welcome you. 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 Madrid Princesa

DAY 8 | 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. A highlight of your escorted journey will be to visit the Prado Museum. Discover countless works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and others as you are guided by 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 café or shop in the boutiques. **(B)**

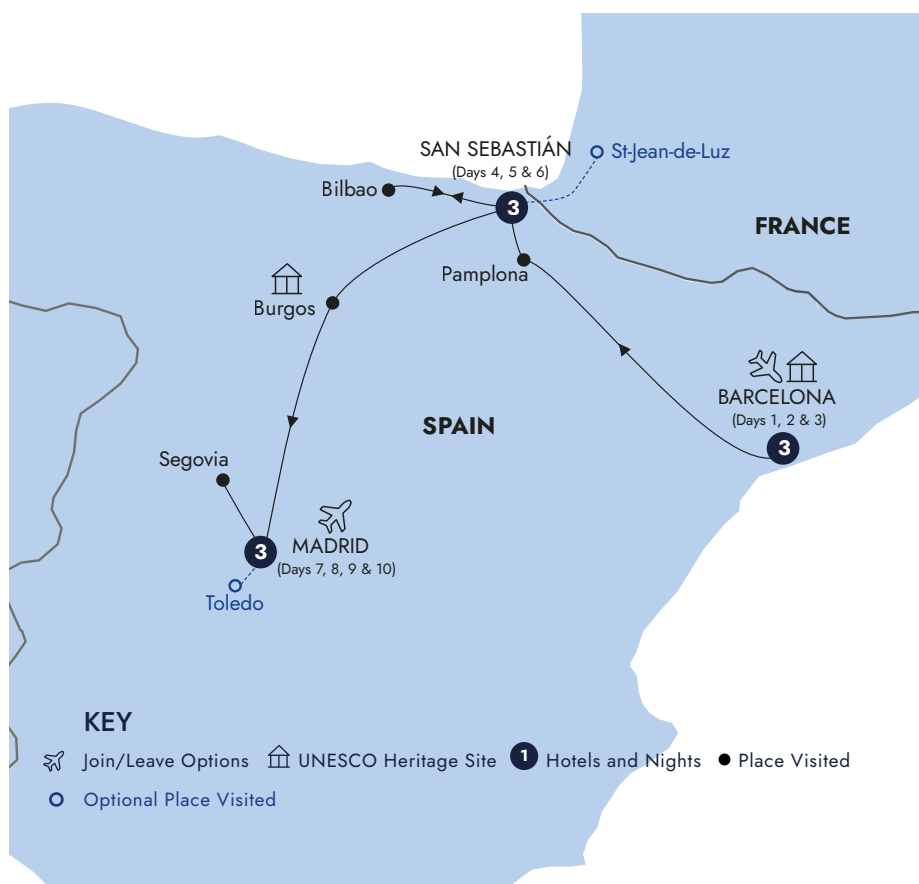
DAY 9 | THE MEDIEVAL STREETS OF SEGOVIA

Venture north to visit the fascinating city of Segovia. Marvel at the engineering of the Roman aqueduct, which towers over the historic hub of the city. Walk the medieval streets of this fortified city with your Local Expert and see the 14th-century Alcazar Palace. You are at leisure after returning to Madrid. Delve into the capital's delights before you make the most of your final night with your fellow travellers over 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) (RS)**

DAY 10 | DEPART MADRID

After breakfast, bid farewell to Spain as your transfers arrive at Madrid airport. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Pamplona | The city is home to Café Iruña, a favourite of Ernest Hemingway.

Zaragoza | Appreciate the city's two millennia of history as you see the four towers of El Pilar and passing Rio Ebro.

San Sebastián | Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter.

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

Burgos | See the 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 | Visit the medieval streets of this fortified city to see the 14th-century Alcazar Palace and extensive Roman aqueduct.

Barcelona | Dine at La Pau, an acclaimed restaurant for the quality of seasonal menu and social impact. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequality.

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Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Northern Spain

Experience Asturias' Green Coast and meet a local to sample regional cuisine. Tour Oviedo's historic sites, relax in Santander and marvel at Barcelona's Sagrada Família.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 delicious food and wine. (D)

Hotel: Barceló Torre de Madrid/Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

TRANSFERS: Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 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. A highlight of your escorted journey will be to visit the Prado Museum. Discover countless works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and others as you are guided by 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 café or shop in the boutiques. (B)

DAY 3 | 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 scenic 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 cross to the Green Coast of Asturias. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Be treated to a homemade meal and learn about traditional cider product, including a tasting. Continue to Oviedo where a Local Expert will show you the 9th-century churches built when the city was the capital of Christian Spain. Visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour. Admire one of the finest altarpieces in Europe. (B) (L) (RS)

Hotel: Barceló Oviedo Cervantes

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

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



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DAY 6 | PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery. Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria whilst travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to Santander. (B)

Hotel: Eurostars Real, Santander

DAY 7 | BILBAO, COSTA VASCA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

In nearby Bilbao, admire the striking architecture of the Guggenheim Museum. Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca and pause in Getaria to see 'El Ratón', the mouse-shaped rock. Continue to San Sebastián and admire its beauty during a City Tour with a Local Expert. Explore the secrets of the harbour area and uncover the forgotten Basque maritime cultural heritage. (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. You could also stroll along the promenade of the famous La Concha Bay or enjoy the boutiques of the Old Town. (B) (RS)

DAY 9 | PAMPLONA AND ON TO 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 Café 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: Hilton, Barcelona

DAY 10 | BARCELONA, 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 above 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 journey as you transfer to the airport. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. (B)

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport 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* Embark on a scenic walk on part of the Way of St. James through parks and gardens that transform with the seasons, or join a city tour to admire the cathedral facade at Praza do Obradoiro.

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.

San Sebastián | Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter.

Bilbao | Admire Gehry's spectacularly modern Guggenheim Museum.

Pamplona | The city is home to Café Iruña, a favourite of Ernest Hemingway.

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

Gijón | Meet locals for a delicious meal of locally sourced produce that has been prepared just for you. This experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

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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, combining classic recipes with the freshest produce.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Best 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



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E938/W938

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

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: Gray Suites, 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

During an exploration of the sights of Casablanca view the huge Hassan II Mosque, the third largest in the world. Depart for the capital of Rabat to see the Royal Palace, Hassan Tower and visit one of the few holy places open to non-Muslims, the lavish Mausoleum of King Mohammed V. This site is both an architectural marvel and a monument to a great ruler. You'll be delighted with a superb Moroccan dinner in an ancient palace at the entrance to the Medina. A colourful array of meze plates, aromatic tagines, exotic fruits and wine will be laid before you whilst you are entertained with a traditional folklore show. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace, 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

Head for the spectacular snowcapped High Atlas Mountains. After stopping for lunch at Midelt, continue through the magnificent Ziz Gorges, past palm-fringed towns to Errachidia. Your destination is Erfoud, where the red sand buildings stand in stark contrast against the patches of greenery and surrounding desert. (B) (L) (D)

Hotel: Kasbah Xaluca Arfoud, Erfoud

DAY 5 | DESERT TOWN OF RISSANI

Today, discover the authentic desert town of Rissani. See the Tomb of Moulay Ali Cherif, one of the founders of the Alaouite family who reigned during the second half of the 17th century. Next, a visit to the quarries of marine fossils with an antiquity of 360 million years. Stop at the famous Ksar Oulad Abdelhalim. This afternoon experience a traditional lunch of Madfouna, also known as 'Berber Pizza', this dish is a delight for the senses with seasonal fillings and spices. The rest of the afternoon will be free time to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities. In the evening, there is an optional experience to marvel at the glorious Sahara

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

sunset on a four-wheel drive vehicle. Dinner will be served at the hotel. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | SPECTACULAR OUARZAZATE

Venture towards the oasis of Tinehir and explore the Todra Gorge, known as the Grand Canyon of the Sahara. At Boumalne du Dadès you will encounter the dry and rugged Dades Valley, dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and castellated mud houses—hugging the slopes. Meet the locals of the region when you visit a traditional Nomad house and try authentic Berber tea. The Road of a Thousand Kasbahs concludes at Ouarzazate, also known as the film capital of Morocco. Many blockbusters have been filmed here, including Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars. **(B) (L) (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 that boasts one of Morocco's finest kasbahs. Your journey continues via the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass, before descending 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 Marrakech. 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 guests 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 'of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world' there really is only one place to be. Join your Travel Director at Rick's Café, recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you kid! **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Gray Suites, 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 05:00, 07:00, 10:00 and 12:00.



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.

Tinghir | Visit Todra Gorge to marvel at this fascinating ravine, created by a fault that split the orange-coloured limestone as deep as 300 metres.

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

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

Essaouira | See the beauty of this bohemian coastal town as you explore the many spice-scented streets of the medina.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited

Country Roads of Portugal

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

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED



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: 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 the ancient Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries. Explore more of the Belém Quarter as you enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years, and visit the Cloister of Jerónimos Monastery. 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 set within a magnificent 360-acre estate. 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 and visit the cathedral as well as 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 calming waters, 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 tasty tapas dishes showcasing the local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant, cheerful atmosphere. Return to Évora where the evening is at your leisure to explore this beautifully preserved regional capital. (B) (L) (RS)

DAY 6 | ON TO FÁTIMA AND TOMAR

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit Casa Relvas for a wine tasting. Journey

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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to Fátima. See the basilica or perhaps visit the Chapel of the Apparitions. Continue to Tomar and visit one of Portugal's historical jewels, the Templar Castle and Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With your Local Expert, explore the octagonal Templars' Rotunda in the cloister and glimpse the day-to-day life of a warrior monk. You also visit the medieval Synagogue of Tomar that houses a small Jewish museum. **(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 wonderful Farm-to-Table lunch, freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients, with a port wine tasting. **(B) (L) (RS)**

Hotel: Douro Palace Resort & Spa, Douro Valley

DAY 8 | GUIMARÃES AND PORTO

Journey to Guimarães to admire the views from the ruined castle and explore the cobbled streets and cosy squares. Next, continue on to Porto, Portugal's second city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and where Portugal originates. Explore Porto with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Local Expert and visit the São Bento Railway Station, with a walk along the architecturally impressive Dom Luís I Bridge.

Alternatively, enjoy a panoramic drive through the city streets led by a Local Expert. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Pousada do Porto Rua Das Flores

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 of Porto? Perhaps choose to visit Braga, the capital of baroque. In the evening, enjoy a mouth-watering dinner with wine at an authentic Porto restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | ANCIENT ÓBIDOS AND LISBON

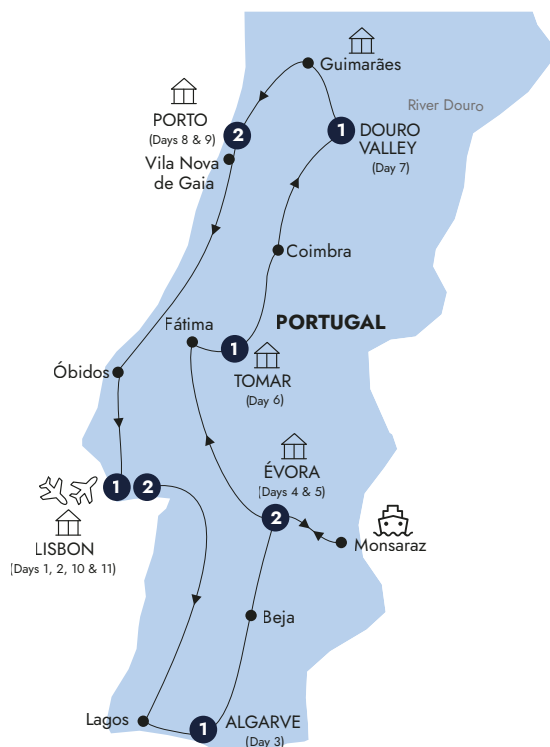
Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where houses are covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Corinthia/Turim Marques, Lisbon

DAY 11 | DEPART LISBON

After breakfast, transfer to Lisbon International Airport. **(B)**

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



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
 UNESCO Heritage Site
 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited
- Cruise

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lisbon | Explore with your Local Expert.

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 | Visit one of Portugal's historical jewels, the Templar Castle and Convent of Christ, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Coimbra | Visit the famous university library to witness triumphal arches, painted ceilings, golden flourishes and walls of ancient tomes.

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

Porto | *Insight Choice* View thousands of hand-painted tiles decorating São Bento Railway Station and stroll across the Dom Luís I Bridge, or enjoy a panoramic drive through historic avenues and past exquisite tiled facades.

Évora | 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. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

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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.

Pinhao | Enjoy a Farm-to-Table meal prepared from locally sourced ingredients at the Quinta da Pacheca winery.

Porto | Enjoy Porto delicacies and Portuguese hospitality whilst dining oceanside and watching the sunset.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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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: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana/ Riu Plaza España, Madrid

TRANSFERS: Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | 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 with your Local Expert before visiting the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals. Take a moment to relax in the sunshine as you enjoy the fine views over the town and its three verdant hills before continuing to Seville. Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore the city with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a drive with panoramic views. (B)

Hotel: Meliá Sevilla

DAY 4 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

This day is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an optional experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it? Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. (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 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 5000 bones, before making your way to Lisbon. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Turim Saldanha



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

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DAY 6 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE DISCOVERIES

During your stay, a guided orientation 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: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

DAY 9 | DEPART MADRID

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

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

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Toledo | At a Damascene workshop, meet a master artisan for a personal insight into this ancient craft.

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

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

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

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

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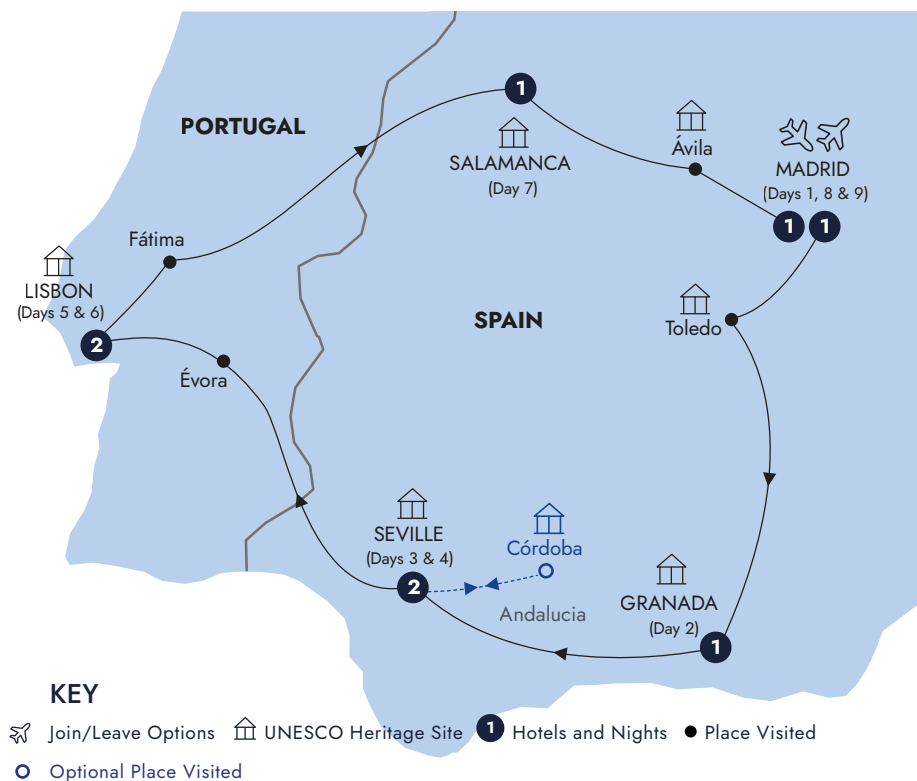
*Premium Dining*

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

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

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

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

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

Hotel: Barceló Emperatriz, Madrid/Barceló Torre de Madrid

TRANSFERS: Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

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

Travel to the fortified city of Segovia. Walk through the medieval streets with a Local Expert. Journey west, overlooking the ancient walls of Ávila, en route to Salamanca. During your guided sightseeing tour, admire the golden stone buildings the city is famous for. (B)

Hotel: Alameda Palace, Salamanca

DAY 4 | PORTO

Cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Visit the Vila Nova de Gaia wine stores and walk along corridors of casks. Get to know your tawnys and vintages during a tasting. Continue your exploration of the city, admiring the multi-coloured houses, churches adorned with glazed tiles and iconic bridges. (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 houses are covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Corinthia/Turim Marques, Lisbon

DAY 6 | LISBON

Sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you to visit the Belém Quarter, from where sailing ships once set forth to discover faraway lands. Enjoy a taste of the famous Pastéis de Belém. Visit the National Coach Museum. With the afternoon at your leisure, perhaps join an optional experience to the Portuguese Riviera. (B)

DAY 7 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the narrow lanes of the Santa Cruz Quarter. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and enjoy panoramic views. (B)

Hotel: NH Collection Sevilla

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 | FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

Enjoy a relaxed start and a morning to unwind, shop or continue exploring this fascinating city at your own pace. Our suggestion is to join an optional experience to the ancient city of Córdoba. 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 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) (D)**

Hotel: Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos

DAY 10 | 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 specialities in the local restaurants or consider exploring Málaga. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | ON TO THE ALHAMBRA

Travel to the oldest olive grove in the Alfaratejo region 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 made of fresh, local produce with flavours typical of the region. Continue to Granada to visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace with your Local Expert. **(B) (L) (RS)**

Hotel: Vincci Albayzín, Granada

DAY 12 | ON TO VALENCIA

Journey to Valencia. Pass through the Old City to see its ancient gates, and the City of Arts and Sciences. 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 speciality during a Cooking Demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish at dinner. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Barceló 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'. At Cava Bodegas in Sant Sadurn d'Anoia, enjoy a delicious light lunch and savour a tasting as you learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly. Continue along the coast to reach Barcelona. **(B) (L)**

Hotel: Meliá Barcelona Sarrià, 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 Gaudi's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. Enjoy local restaurant dinner with your fellow travellers tonight. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 15 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Today, bid farewell to your journey as you transfer to the airport. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport 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.

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

Segovia | Visit the medieval streets of this fortified city to see the 14th-century Alcazar Palace and extensive Roman aqueduct.

Lisbon | Explore with your Local Expert.

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

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 Gaudi's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família, under construction since 1882.

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

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*Premium Dining*

Vila Nova de Gaia | Sample a selection of world renowned Port wines during a tour and tasting in the city's historic wine cellars.

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

Alfaratejo | Join a local family for a Dine-at-Home lunch featuring traditional recipes. Learn about regional customs and culture through your hosts' warm hospitality and lively conversation.

Valencia | Learn the authentic recipe of paella joining a local chef for a Cooking Demonstration.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

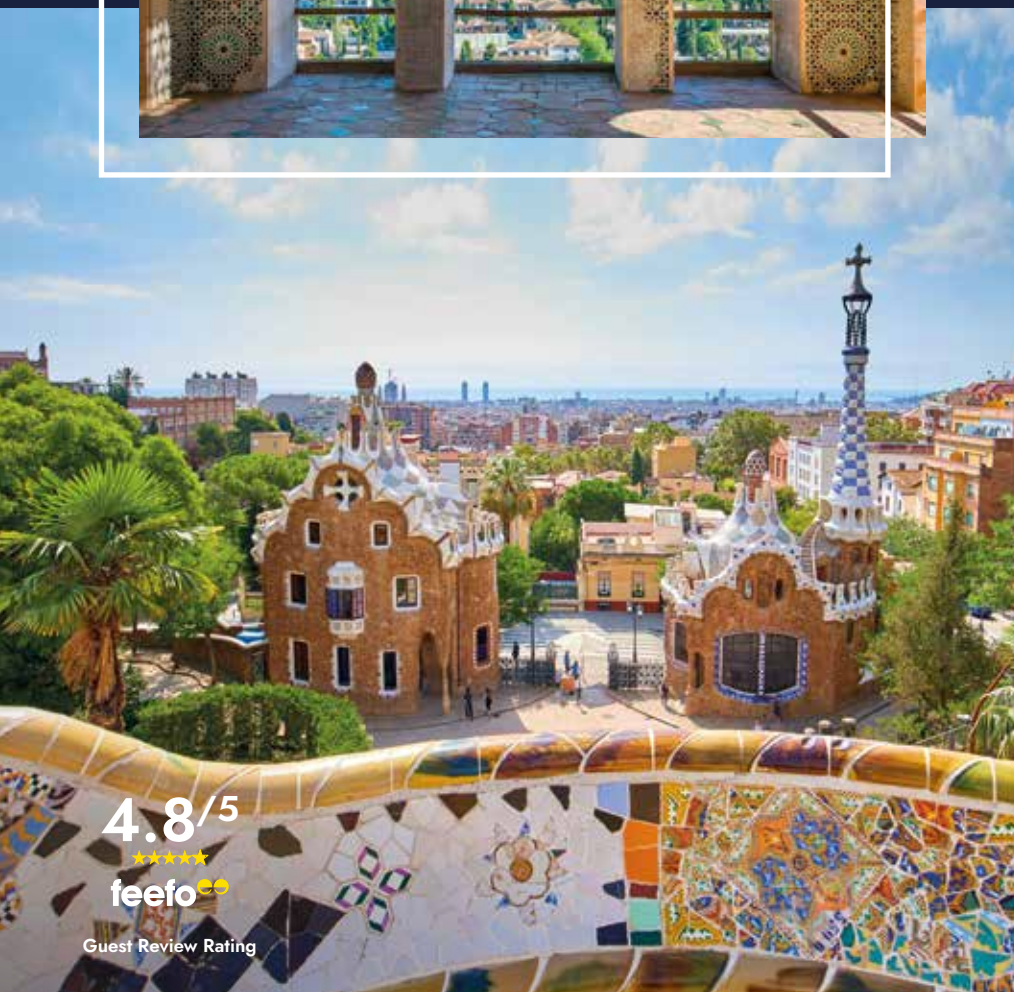
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- Join/Leave Options
 UNESCO Heritage Site
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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Hilton, Barcelona/NH Collection
Barcelona Constanza

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 Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. (B) (RS)

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 this local speciality during a Cooking Demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of wine at dinner. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Barceló Valencia

DAY 4 | EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA

Travel toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore as you wish. Overlooking Granada stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite 13th-century palace and stroll through the elegant exotic gardens of the Generalife. (B) (D)

Hotel: Gran Hotel 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

DAY 6 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a drive around the city with panoramic views. Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. (B) (RS)

DAY 7 | MOORISH CÓRDOBA

In Córdoba, meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built within. (B)

Hotel: Barceló Torre de Madrid/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 who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. 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 | 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, conquered by Queen Isabella. 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 Gijón. 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 whilst 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 Café Iruña, immortalised in Ernest Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises?' Your travels continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia. **(B)**

Hotel: Hilton, 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 journey through Spain as you transfer to the airport. The 09:00 transfer continues to Madrid, arriving at the airport and hotel in the early evening. **(B)**

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

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS*Premium Experiences*

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

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

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.

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

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.

San Sebastián | Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter.

Bilbao | Admire Gehry's spectacularly modern Guggenheim Museum.

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

Gijón | Meet locals for a delicious meal of locally sourced produce that has been prepared just for you. This experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

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*Premium Dining*

Valencia | Learn the authentic recipe of paella joining a local chef for a Cooking Demonstration.

Madrid | Indulge in delicious food and wine at a characteristic restaurant.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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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: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana/ Riu Plaza España, Madrid

TRANSFERS: Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | TOLEDO AND ON TO GRANADA

Meet a master Damascene artisan for insights into this unique craft. Explore Toledo led by your Local Expert. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz.' (B) (D)

Hotel: Vincci Albayzín, Granada

DAY 3 | THE ALHAMBRA PALACE

Explore Alhambra Palace and exotic water gardens of the Generalife with your Local Expert. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to walk through the old Jewish quarter or enjoy a panoramic drive around the city. (B)

Hotel: Meliá Sevilla

DAY 4 | FREE TIME IN SEVILLE AND FLAMENCO

Enjoy a free day to explore as you wish. Visit Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. (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. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Turim Saldanha

DAY 6 | LISBON

Visit the Belém Quarter and the National Coach Museum with a Local Expert and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years. (B) (RS)

DAY 7 | HOLY FÁTIMA AND SALAMANCA

In Fátima, visit the famed basilica. Cross the border, returning to Spain and continue to Salamanca. Across the River Tormes, see the Puente Romano with 15 of its 26 arches dating from the time of the ancient Romans. (B)

Hotel: Alameda Palace, Salamanca

DAY 8 | ÁVILA AND MADRID

Travel to Ávila to walk within the ancient city. Return to Madrid to explore more of the capital with your Local Expert. At a local restaurant,

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

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

join your newfound friends for dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Barceló Torre de Madrid/Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

DAY 9 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Visit the Prado Museum with an art historian, housing works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and others. **(B)**

DAY 10 | 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 11 | SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a scenic walk on the Way of St. James. Alternatively, join a city tour with a Local Expert. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 12 | THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

Travel along the Green Coast of Asturias. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Gijón. 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 | PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery. Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria whilst travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to Santander. **(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. With time free for you to explore, perhaps take a stroll to the famous Estafeta Street or visit Café Iruña, immortalised by Ernest Hemingway in his novel 'The Sun Also Rises.' Continue to Barcelona. **(B)**

Hotel: Hilton, Barcelona

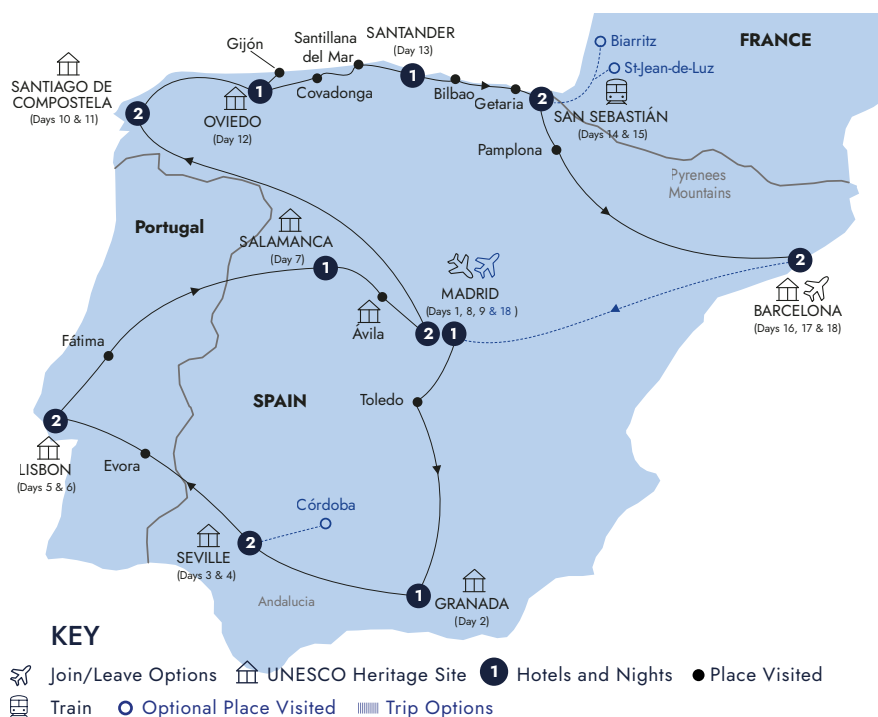
DAY 17 | BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDÍ

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. In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast to your travels during dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 18 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

Today, bid farewell to your journey as you transfer to the airport. The 09:00 transfer continues on to Madrid airport and hotel in the early evening. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Toledo | At a Damascene workshop, meet a master artisan for a personal insight into this ancient craft.

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

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

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

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 Gehry's spectacularly modern Guggenheim Museum.

Pamplona | The city is home to Café Iruña, a favourite of Ernest Hemingway.

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

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

Gijón | Meet locals for a delicious meal of locally sourced produce that has been prepared just for you. This experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

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

Madrid | Enjoy culinary traditions and a fiesta of fresh ingredients - the hallmarks of your Spanish dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Spain, Portugal & Morocco

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

17 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 23 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E942

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - November

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

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

Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana

TRANSFERS: Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | PRADO MUSEUM AND ON TO GOLDEN SALAMANCA

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

Hotel: Alameda Palace, Salamanca

DAY 3 | HOLY FÁTIMA AND LISBON

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

Hotel: Turim Saldanha

DAY 4 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

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

DAY 5 | TO SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

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

Hotel: Catalonia Giralda Hotel, Seville

DAY 6 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

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

DAY 7 | THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR TO FES

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

Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace, Fes

DAY 8 | EXPLORE FES

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

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

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

DAY 9 | ON THE ROAD TO MARRAKESH

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

Hotel: Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakesh

DAY 10 | EXPLORE MARRAKESH

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

DAY 11 | 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. See the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. (B) (D) (RS)
Hotel: Gray Suites, Casablanca

DAY 12 | RABAT AND TANGIER

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

Hotel: Grand Hotel Villa de France, Tangier

DAY 13 | ON TO THE COSTA DEL SOL

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

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

Hotel: Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos

DAY 14 | AT LEISURE ON THE COSTA DEL SOL

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

DAY 15 | DINING WITH LOCALS AND THE ALHAMBRA PALACE

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

DAY 16 | TO MADRID IN SEARCH OF DON QUIXOTE

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

DAY 17 | DEPART MADRID

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

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

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

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

Lisbon | Explore with your Local Expert.

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

Marrakesh | Across from the Koutoubia Minaret, stroll past 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.

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Italian Intermezzo

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

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 9 MEALS | DYNAMIC



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Guest Review Rating



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

Trip code: E971/W971

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MILAN

Greet your Travel Director at Milan's Malpensa Airport. Later, join your Travel Director and head to an elegant restaurant known for serving delicious fresh produce. Tonight's dinner provides the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening. (D)

Hotel: Duo, Milan

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey through the picturesque Italian lake district, passing by the serene Lakes Iseo and Garda, to reach the enchanting floating city of Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. 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 romantic 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 of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy the local traditional songs, as you drift along in awe. While here, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassmaking workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Spend the afternoon and evening as you wish. Or, join an optional experience to the island of Burano. Leave the hustle of St Mark's Square behind on a delightful private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon. Alight at the island of Burano, famous for its candy coloured houses, artisan lace makers and leaning bell tower that would give Pisa a good run for its money. Enjoy a superb meal sampling the local specialities with wine included. (B)

DAY 4 | TRANQUIL TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Stop in Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower from which Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After that, continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistry, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise

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

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

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. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune, Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica and indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Albani Firenze, Florence

DAY 5 | FREE TIME IN RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Learn the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork when you visit a local workshop to admire the intricate work. The rest of the day is free for you to fully immerse yourself in the Tuscan capital. Perhaps shop for leather or gold goods around Santa Croce or relax and soak up the atmosphere in one of the many street cafés. Be sure not to miss the magnificent museums and galleries that house some of the most famous works of art in the world. Choose to take an excursion to Tuscany's most famous hilltop town, San Gimignano. Soak up the atmosphere of this ancient gem which has remained intact for centuries and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the evening, consider an optional experience dining on Tuscan cuisine with local wine, including, of course, Chianti from the vineyards of Tuscany. **(B) (RS)**

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. Join an optional experience, Piazzas & Fountains, and with your Local Expert, take a "passeggiata" (stroll) to enjoy the backstreets and secrets of pedestrian Rome. Be amazed at sights such as the fascinating Pantheon and the beauty of 17th-century fountains and beautiful piazzas. Why not throw your coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city? **(B)**

Hotel: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

DAY 7 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN

Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including seeing St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome with your Local Expert. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and the iconic Colosseum. In the afternoon, benefit from fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with your Local Expert. Admire the stunning Papal art collection and enter the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece, experiencing its profound beauty and historical significance. **(B)**

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

Florence | Insight Choice See Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery, and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor, or stroll to Piazza Santa Croce and immerse yourself in the essence of la dolce vita with a typical Italian treat in a local cafe.

Pisa | See the marble baptistry, 11th-century cathedral and famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles.

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

Rome | Experience the city through the eyes of a Local Expert as they passionately reveal how modern life thrives amidst ancient treasures.

Vatican | Visit the Vatican Museums, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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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.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Sicily in Depth with Malta Option

Explore Sicily visiting Syracuse's Paradise Quarry and Palermo's Palatine Chapel, taste Marsala wine, visit Taormina's cliffside Greek theatre and see Mount Etna.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E834

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/sicilyindepth](https://www.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: NH Palermo

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 through Insight Choice. Opt for a walking tour featuring the stunning 12th-century Palatine Chapel with a Local Expert. Alternatively, engage in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on the Anti-Mafia tour, learning about modern efforts to combat organised crime in Palermo. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time exploring Palermo Cathedral, a fascinating site with its unique blend of architectural styles reflecting centuries of history. For your dining pleasure, you can try the foods the locals like to eat and experience how they like to eat it on your Dine-Around evening. (B) (D)

DAY 3 | TRAPANI AND MARSALA

Trapani is embraced by the Mediterranean Sea. Discover the age-old tradition of salt production with a visit to the colourful salt pans. Then, savour the flavours of Marsala at a local winery. (B)

Hotel: Seawater, Marsala

DAY 4 | EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES

Travel along the southern coast of Sicily to 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: The Scala dei Turchi Resort, 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, recognised since 1997, showcases the opulence of ancient Rome. Continue to Ragusa and explore the labyrinthine alleyways of Ragusa Ibla with your Local Expert. This town, with origins dating back to the Bronze Age, was inhabited by the Sicels tribe, who lent their name to Sicily. Admire the significant Sicilian Baroque architecture that has earned Ragusa UNESCO recognition. (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 Val di Noto and the town of Noto. Later discover Modica's artisanal techniques used to create the town's celebrated handmade chocolate. **(B) (RS)**



Our tour of Sicily was well done and enjoyable. Credit goes to our Travel Director, who was well-organised, helpful, informed as they say in Italy — simpatico!

OUR GUEST JOHN.

**DAY 7 | ANCIENT SYRACUSE**

Sightseeing with your Local Expert begins 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. Take time to explore the atmospheric Old City on the island of Ortygia, 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 town of Giardini Naxos. **(B)**

Hotel: Delta by Marriott Giardini

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. Conclude your day with dinner at a local restaurant, featuring delicious, freshly prepared Farm-to-Table cuisine and exquisite Italian wines. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: RG Naxos, Taormina

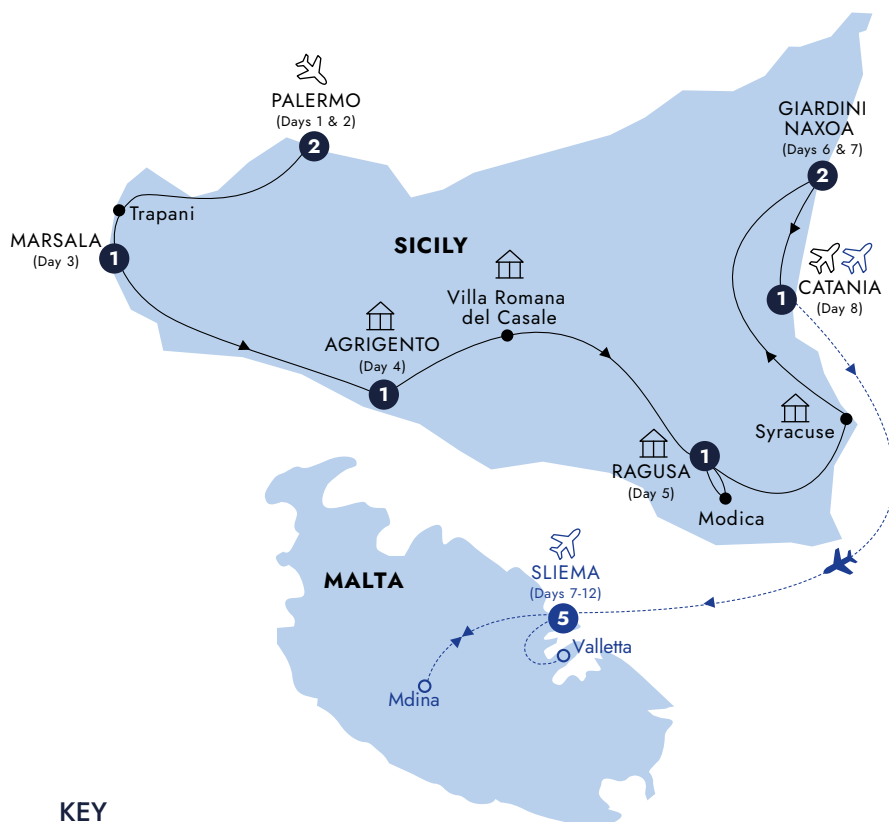
DAY 9 | DEPART CATANIA

Appreciate views of Mount Etna on your way to the airport. **(B) (D)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Catania Airport at 06:30 and 08:30.

Malta Option

Customise your vacation by adding a six-day Malta post-extension.

**KEY**

- ✈ Join/Leave Options 🏛 UNESCO Heritage Site 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited
○ Optional Place Visited 🗺 Trip Option

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Palermo | Insight Choice Visit the spectacular 12th-century Palatine Chapel and admire its sombre exterior that gives away few clues to the riches inside, or learn about the civil anti-mafia movement.

Trapani | Discover the age-old tradition of salt production with a visit to the colourful salt pans and ancient stone windmills where sea water is transformed into salt crystals.

Agrigento | Admire magnificent Hellenistic remains in the Valley of the Temples, such as the massive Temple of Concord and cliff-top Temple of Juno.

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.

Palermo | Learn about the civil anti-mafia movement and discover the lesser known history of Palermo. This experience supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Palermo | Embark on a fun exploration of Palermo's tasty culinary scene on a Dine-Around evening.

Marsala | Discover the elegant flavours of this distinctive Sicilian wine.

Taormina | Your Farm-to-Table 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 village of Grottole with a local, explore the Sassi of Matera, discover Lecce and cruise to Capri.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | BALANCED

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: Room 007 Select, 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

Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and palaces. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth experience bringing millennia of history to life. Journey from the Vatican City across the Tiber river to ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Admire the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine and discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit. As you stroll with your Local Expert, imagine the gladiatorial battles and roaring spectators around the arena. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon and the stunning piazzas and fountains of Rome. (B)

DAY 3 | ALBEROBELLO

The brilliant blue of the sky set against the white of the buildings of the southern Italian towns and villages will inspire the mind of any curious traveller. A photographer's paradise around every corner from Field Marigolds in early spring to date palm trees, figs and pomegranates with groves of olive trees for a picture perfect setting. Exploring the southern part of Italy is a chance to enter a world away from the throng of tourists and discover how Italians live and enjoy life. Rub shoulders with UNESCO World Heritage sites and friendly locals who will enchant you with their hospitality. (B) (D)

Hotel: Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello

DAY 4 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

Admire another of Italy's record number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites with a Local Expert. The trulli of Alberobello are circular structures with conical roofs that are domed within, built from local limestone and stacked without using mortar. Get up close learning the insights behind these unique structures. Relax this afternoon with your time at leisure or take the opportunity to join an optional experience to explore more of the Puglian countryside and heritage. Later, deepen your discoveries joining an optional experience for a Masseria dinner. (B)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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



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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 architectural, beautiful 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. **(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 most of its activity and population. Meet Andrea, a local striving to reignite the traditional way of living of the area. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience explore the historic old town to learn about the fascinating history of the village. Later, enjoy an aperitif with local snacks helping to preserve the culture. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: MH Matera

DAY 7 | POMPEII AND SORRENTO

Buried in A.D. 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius, discover the archaeological site of Pompeii in the region of Campania. Walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets to see a city frozen in time. Venture on to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, perched upon the southern cliffs of the Bay of Naples and looking over to Mount Vesuvius. **(B)**

Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 8 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

The impossibly blue sea welcomes you to the sun-drenched island of Capri as you cruise by jetfoil. On arrival, meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through the narrow alleyways. Explore Capri 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 Rome airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 12:00.

**KEY**

Join/Leave Options UNESCO Heritage Site Hotels and Nights Place Visited
 Cruise

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS*Premium Experiences*

Rome | Experience the city through the eyes of a Local Expert as they passionately reveal how modern life thrives amidst ancient treasures.

Alberobello | Explore the fascinating history and limestone construction of the trulli on a guided stroll.

Matera | Visit the famous Sassi cave dwellings, previously home to approximately 20,000 people and abandoned in the 1950s.

Pompeii | Visit the unearthed Roman town.

Capri | Cruise by jetfoil to this famous isle through beautiful blue Mediterranean waters.

Capri | *Insight Choice* Enjoy a tasting of limoncello and learn the history behind this traditional lemon liqueur, or discover the luxuriant Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire views of the Faraglioni rocks.

Grottole | Participate in the fascinating Wonder Grottole Project. This regeneration initiative works to rehabilitate the abandoned historic centre and preserve village life. Your visit advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Alberobello | Learn about local life whilst savouring 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 Umbria & Tuscany

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



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Settle in before joining your Travel Director for a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. Gaze in awe at the Byzantine mosaics, illuminated for this evening's experience, and see the first sculpture by Bernini. End the day getting to know your fellow travellers during dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: NH Roma Centro, 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 enjoy free time to explore the many delights of Umbria's capital city or join an optional experience to Cortona. Later, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, visit an artisanal workshop to meet Marta, recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant, and her weavers. See how the fascinating art of loom-weaving textiles has been passed down through the generations and learn how this ancient craft is being preserved. For dinner, choose your ideal ambience and palate-pleasing menu from a hand-picked selection of Perugian restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. 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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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your Local Expert to learn how Giotto masterfully painted frescoes that inspired a variety of Renaissance artists. **(B) (RS)**

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 your home for the next three nights, a delightful villa near the medieval town of San Gimignano. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Villasanpaolo, San Gimignano

DAY 6 | SAN GIMIGNANO SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

In the morning, your Travel Director will show you San Gimignano's 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 jaunty gelataio doles out his silky, frozen treats in a range of unique flavours for you to try. The rest of the day is at leisure; why not join an optional experience to Pisa and Lucca? **(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, sourced from the farm in the Tuscan region. Relax as the pairing of home-made pastas with the farm's own traditional Chianti wine rounds off your great Italian adventure. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | COUNTRY DRIVE TO ANCIENT ROME

Leave behind the tower topped town of San Gimignano. Enjoy rolling Tuscan hills as you journey south through the Italian countryside. This morning, delight in the medieval spa town of Bagno Vignoni, renowned for its mineral rich thermal baths and continue to the 'model' renaissance town of Pienza, famous for its delicious pecorino cheese, before making your way to Ancient Rome. **(B)**
Hotel: St. Martin, 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.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
 UNESCO Heritage Site
 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited
 Optional Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

Assisi | A Local Expert reveals 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 Panforte.

San Gimignano | Visit 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 | Meet Marta, an Umbrian weaver creating employment opportunities for local women and preserving the ancient craft of loom weaving. Your visit advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 11: Gender Equality and Sustainable Cities & Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



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.

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



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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

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 visit the well-preserved Roman Arena, still used for opera performances. Explore Verona with Insight Choice. Choose a walking tour through the grand piazzas, see the statue of Dante and admire the Gothic tombs of the Scala family. Alternatively, embark on a Shakespeare-themed walk to recount famous moments from the story of Romeo and Juliet. 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

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, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Stop in Conegliano, where great care is taken to ensure these hand-picked grapes produce the world's finest prosecco. See how production differs from its more famous French counterpart, champagne. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavours. Continue on to the unique and remarkable island city of Venice, 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 romantic city. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, cruising past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy traditional local songs, as you drift along in romantic awe. Spend the afternoon as you wish. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's Square with its orchestras and 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: Simplon, Baveno

DAY 8 | LAKE COMO AND LAKE MAGGIORE

Nestled in the foothills of the Alps, enjoy the glamour of the Italian Lakes, a prime people watching spot where Europe's rich and famous like to spend their time. Revel in the ambience of Como town, renowned for its celebrity clientele, beautiful silk scarves and lakeside location, which you can admire during your orientation. **(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 at 07:30 and 10:30.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Milan | The city's history is brought to life during a guided walking tour, featuring the impressive Milan Cathedral and world famous La Scala Theatre.

Verona | *Insight Choice* Embark on a Shakespeare-themed walk to recount famous moments from Romeo and Juliet's story, ending in Piazza dei Signori, or see the statue of Dante and the Gothic tombs of the Scala family on a walking tour through grand piazzas.

Trento | See pristine streets decorated with stone castles and modern edifices during an orientation of this alpine city.

Bolzano | Explore the streets and squares to admire the Tyrolean-style architecture of this town flanked by impressive mountains.

Venice | Delight in the magic of this charming city as you glide along the canals by gondola.

Lake Como | Take in views of the lake and its stunning backdrop during an orientation through piazzas and past monumental sites.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

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

Baveno | Choose your dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants on a Dine-Around evening.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Best of Italy

Live a true Italian experience. Learn the secrets of leather making in Florence and enjoy a serenade through the canals of Venice.

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Settle in before joining your Travel Director for a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. Gaze in awe at the Byzantine mosaics, illuminated for this evening's experience, and see the first sculpture by Bernini. End the day getting to know your fellow travellers 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

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 Basilica. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Admire the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine and discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit. As you stroll with your Local Expert, imagine the gladiatorial battles and roaring spectators around the arena. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon, and the stunning piazzas and fountains of Rome. (B)

DAY 3 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE

Drive to the picturesque Chianti Hills and the historic city of Florence. Upon arrival, you will have the opportunity to discover the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork, gaining insight into the techniques that have been passed down through generations. Additionally, you will witness a fascinating gold demonstration, showcasing local artistry and craftsmanship. This evening, indulge in a delicious meal at a local restaurant, savouring the authentic flavours of Florentine cuisine. (B) (D)

Hotel: Albani Firenze/NH Firenze, Florence

DAY 4 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After, continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured 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. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. In the afternoon, perhaps visit medieval towers of San Gimignano. (B)



Did you know? Italy is the world's biggest wine producer, with the largest number of native grape varieties. You'll enjoy some of these paired with delicious meals throughout the peninsula.

CHRIS, TRAVEL DIRECTOR.

DAY 5 | PISA TO VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey to the coastal town of Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles, as well as the baptistery and colonnaded bell tower behind the cathedral. Relax and enjoy the scenery as you cross the spectacular Apennine Mountains, passing through the Emilia-Romagna region, one of Europe's most intensely farmed and fertile plains. Continue through the marshes of the Venetian Lagoon before crossing the causeway into the 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 tranquillity of Venice from your centrally located hotel. Tonight, indulge in a delicious dinner at a local restaurant, savouring the unique flavours of Venetian cuisine. (B) (D)

Hotel: NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice

DAY 6 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Cruise by private boat on a journey of discovery past churches and palaces reflecting the rich architectural history of Venice from the 13th to the 18th centuries. Marvel at the intricate facades and learn about the stories behind these historical buildings. Arrive close to St Mark's Square and stroll along the waterfront, passing the iconic Bridge of Sighs and the majestic Doge's Palace. It was from here that the infamous Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner into St Mark's Square and be captivated by the grandeur of the basilica. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to the island of Murano. Witness the artistry of expert glassblowers as they create beautiful handcrafted glass pieces, preserving centuries-old techniques and traditions. (B) (RS)

DAY 7 | ASSISI

Journey to the peaceful town of Assisi, dotted with medieval churches, colourful frescoes and shady courtyards. In the valley, see the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, much venerated as the place of St. Francis' death, then continue up Mount Subasio to the upper town. With your Local Expert, step inside the huge Basilica of St. Francis, built in the 13th century. The frescoes painted by Giotto here heralded a new era in Italian art. Arrive at your hotel, located in the heart of the medieval Old Town. Enjoy the

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Experience the city through the eyes of a Local Expert as they passionately reveal how modern life thrives amidst ancient treasures.

Florence | Witness local craftspeople 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 stroll to Piazza Santa Croce and immerse yourself in the essence of la dolce vita with a typical Italian treat in a local cafe.

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

Venice | Delight in the magic of this charming city as you glide along the canals by gondola.

Assisi | A Local Expert reveals why the Basilica of St. Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of Europe.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Vesuvius National Park | Visit Casa Barone, a small family-run farm on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius and one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes. Learn about their commitment to sustainability and taste the flavours of this special tomato during your Farm-to-Table lunch. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 12 & 15: Responsible Production and Consumption & Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Rome | Savour dinner at a uniquely Roman restaurant, offering a perfect exploration of Lazio's typical flavours.

Florence | Experience local Florentine flavours whilst relaxing over dinner with wine.

Rome | Enjoy delicious Italian cuisine and wine accompanied by the rich tremolo of some of Italy's best loved songs.

For all inclusions see tour page online.





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tranquillity of the historic old town during free time. Perhaps stroll along Via San Francesco, with its quaint stone buildings that sell food, souvenirs and religious artefacts. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Giotto Assisi

DAY 8 | SORRENTO ON THE COAST

Travel south, passing Cassino, the site of a fierce and pivotal battle during World War II. Continue your journey along the spectacular clifftop road, offering breathtaking views, 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! For 2,000 years, Capri has beckoned visitors from Emperor Tiberius to Gracie Fields. Arriving at the Marina Grande by boat, ascend to Capri town. A Local Expert joins you for an exploration of the narrow alleyways. Browse in deluxe boutiques and wonder at the views over the Tyrrhenian Sea. Descend to the port by funicular railway and return to Sorrento, where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. Perhaps head to Positano for an exploration of the colourful Amalfi Coast? **(B)**

DAY 10 | POMPEII, FROZEN IN TIME AND ON TO ROME

Continue to Pompeii, the opulent Roman town preserved by layers of ash from the disastrous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets and extensive excavations to learn about the daily life of ancient Roman civilisation. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Vesuvius National Park and visit Casa Barone. This small family-run farm on the slopes of the volcano is one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes, an endangered fruit that only thrives in the fertile volcanic soil. Each harvest is sustainably farmed and cared for by the extended Barone family. Savour the unique flavours of this rare tomato at lunch during your Farm-to-Table experience. Your journey continues to Rome, where an elegant four-course 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/Kolbe, Rome

DAY 11 | 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.

For details on how to book this trip, please see page 100.

Grand Italy & Sicily

Embrace the sights and insights of Italy's Renaissance art, Florentine cuisine and scenery of the largest island in the Mediterranean.

17 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 24 MEALS | DYNAMIC



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Settle in before joining your Travel Director for a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. Gaze in awe at the Byzantine mosaics, illuminated for this evening's experience, and see the first sculpture by Bernini. End the day getting to know your fellow travellers during 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 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and palaces. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth experience bringing millennia of history to life. Journey from the Vatican City across the Tiber river to ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Admire the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine and discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit. As you stroll with your Local Expert, imagine the gladiatorial battles and roaring spectators around the arena. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon and the stunning piazzas and fountains of Rome. (B)

DAY 3 | PISA AND SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE

Enjoy a delightful drive to Pisa through rolling countryside dotted with cypress trees, passing vineyards and olive groves. With a Local Expert, view the incredible Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles from which Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Your journey continues to the pretty seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. (B) (D)

Hotel: Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure

DAY 4 | THE CHARMS OF THE CINQUE TERRE

Head to the famous Cinque Terre, which translates to Five Lands. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is located on a gorgeously wild yet hospitable part of the coastline. With a Local Expert, approach one of the fishing villages by boat (weather permitting). In Monterosso, spend some time exploring the medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach before continuing to the village of Portofino, famed for its colourful houses. Should weather permit, return with a cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to your hotel in the resort of Santa Margherita. (B)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

DAY 5 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Head north to beautiful Lake Maggiore in the Italian Lakes District and the town of Baveno, noted for its narrow cobbled streets and charming square. On arrival, settle into your hotel and take in the magical scenery. In the afternoon, why not join an Optional Experience cruise to Isola Bella to explore the palace and admire the stunning and immaculate Italian style gardens. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Simplon, Baveno

DAY 6 | ON TO VENICE

Your travels continue past the Soave vineyards, the City of Padua and on to the canals of Venice. In the evening, indulge in a delicious 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 on a journey of discovery past churches and palaces reflecting the rich architectural history of Venice from the 13th to the

18th centuries. Marvel at the intricate facades and learn about the stories behind these historical buildings. Arrive close to St Mark's Square and stroll along the waterfront, passing the iconic Bridge of Sighs and the majestic Doge's Palace. It was from here that the infamous Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner into St Mark's Square and be captivated by the grandeur of the basilica. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to the island of Murano. Witness the artistry of expert glassblowers as they create beautiful handcrafted glass pieces, preserving centuries-old techniques and traditions. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | A SCENIC JOURNEY TO FLORENCE

Bid farewell to Venice and begin your journey to Renaissance Florence. Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After, continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured 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. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune, Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local caffè, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a speciality not to be missed. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Florence Novoli

DAY 9 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Start the day with a traditional Florentine leather-work demonstration and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps join an optional experience to explore the hilltop town of San Gimignano? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 10 | ILL-FATED POMPEII AND ON TO SORRENTO

Journey south through the volcanic hills of Frascati to Pompeii. Walk with a Local Expert through the preserved cobbled streets for a glimpse into the daily life of civilisation during the Roman Empire. Later, follow the cliff-top road to the resort town of Sorrento. **(B)**

Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 11 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town. Explore the narrow alleyways and descend to the port by funicular railway for the return to Sorrento. Later, perhaps explore the Amalfi Coast? **(B)**

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We saw so much of Italy, more than we would have with a cruise or on our own. Our Travel Director was organised and kept us informed of what was to happen and when, so we were never caught off guard or surprised. The coach was very clean and comfortable, and our Driver was skilled, and we felt very safe with him behind the wheel.

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For details on how to book this trip, please see page 103.

DAY 12 | SASSI DI MATERA AND ALBEROBELLO

After breakfast, discover two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. First, visit Matera for an in-depth guided exploration of the extraordinary Sassi, ancient troglodyte dwellings and churches dug out of the rock. These are the most extensive example of their kind in the Mediterranean and were inhabited by about 20,000 people up until the 1950's. Matera was also used as the setting for the film 'The Passion of the Christ'. Continue to Alberobello, the second UNESCO World Heritage Site and your home for the next two nights. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Grand La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello

DAY 13 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

With a Local Expert, admire the trulli of Alberobello, circular structures with conical roofs, built from limestone and stacked without mortar. Later, perhaps explore Ostuni? This evening, join a family who use home-grown and locally sourced seasonal produce in their restaurant as you sit down to a delicious Farm-to-Table dinner and learn more about their life. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 14 | SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Follow the shores of the Gulf of Taranto to the mountainous Calabria region. Travel along the Violet Coast and board your ferry bound for Sicily, continue to the Taormina Riviera.

Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theatre, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Hellenia Yachting Hotel & SPA

DAY 15 | TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE

Spend the day at leisure to enjoy at your own pace. Perhaps join an optional experience to Mt. Etna? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 16 | PALERMO, CAPITAL OF SICILY

Head to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. On arrival, your Local Expert will show you the highlights of the capital. Palermo Cathedral has been altered over the years and a venture inside will help you to appreciate the composite architectural styles. Next, head to the amazing Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Normans. With the outside completely covered in glittering ancient mosaics, it provides an insight to what's within. Join your travelling companions and Travel Director at a local restaurant for an unforgettable dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Astoria Palace, Palermo

DAY 17 | 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 | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

Cinque Terre | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site with your Local Expert and explore one of the charming fishing villages.

Florence | *Insight Choice* Stroll to Piazza Santa Croce and immerse yourself in the essence of la dolce vita with a typical Italian treat in a local cafe, or see Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery, and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor.

Pompeii | Visit the unearthed Roman town.

Capri | Cruise by jetfoil to this famous isle through beautiful blue Mediterranean waters.

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.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Florence | Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a speciality not to be missed.

Alberobello | Learn about local life whilst savouring 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 local wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

**KEY**

- Join/Leave Options
 UNESCO Heritage Site
 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited
 Optional Place Visited
 Cruise

Easy Pace Italy

Feast on an authentic Italian meal in the Tuscan hills, cruise to Venice's Piazza San Marco by private boat and join a Local Expert in Pisa.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E803/W803

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

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: Room 007 Select, Rome

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WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN

Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece. Afterwards, visit St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City. Later, cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome with your Local Expert. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and visit the iconic Colosseum. (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, to visit 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, one of the greatest shrines of Christendom and the site of an epic battle in 1944. As night falls, why not sip a glass of prosecco at a pavement café in the Piazza Navona and enjoy life's pageantry pass by? (B) (RS)

DAY 4 | ON TO FLORENCE

Journey through the rolling green hills of Umbria into Tuscany and Florence, Italy's Renaissance capital with its art and architecture displayed everywhere. 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 Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Roma, Florence

DAY 5 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Indulge yourself this morning in exploring Florentine luxury goods. Learn about the craft

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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involved in the local leatherwork during a demonstration and be entranced by the intricate creations of the goldsmiths art. Admire the rolling green hills of Tuscany and the impressive medieval towers of San Gimignano on an optional experience this afternoon. Dine with your fellow travelling companions tonight. **(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, baptistery and the colonnaded bell tower, lurching out from behind the cathedral. Visit the organic farm Il Poggio and join a guided walk, exploring olive oil and wine production. After taking in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, enjoy tasting the farm's 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 we travel through the Emilia-Romagna region, and stop to sample the flavours of the region and learn about Italian food culture over a delicious lunch with wine. Take the autostrada east to Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your luxurious hotel has elegant Venetian touches and views over an unforgettable romantic city. **(B) (L)**

Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice

DAY 8 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

Your private boat takes you on a journey of discovery past churches and palaces reflecting the architectural history of Venice from the

13th to the 18th century. Arrive close to St Mark's Square and the first sight is the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner, and the gilded facade of St. Mark's Basilica comes into view. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. This afternoon there is plenty of time to explore the museums, galleries and churches or browse through the shops on the Rialto Bridge. **(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 café sipping local wine or sample delicious lagoon-fresh fish? Later, board a traditional gondola for a serenade through the romantic canals. This evening, indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

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

Rome | Experience the city through the eyes of a Local Expert as they passionately reveal how modern life thrives amidst ancient treasures.

Vatican | Visit the Vatican Museums, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

Florence | *Insight Choice* Stroll to Piazza Santa Croce and immerse yourself in the essence of la dolce vita with a typical Italian treat in a local cafe, or see Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery, and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor.

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

Venice | Delight in the magic of this charming city as you glide along the canals by gondola.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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Premium Dining

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

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.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Italy

Delve into Pompeii, discover the beauty of Capri, admire the colours of Cinque Terre and Portofino.

Finish your journey exploring Venice, the enchanting city of canals.

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E980

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Transfer to your hotel and settle in before joining your Travel Director for a visit to Trastevere. Enjoy a private visit to Farmacia of Santa Maria della Scala, the oldest pharmacy in Europe. Gain historic insights from a Carmelite friar as you admire the Farmacia and explore the adjoining 16th-century church. Take in the vibrant atmosphere of this charming neighbourhood as you indulge in dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

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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. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling and see St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B)

DAY 3 | ANCIENT POMPEII AND ON TO SORRENTO

Journey to the ill-fated town of Pompeii. Walk with a Local Expert through cobbled streets to learn about Roman life in the first century before enjoying a refreshing lemon granita. Follow the spectacular clifftop road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples to Mount Vesuvius. (B)

Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 4 | THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Enjoy a morning in the town of Sorrento before heading to the port to board your jetfoil to the Isle of Capri. Visit Capri town with its whitewashed houses, winding alleyways and small cafes. A Local Expert escorts you to the lush Gardens of Augustus for views of the Faraglioni rocks. As twilight descends and the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, the island is yours to gather with locals in the piazzetta or relax with a glass of wine. (B)

Hotel: Regina Cristina, Capri

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 and continue through Umbria and idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence. (B) (D)

Hotel: NH Firenze, Florence

DAY 6 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

See how the local leatherwork is created with a demonstration of the craft and learn about the artistry of the goldsmiths who are famous

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

in the city of Florence. In your free time wander Florence on your own, shop or opt to explore the medieval hilltop town of San Gimignano on an optional experience. In the evening, why not sample fine Florentine cuisine of tasty starters and typical Tuscan dishes accompanied by Chianti. **(B)**

DAY 7 | CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO TO SANTA MARGHERITA

The famous Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre are a highlight of your journey. With a Local Expert, 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 time at leisure or perhaps cruise to the Borromean Islands? Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Simphon, 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

Your private boat takes you on a journey of discovery past churches and palaces reflecting the architectural history of Venice from the 13th to the 18th century. Arrive close to St Mark's Square and admire the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner, and the gilded façade of St. Mark's Basilica comes into view. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Cruise the Venetian lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous dinner with wine, sampling the local specialities. **(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.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Experience the city through the eyes of a Local Expert as they passionately reveal how modern life thrives amidst ancient treasures.

Pompeii | Visit the unearthed Roman town.

Capri | Appreciate the whitewashed houses, winding alleyways, small cafes, fashionable boutiques and artisans studios on a guided tour.

Florence | Witness local craftspersons 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 stroll to Piazza Santa Croce and immerse yourself in the essence of la dolce vita with a typical Italian treat in a local cafe.

Cinque Terre | Visit this unique UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Venice | Delight in the magic of this charming city as you glide along the canals by gondola.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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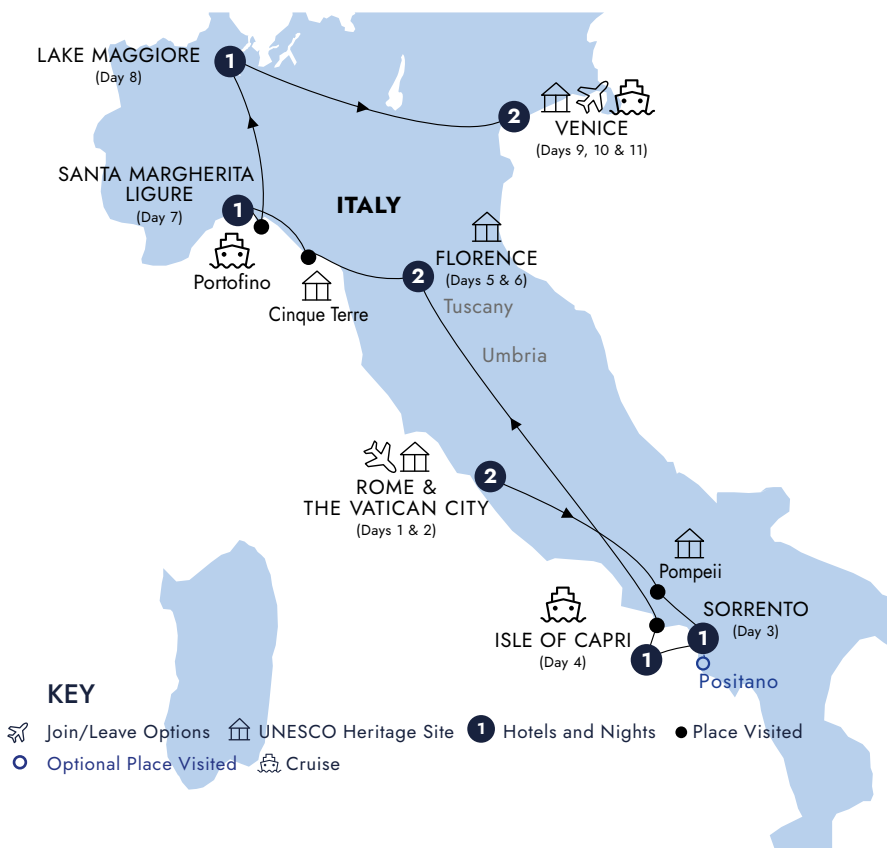


Premium Dining

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 the charming fisherman's island of Burano to enjoy a delicious dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Italian Elegance

Embrace the glamour of Portofino and the Italian Lakes. Breathe Dolomites' mountain air, succumb to Cinque Terre's charms. Indulge in world-famous gelato whilst admiring San Gimignano's medieval towers.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E923

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

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: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

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DAY 2 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN

Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including entering the Vatican City and fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece. Afterwards, visit St. Peter's Basilica. Later, cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome with your Local Expert. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and the iconic Colosseum. (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 Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Continue to your elegant hotel in Tuscany. (B) (D)

Hotel: Villasanpaolo, San Gimignano

DAY 4 | THE FLAVOURS OF SAN GIMIGNANO

Spend time exploring the maze of alleyways and admire scenic views across the valley. Enjoy the world-famous gelato creations of Sergio Dondoli. (B) (RS)

DAY 5 | PISA

Drive through the Chianti hills and head to Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower and the splendid cathedral and baptistery. Enjoy leisure time to explore. Relax as you journey along the coast to the resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. (B) (D)

Hotel: Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure

DAY 6 | THE CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO

Head to Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage area and one of Italy's most stunning landscapes. With a Local Expert, cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast

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 take in the views as you approach one of the picturesque fishing villages by boat. Enjoy the scenic train journey up the coast to Santa Margherita Ligure, then catch a boat to the elegant seaside town of Portofino, the epitome of la dolce vita (please note that boat rides are weather permitting). Enjoy your leisure time to admire the colourful houses, browse the boutiques, or simply relax at the café bars on the piazzetta. **(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: Simphon, 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, to the mountain resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: 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. With the afternoon at leisure, why not cruise the Venetian Lagoon to the island of Burano? **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione

DAY 11 | VENICE AT LEISURE

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Then there is free time to enjoy the magical atmosphere of this incredible city at your own pace. Later, on your romantic gondola serenade, glide along the atmospheric canals whilst musicians set the mood with traditional songs. 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. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vatican | Visit the Vatican Museums, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

Florence | Insight Choice Stroll to Piazza Santa Croce and immerse yourself in the essence of la dolce vita with a typical Italian treat in a local cafe, or see Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery, and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor.

San Gimignano | Visit the medieval Manhattan of Italy.

Portofino | Cruise from Santa Margherita and get a taste of the sweet life in this elegant resort.

Cinque Terre | Visit this unique UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Venice | Delight in the magic of this charming city as you glide along the canals by gondola.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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Premium Dining

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

Venice | Enjoy a special Venetian dinner, situated in the heart of this historic city.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
 UNESCO Heritage Site
 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited
 Cruise

Italian Escapade

See where gladiators fought in Rome, wind through the cypress lined hillsides of Tuscany and glide by gondola through Venice's canals.

13 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E937

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Transfer to your hotel and settle in before joining your Travel Director for a visit to Trastevere. Enjoy a private visit to Farmacia of Santa Maria della Scala, the oldest pharmacy in Europe. Gain historic insights from a Carmelite friar as you admire the Farmacia and explore the adjoining 16th-century church. Take in the vibrant atmosphere of this charming neighbourhood as you indulge in dinner with wine 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

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 and the legendary Colosseum. **(B)**

DAY 3 | SIENA AND MEDIEVAL FLORENCE

In medieval Siena, stroll through the winding stone-paved streets to the vast Piazza del Campo. Continue through the cypress-clad hills and vineyards of Tuscany to Florence. Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a speciality not to be missed. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Michelangelo Florence

DAY 4 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After, admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue to Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune, Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica and indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines. **(B)**

DAY 5 | PISA AND THE ITALIAN LAKES

Stop in Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs of solid marble. **(B)**

Hotel: Simplon, Baveno

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: BW Premier Collection CHC Continental, Venice

DAY 8 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

A private boat ferries you to St. Mark's Square. See the basilica, Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional 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 town of Assisi. See the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, before continuing up Mount Subasio with a Local Expert to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. **(B) (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 specialities 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 visit to Positano and the Amalfi Coast? **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | ON TO ILL-FATED POMPEII AND ROME

At the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, your Local Expert walks you through cobbled streets. Travel past the striking hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino on your return to Rome. In the heart of The Eternal City, you are treated to a quintessential Italian experience. Fine food, wine, music and a private performance of enchanting operetta for your dinner. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Bettoja Massimo D'Azeglio, Rome

DAY 13 | 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*

Rome | Experience the city through the eyes of a Local Expert as they passionately reveal how modern life thrives amidst ancient treasures.

Florence | *Insight Choice* Stroll to Piazza Santa Croce and immerse yourself in the essence of la dolce vita with a typical Italian treat in a local cafe, or see Michelangelo's 'David' in the Accademia Gallery, and admire the exquisite technique of Italy's most famous sculptor.

Assisi | A Local Expert reveals 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 | Visit the unearthed Roman town.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Florence | Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a speciality not to be missed.

Lake Maggiore | For your Dine-Around evening, choose from a selection of hand-picked restaurants featuring regional delicacies.

Rome | Enjoy delicious Italian cuisine and wine accompanied by the rich tremolo of some of Italy's best loved songs.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Country Roads of Southern Italy & Sicily

Experience Italy's finest food and views on this two-week tour. Explore major cities with Local Experts whilst enjoying Farm-to-Table dining and historical insights.

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 20 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E725

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Settle in before joining your Travel Director for a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. Gaze in awe at the Byzantine mosaics, illuminated for this evening's experience, and see the first sculpture by Bernini. End the day getting to know your fellow travellers 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. Toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon, and enjoy free time. Consider touring the incredibly characteristic Roman quarter of Trastevere. Explore Rome's medieval neighbourhoods and the labyrinth of alleyways. Discover how Romans lived and how they live in present-day Rome. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ROME

Meet your Local Expert for a guided visit to one of the icons of the Roman era. Enter the Colosseum and imagine the roar of the spectators as you hear stories of how ancient Romans liked to be entertained. Later, depart for Sorrento. **(B)**

Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 4 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

The impossibly blue sea welcomes you to the sun-drenched island of Capri as you cruise by jetfoil. On arrival, meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through the narrow alleyways. Explore Capri 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)**

DAY 5 | POMPEII AND ALBEROBELLO

With your Local Expert, explore the streets of Pompeii, buried in A.D. 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Venture on to Alberobello. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello

DAY 6 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

Admire another of Italy's record number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites with a Local Expert. The trulli of Alberobello are circular structures with conical roofs that are domed within. They are built from local limestone and stacked without using mortar. In the evening, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience featuring a delicious four-course Farm-to-Table dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

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

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

DAY 7 | ALBEROBELLO AT LEISURE

The day is free for you to enjoy. Perhaps choose to visit Lecce – often referred to as ‘the Florence of the south’ - with its dazzling architecture and beautiful Baroque buildings. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | JOURNEY SOUTH 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 most of its activity and population. Meet Andrea, a local striving to bring back the area's traditional way of living. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience explore the historic old town to learn about the fascinating history of the village and enjoy an aperitif with local snacks helping to preserve the culture. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: MH Matera

DAY 9 | TO SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Travel to the very toe of Italy and board your ferry bound for Sicily, across the Strait of Messina. Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theatre of Taormina, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. Take your pick of specially selected restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Hellenia Yachting Hotel & SPA

DAY 10 | FREE TIME ON THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

The day is at leisure to relax at your resort's private beach. Don't miss the chance of an optional drive through the national park to Mount Etna. **(B) (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 Taormina at your leisure, or to embark on an optional experience to Syracuse. In the evening, venture to a local restaurant for a tasty meal accompanied by wine. **(B) (D) (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 cliff-top 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 | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

Follow in the footsteps of gladiators for a deeper insight into life in ancient Rome when you enter the Colosseum.

Capri | *Insight Choice* Enjoy a tasting of Limoncello and learn the history behind this traditional lemon liqueur, or discover the luxuriant Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire views of the Faraglioni rocks.

Pompeii | Visit the unearthed Roman town.

Agrigento | Admire magnificent Hellenistic remains in the Valley of the Temples, such as the massive Temple of Concord and cliff-top Temple of Juno.

Palermo | Discover the Sicilian capital with your Local Expert. See Pretoria Square and the 16th century fountain. View the composite architectural styles of the Palermo Cathedral and visit the Palatine Chapel.

Alberobello | Dine at Trattoria Terra Madre, where owner Alessandro and his nonna focus on sustainability and creating local employment opportunities. Everything is grown organically and harvested on site, and excess produce is donated to the community. Your visit advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption & Production.

Grottole | Participate in the fascinating Wonder Grottole Project. This regeneration initiative works to rehabilitate the abandoned historic centre and preserve village life. Your visit advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

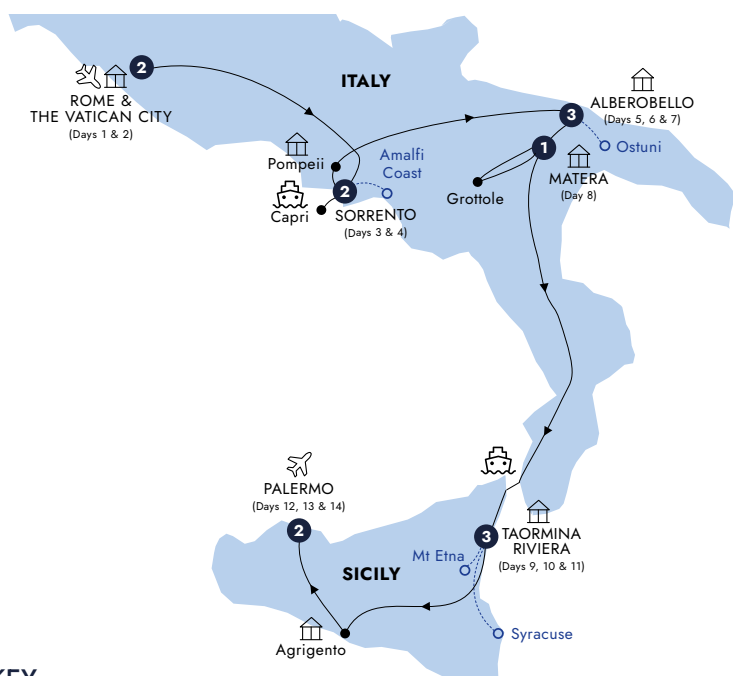
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Rome | Savour dinner at a uniquely Roman restaurant, offering a perfect exploration of Lazio's typical flavours.

Palermo | Experience local customs as you delve into tantalising flavours and rustic dishes served with local wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

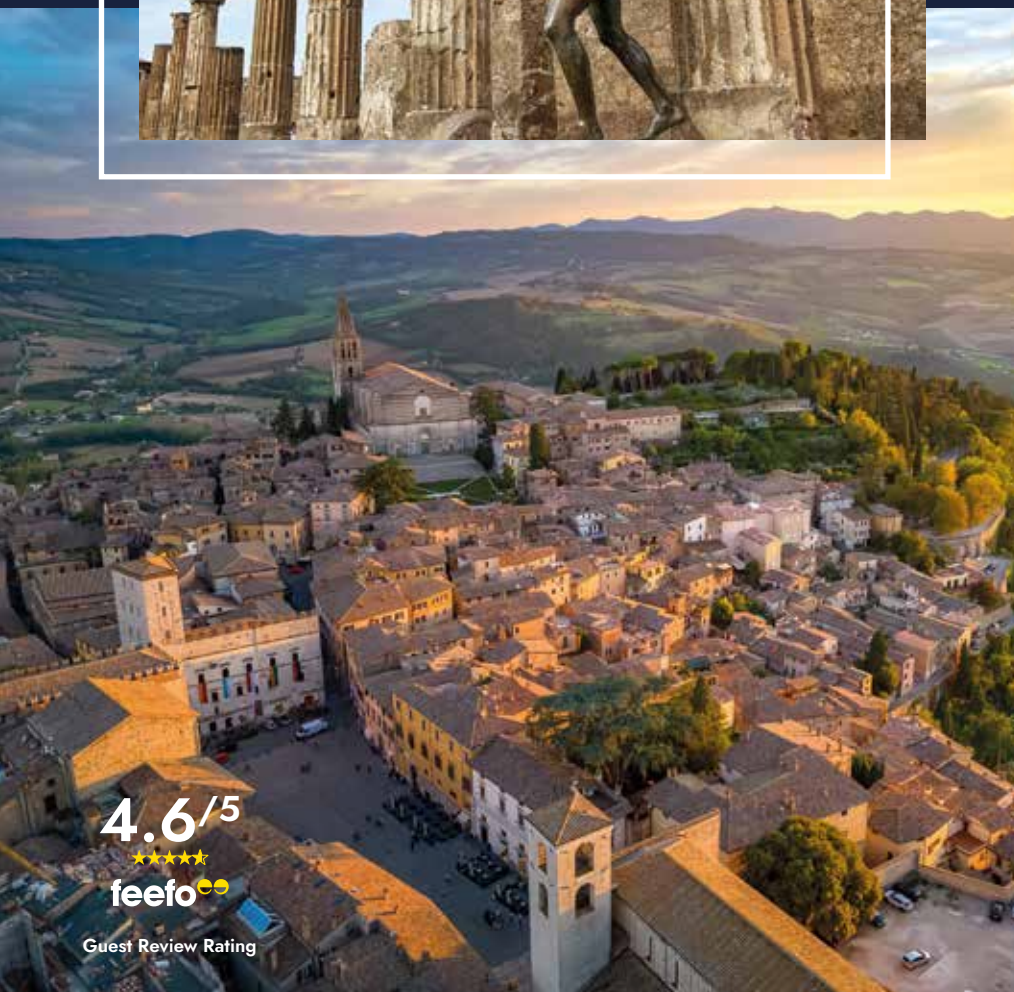
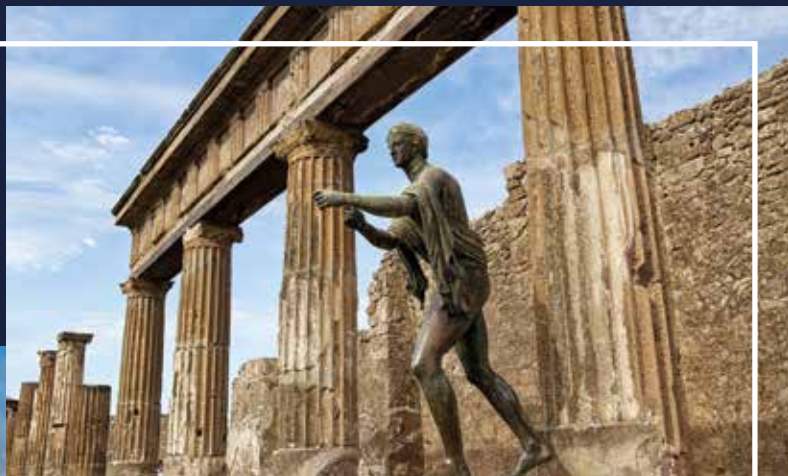
**KEY**

- ✈ Join/Leave Options 🏠 UNESCO Heritage Site 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited
○ Optional Place Visited 🚢 Cruise

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 famous cheese.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: E722

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Settle in before joining your Travel Director for a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. Gaze in awe at the Byzantine mosaics, illuminated for this evening's experience, and see the first sculpture by Bernini. End the day getting to know your fellow travellers during dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Room 007 Select, 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 Basilica in the Vatican City, then cross the Tiber river to see the Circus Maximus and learn about the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit. Imagine the roar of the spectators as you enter the arena and stroll around picturing the gladiators and their adoring fans. **(B)**

DAY 3 | SORRENTO

Venture south leaving the region of Lazio for Campania. Continue to the resort town of Sorrento. **(B)**

Hotel: Majestic Palace, Sorrento

DAY 4 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town. 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. Journey through Umbria to Todi and savour the medieval ambience 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)**

DAY 7 | ASSISI AND ON TO PERUGIA

On arrival in Assisi, see the church of St. Mary of the Angels and visit the huge Basilica of St. Francis. A Local Expert walks with you down the Via San Francesco. Continue to Perugia for a guided exploration through the Old Town. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Sangallo Palace, Perugia

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 | PERUGIA, THE JEWEL OF UMBRIA

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit an artisanal workshop and meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | FLORENCE AND MONTERIGGIONI

Journey past Lake Trasimeno 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, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Wander the area around Santa Croce Basilica. Journey through the vineyards of Tuscany and enjoy a delicious wine tasting before arriving at your elegant hotel. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Borgo di Cortefreda/Relais Certosa, Florence

DAY 10 | SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO

This morning explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval Basilica of St. Catherine 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. Taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread. 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 the famed Modena balsamic and enjoy a tasting. Continue to Venice where you will be serenaded as you glide by gondola, past water-lapped doorways and rococo palaces. **(B)**

Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice

DAY 15 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional 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 sit down to a sumptuous dinner with wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 16 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

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*

Rome | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

Capri | Appreciate the whitewashed houses, winding alleyways, small cafes, fashionable boutiques and artisans studios on a guided tour.

Pompeii | Visit the unearthed Roman town.

Assisi | Discover the Basilica of Saint Francis.

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

Siena | *Insight Choice* Enjoy a tasting of Panforte, *or* visit the Basilica of St. Catherine with your Local Expert.

Cinque Terre | Visit this unique UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Perugia | Meet Marta, an Umbrian weaver creating employment opportunities for local women and preserving the ancient craft of loom weaving. Your visit advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 11: Gender Equality and Sustainable Cities & Communities.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Lucca | Visit a traditional steam bakery and sample Buccellato, a sweet raisin bread.

Parma | Witness the cheese-making process of Parmigiano-Reggiano at Ciaolatte Parmesan.

Modena | Visit a producer of authentic balsamic vinegar.

Burano | Cruise to the charming fisherman's island of Burano to enjoy a delicious dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Best of Germany

Tour Berlin's iconic sights and in Munich see the Hofbräuhaus, St. Peter's Church and Marienplatz. Top of your journey of town and country with a Farm-to-Table lunch.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E929

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BERLIN

On arrival at Berlin's Brandenburg Airport, your travels through Germany begin. Meet 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. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps choose to explore Potsdam? **(B) (RS)**

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, we drive to Rothenburg 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

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 past steep vineyards, half-timbered taverns and hilltop castles. Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table lunch, prepared with locally sourced ingredients. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 8 | HEIDELBERG - SCHWANGAU

Continue your travels to Heidelberg and venture inside Heidelberg Palace. See the Heidelberg Tun, a 130,000-litre wine vat, and marvel at the panoramic vistas of the city and Neckar Valley from the castle fortress before travelling to the city of Schwangau. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Ameron Neuschwanstein

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

Explore Munich with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city centre. Alternatively, visit the famous Residenz, and see its museum and Treasury. 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

The day is free for you to explore Bavaria's capital city. Perhaps visit one of its many art galleries and museums, or relax and enjoy a coffee in the delightful Marienplatz? In the evening, round off your German experience with a dinner, complete with local wine. 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 | Drive along the Ku'Damm, passing the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and through Tiergarten to the Reichstag building.

Weimar | Delve into history on a city tour with Local Expert.

Mainz | Enjoy a guided visit of the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to one of history's most important inventors. Your Travel Director leads you on an orientation of the city.

Heidelberg | Venture inside the magnificent castle built in red sandstone, overlooking the Student Prince's town and the Neckar Valley.

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.

Premium Dining

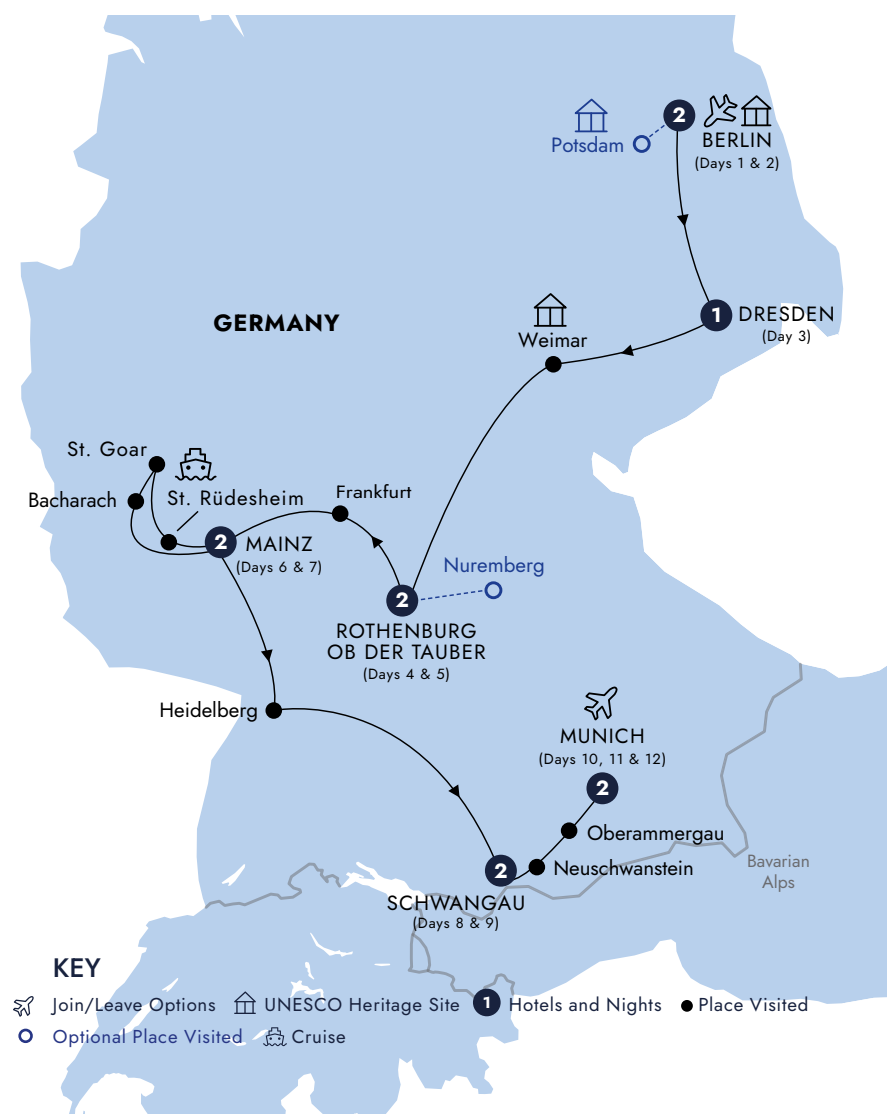
Berlin | Join your Travel Director and fellow guests at a local restaurant in the heart of Berlin for a delightful dinner, served with wine.

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 | Experience the lively atmosphere of a traditional Bierhalle as you dine on Bavarian specialities in one of the city's famed beer halls.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Glorious Switzerland

Indulge in glamour and glitz of all things Swiss. Sample rich cheese fondue, tour Chillon Castle and breathe in the Alpine air of Mt Stanserhorn and Zermatt.

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E965

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 whilst being served typical Swiss specialities including cheese fondue. Return to your immaculate boutique hotel, the award-winning Hotel d'Angleterre. Enjoy British charm and the finest Swiss hospitality, with each room individually designed to reflect its elegant style. (D)

Hotel: D'Angleterre, Geneva

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00, 13:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

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 we continue to the charming town of Montreux. Situated at the foot of the Alps and boasting beautiful lakeside walks, enjoy free time to explore this pretty town. On the western bay of Lake Geneva, join 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 look out for where the writer is rumoured to have left his mark. Continue through the Rhone Valley, where high summer temperatures support vines and other fruits. The final stage of your journey is by cogwheel train to the traffic-free Alpine resort of Zermatt. During your orientation with your Travel Director, feast your eyes on the distinctive triangular silhouette of the Matterhorn. At night, enjoy a stroll in the fresh mountain air to your chosen restaurant for your Dine-Around evening. (B) (D)

Hotel: Resort Alex, 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 roof of the world for a magnificent panorama of the highest peaks in Switzerland, Italy and France? (B) (RS)

DAY 4 | ELEGANT LUGANO

Descend to Täsch and rejoin the coach. Follow in Napoleon's footsteps as you ascend the Simplon Pass, taking in magnificent views over the Alps from the 2,000-metre summit. Continue along the gentle shores of Lake Maggiore. Perhaps take a delightful boat trip to see the stunning Isola Bella? (B) (RS)

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 Grisons 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



Glorious Switzerland! That's exactly how it was. The scenery was spectacular and seemed to get better with each day.

OUR GUEST PHILIP.



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

Begin the day at your leisure. Perhaps take a stroll along the lake or shop for fine watches? Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up 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. With your new friends, enjoy a dinner at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn, with magnificent views over Lake Lucerne at Restaurant Seeblick. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

In the morning, your adventures through Switzerland come to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Geneva | With your Travel Director you'll discover the Jet d'Eau and the Floral Clock.

Lake Geneva | Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artefacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

Lugano | View highlights of this lakeside city during a tour with your Travel Director.

St Moritz | See the spa quarter and glacial lake of this charming alpine resort.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Stanserhorn | Journey to the top of Mount Stanserhorn on a panoramic, open-top cable car powered by solar energy.

Stanserhorn | Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, and gain a deeper understanding of the local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

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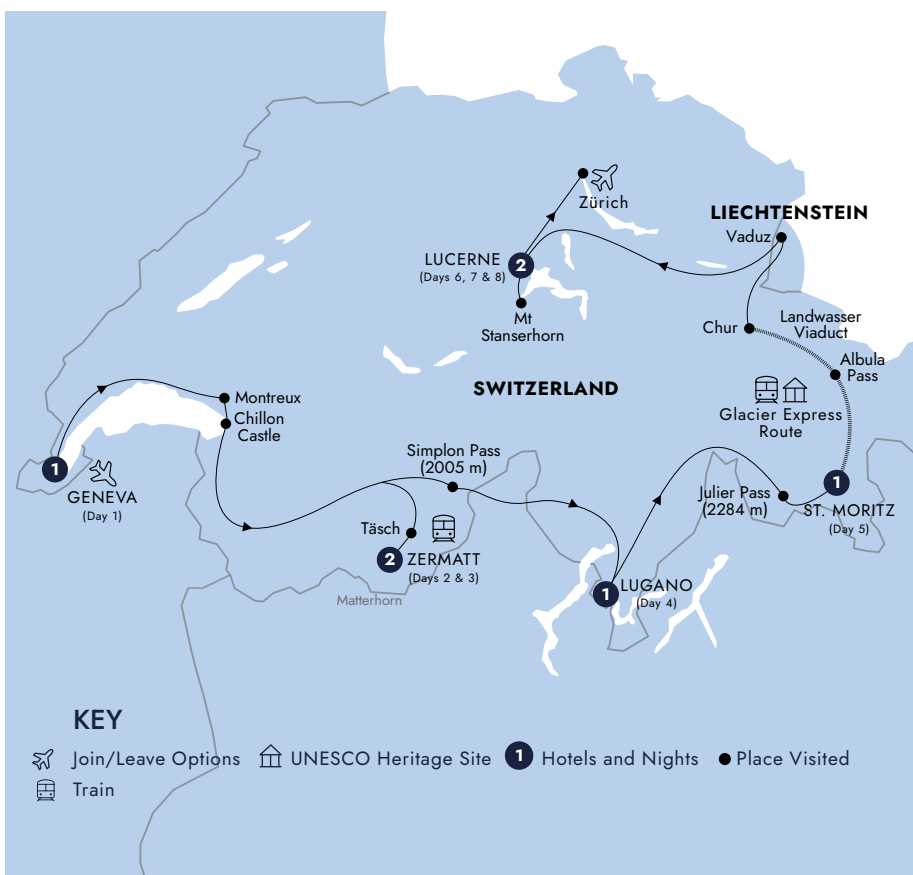
Premium Dining

Geneva | What better way to start your Swiss journey than with a typical meal including cheese fondue.

Zermatt | Choose between fine local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening, with the chance to indulge in traditional fondue.

Lucerne | Toast to new friends and Swiss adventures during your dinner at Restaurant Seeblick.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Country Roads of Switzerland

Immerse in cities, rural wonders and snow-capped mountains. Explore a former Duke's home on Lake Geneva's shore and reach Stanserhorn's mountain heights by traditional cog railway.

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E728

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LUCERNE

Welcome to Switzerland. On arrival at Zürich airport, transfers leave for your hotel in Lucerne. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions, followed by a pleasant dinner with wine 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 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)

Hotel: Astoria, Lucerne

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.' (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 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 and continue to the town of Sion to see the cathedral and Old Town Hall. Complete your journey via cogwheel train to the traffic-free mountain resort of Zermatt. This evening, take your pick from a selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. (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. The afternoon is at your leisure. Perhaps join an experience to the stunning Isola Bella? **(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: Steffani/Crystal, 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 and head down through the Oberalp Valley, rejoining the coach at Andermatt. Drive through the Schöllenen Gorge, along the Grindelwald Valley and follow the Lütschine River to Lauterbrunnen. See the Staubbach Falls plunge 300 metres from the plateau above. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Romantik Schweizerhof, Grindelwald

DAY 12 | GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald, a charming village nestled in the Bernese Alps. Choose from a selection of optional experiences to complement your alpine journey. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 13 | RURAL SWITZERLAND TO ZÜRICH

Journey to Brienz to visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving Centre. On return to Zürich, see the Bahnhofstrasse, Grossmünster, River Limmat and Frauenmünster. Join your travel companions at a local restaurant. Your dinner is accompanied with wine - raise your glass to toast to your adventures. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Hyatt Place Zurich Airport The Circle

DAY 14 | DEPART ZÜRICH

Your Swiss adventures come to and end this morning, with a transfer to Zürich airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS*Premium Experiences*

Lake Geneva | Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artefacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

Enjoy first-class seats as you cruise on the serene waters of the King of Lakes, inspiration to the early Romantic movement.

St Moritz | With your inclusive pass, travel on 13 cable cars, funiculars, chairlifts and select public transport options (when available).

Staubbach Falls | In the Valley of the Waterfalls, witness these magnificent falls that plunge 300 metres.

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.

Stanserhorn | Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, and gain a deeper understanding of the local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

Lake Geneva | Visit a family-run winery overlooking the lake. Enjoy a tasting, and learn about the family's sustainable agricultural practices before your Farm-to-Table meal. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

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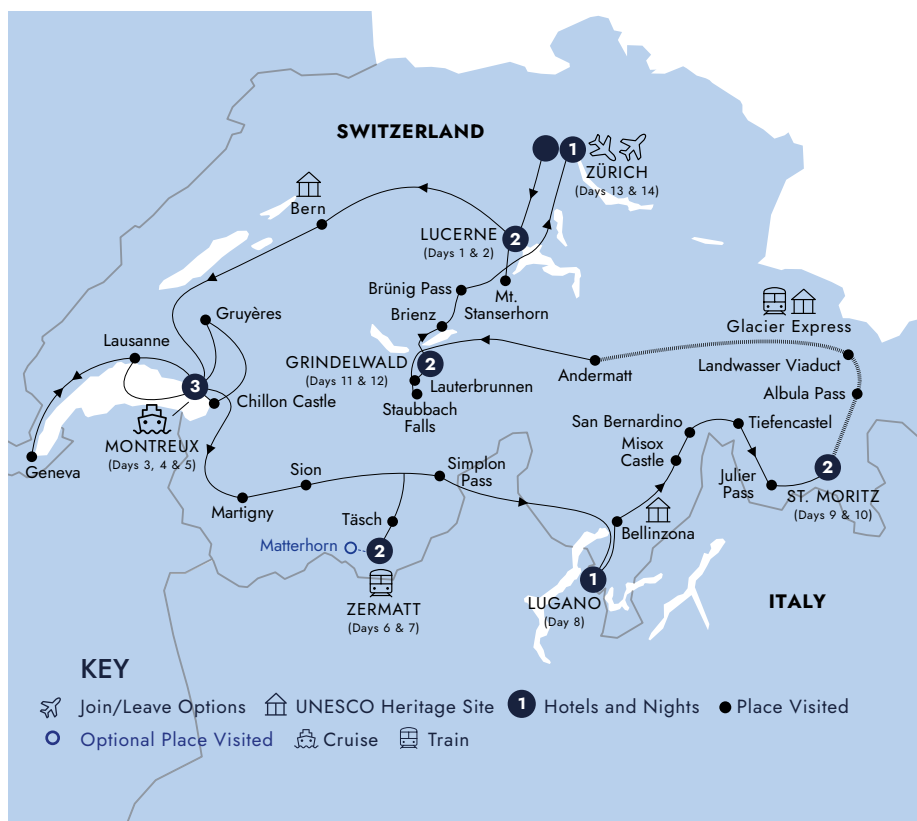
*Premium Dining*

Lucerne | Toast to new friends and Swiss adventures during your dinner at Restaurant Seeblick.

Zermatt | Choose between fine local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening, with the chance to indulge in traditional fondue.

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

Ride a funicular to a mountaintop Stanserhorn dinner, step aboard the Glacier Express for vistas of ice capped mountains and visit Neuschwanstein Castle.

12 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: E727

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna! Enjoy your afternoon before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner served with wine 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 our Local Expert on a private tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance, as you marvel at the intricacies of gilded Rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers. 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 recognisable due to its appearance in 'Sound of Music'. (B)

Hotel: Wyndham Grand Salzburg Conference Centre

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 to explore the sites of picturesque Herrenchiemsee. Visit the palace and Fraueninsel convent. Enjoy time at leisure in the gardens over lunch before continuing by boat to Gstadt. Journey by coach to Munich, home of the world-famous Oktoberfest. This evening, revel in a truly Bavarian experience as you dine at a local beerhall. (B) (D)

Hotel: Munich Marriott

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 seat of Bavarian royalty. Travel to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

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 and 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. **(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 step aboard the Bernina Express to experience one of Europe's most outstanding train journeys? **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Steffani/Crystal, 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. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a seasonal juice tasting. Your Travel Director will show you the beautiful and poignant Lion Monument, which honours the Swiss Guards in Lucerne. **(B)**

Hotel: Astoria, Lucerne

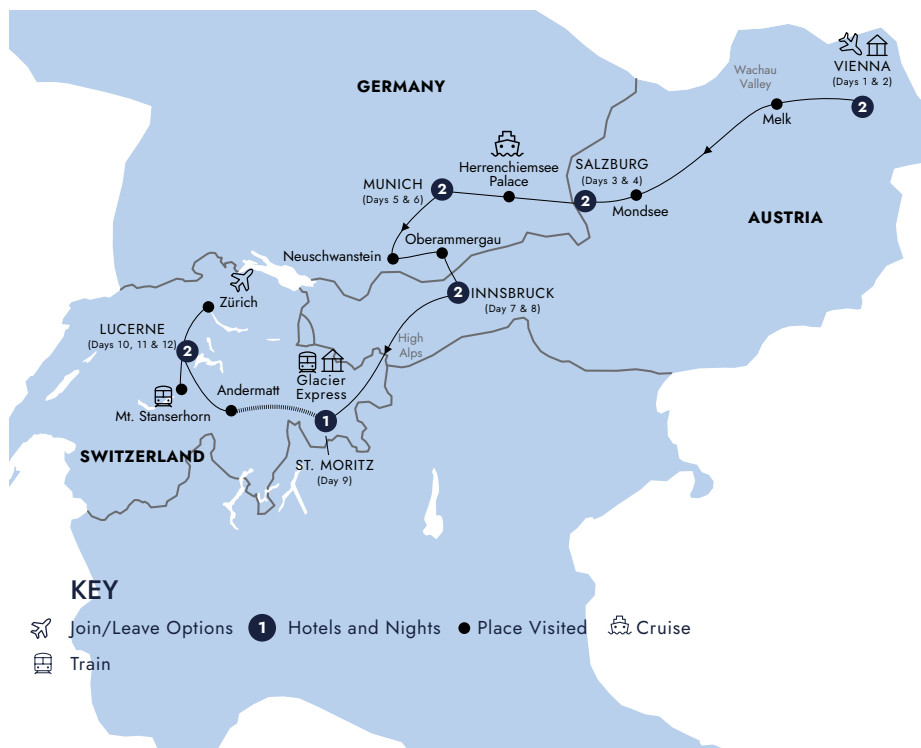
DAY 11 | DINNER AT THE 'ROOF OF EUROPE' IN STANSERHORN

Enjoy the morning at your leisure to explore 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 embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and cable car, to the summit of the stunning Stanserhorn. On a clear day, there are views as far as Alsace in France and the Black Forest in Germany. Here amid true Alpine majesty, your journey literally peaks with an unforgettable dinner, hosted in Drehrestaurant Rondorama, located atop the mountain. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and admire the stunning panoramic views as the restaurant slowly rotates throughout the evening, ensuring you don't miss a thing. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

Your Alpine adventures end this morning with a transfer to Zurich Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Salzburg | Visit the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace and Residence Square. See the imposing fortress and the immense cathedral.

Experience a Musical Demonstration at Mozart's Birthplace.

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 | 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. Learn about its history and admire the Baroque and Gothic architecture.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Stanserhorn | Journey to the top of Mount Stanserhorn on a panoramic, open-top cable car powered by solar energy.

Stans | 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.

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Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine complemented with wine.

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.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Magical Switzerland

Traverse Switzerland aboard the Glacier Express and experience the frozen waterfalls of the Grison Alps to the ski resorts of St Moritz.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W850

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - March + November - December

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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, join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a dinner to savour delicious local cuisine and wine. **(D)**

Hotel: Astoria, Lucerne

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:30 and 13:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

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 detail the city's treasures, including the iconic covered wooden bridges, intricately painted gables, and the famous Lion Monument. 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, the resort 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. 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)**

DAY 4 | ABOARD THE GLACIER EXPRESS

Board the world-famous Glacier Express for a spectacular ride through the heart of the Swiss Alps, with lunch included. 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.

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 view that capture the essence of the Swiss Alps. **(B) (L) (D)**

Hotel: Romantik Schweizerhof, Grindelwald



We had a fantastic range of activities and locations - it truly lived up to its name.

OUR GUEST DOMINIC.



DAY 5 | GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE

Enjoy a full day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald, a charming village nestled in the Bernese Alps. Choose from a selection of optional experiences to complement your alpine journey. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | CHILLON CASTLE AND GENEVA

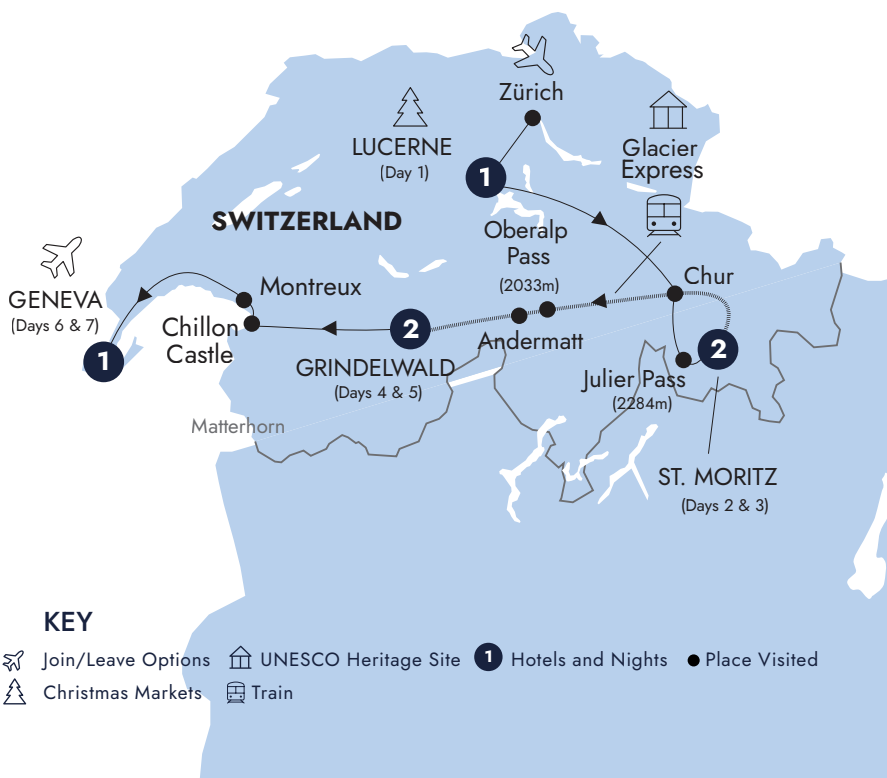
Journey to the shores of Lake Geneva and visit the stunning Chillon Castle, once home to the Counts of Savoy. This medieval fortress, perched on the edge of the lake, offers a glimpse into Switzerland's rich history and provides stunning views across the water. Explore the castle's ancient halls and towers, 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, complete with wine, enjoying the flavours of Swiss cuisine in a warm, convivial setting. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Royal, Geneva

DAY 7 | DEPART GENEVA

Your magical journey through Switzerland concludes after breakfast. Your transfer will arrive at Geneva airport, bidding you farewell as you reflect on the unforgettable memories and experiences from your Swiss adventure. As you head home, you'll carry with you the sights of this beautiful country, enriched by the connections you've made and the stories you've gathered along the way. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

St Moritz | See the spa quarter and glacial lake of this charming alpine resort.

Grindelwald | Explore this famous glacier village. Embedded in a unique Alpine landscape at the foot of the Eiger north face.

Geneva | With your Travel Director you'll discover the Jet d'Eau and the Floral Clock.

Montreux | Explore one of the most beautiful walks along Lake Geneva.

Lake Geneva | Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artefacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

Geneva | 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.

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Premium Dining

Lucerne | Enjoy a savoury dinner surrounded by the natural beauty of Lucerne.

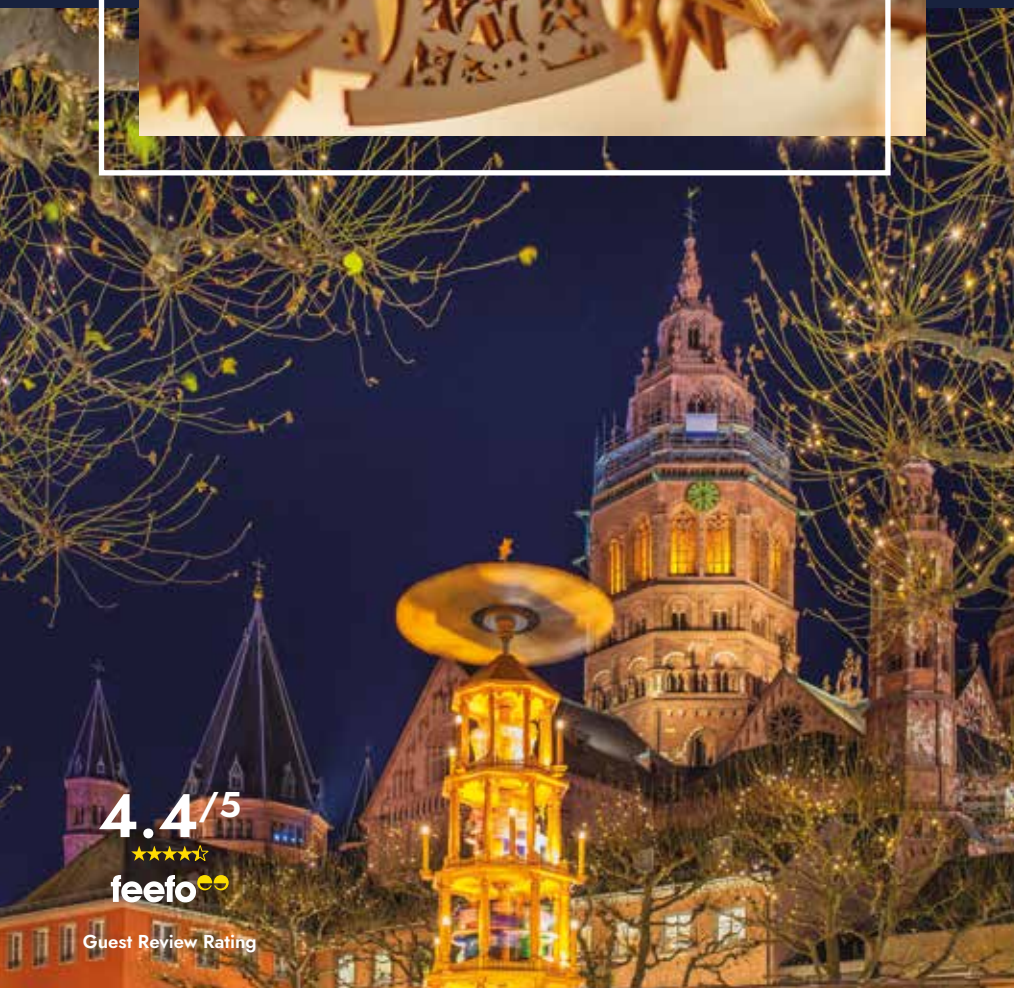
Geneva | You will be delighted with a delicious fondue dinner at local restaurant, a real Swiss treat.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Winter Wonderland

Embrace the winter wonderlands of Europe with stunning views of Lake Lucerne from the peak of Mount Pilatus and immerse yourself in Munich and Salzburg.

9 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W600

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January + November - December

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

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 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 during your dinner. (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 and forgotten 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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

Residenz Fountain, before having time at 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: Wyndham Grand Salzburg Conference Centre

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: Grauer Bär/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 abounds 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

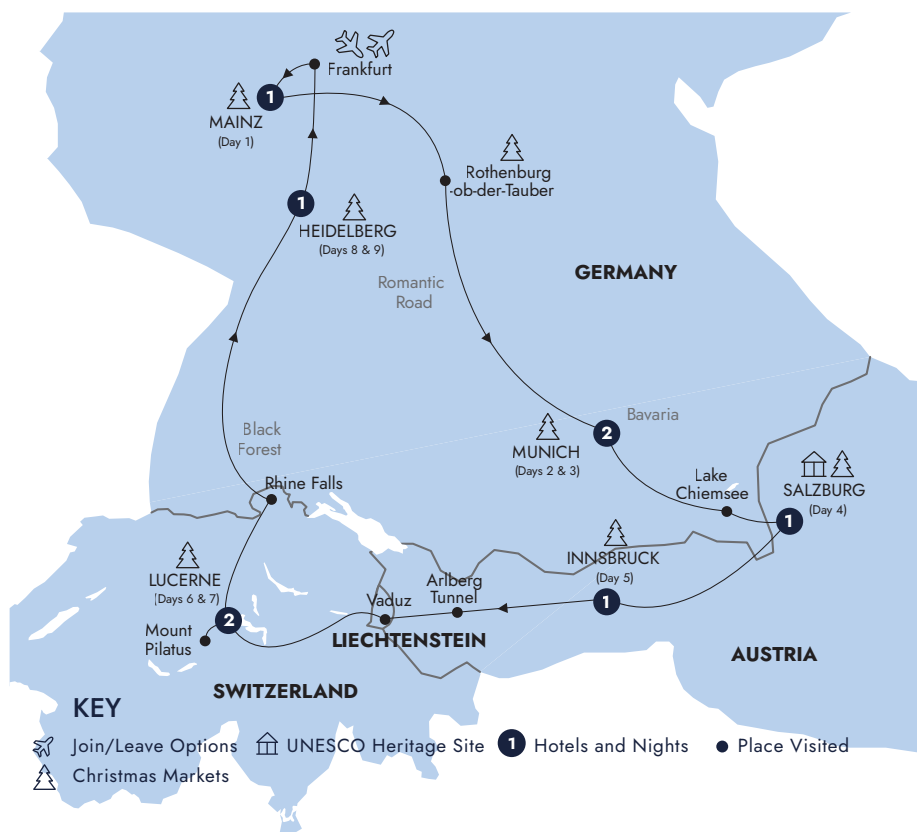
Stop at Schaffhausen to see the Rhine River thundering over the Rhine Falls. Cross the German border and venture deep into the Black Forest. Following the Rhine Valley north, head for the town of Heidelberg, set on the banks of the river Neckar and dominated by its magnificent red sandstone castle. Stroll through the old town with your Travel Director. Perhaps see the old Student Prison? In the evening, you'll 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

Your festive exploration comes to an end as you are transferred to Frankfurt airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 09:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Salzburg | Experience a Musical Demonstration at Mozart's Birthplace.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Vaduz | Admire the Royal family's residence, Vaduz Castle, which overlooks the capital and is surrounded by year-round snow peaked mountains.

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.

Heidelberg | Explore one of Germany's most enchanting cities during your orientation with your Travel Director.

Rhine Falls | Visit these spectacular falls.

Munich | Stop to taste seasonal treats as you discover the lost and forgotten Advent traditions that play a significant role in regional cultural revitalisation. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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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 Worlds.

Heidelberg | Toast the culmination of your travels at a rousing dinner with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Christmas Markets of Austria & Bavaria

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vienna | Walk through the first district, Inner Stadt, as your Local Expert reveals the historic core of the city.

Stand beneath frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded Rococo frames where Mozart performed as a child prodigy.

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 | Enjoy an orientation as you walk the narrow streets 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 | Stop to taste seasonal treats as you discover the lost and forgotten Advent traditions that play a significant role in regional cultural revitalisation. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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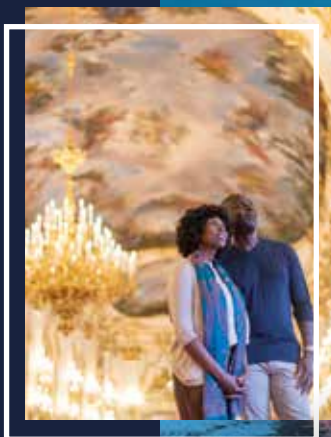
Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine complemented with wine.

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.



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Guest Review Rating

Embrace your yuletide spirit. Warm up with Glühwein, browse Salzburg's 500-year-old market and view Munich's six-story tall Christmas tree.

Journey through the snowcapped peaks of the Austrian Alps on this grand tour. Admire Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace, Salzburg's 500-year-old Christmas Market and Munich's six-story tall Christmas tree. Learn lost and forgotten Advent traditions during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in the Bavarian capital. Warm up with a mug or two of Glühwein at the Innsbruck Christmas Market, then meet with a local market stallholder in Salzburg for an exclusive sampling of gingerbread and mulled wine. In Neuschwanstein (subject to availability), follow in Walt Disney's footsteps on a tour of the fairytale-like castle that reputedly inspired him, complete with extravagant decorations and breathtaking views.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- Hotels and Nights
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Place Visited
- Christmas Markets



Trip code: W520

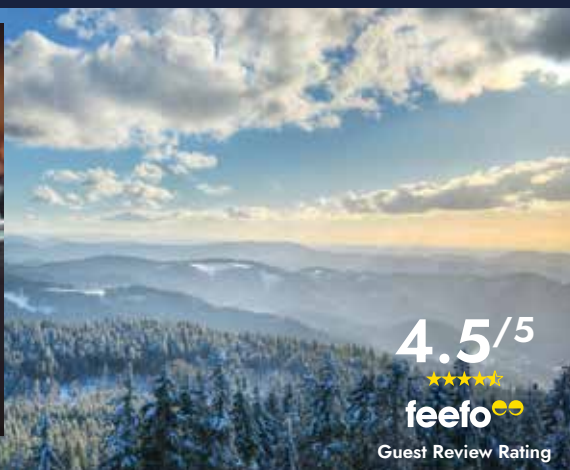
DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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

Alpine Christmas Markets

9 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | LEISURELY



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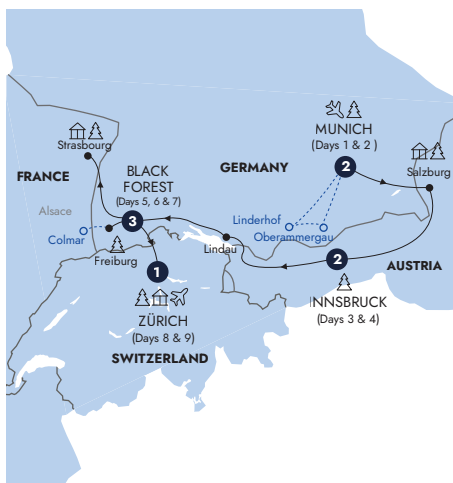
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Guest Review Rating

Celebrate Christmas among the Alps admiring Salzburg's spires, sampling gingerbread and supporting local traditions with community-building experiences.

There is nothing quite like Christmas in the Alps. Celebrate with Munich's festive market, Salzburg's snowcapped spires and an indulgent cup of Glühwein. Your Local Expert brings Mozart's history to life before a visit to Salzburg's Christmas market. After festive treats, enjoy a traditional dining experience at Swarovski Crystal Worlds. If that isn't enough to summon your holiday spirit, a stroll through the medieval cobbled streets of Freiburg will certainly do the trick. Finally, immerse yourself in the fairytale surrounds of Strasbourg, where the sweet scent of cinnamon treats fills the air at France's oldest Christmas market. Finish your tour in Zurich, where Diana and her team of socially engaged local guides reveal the city's highlights on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Optional Place Visited
- Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited
- Christmas Markets

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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



Trip code: W550

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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.

Innsbruck | Enjoy an orientation as you walk the narrow streets of the Old Town, lined with medieval houses and arcades, to see the Golden Roof.

Salzburg | Experience a Musical Demonstration at Mozart's Birthplace.

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 | Attend Europe's biggest indoor Christmas Market.

Zürich | 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. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 10 & 12: Reduced Inequalities & Responsible Consumption and Production.

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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 delicious dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Christmas Markets of Germany

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Berlin | Drive along the Ku'Damm, passing the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and through Tiergarten to the Reichstag building.

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.

Munich | *Insight Choice* Visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria, or join a guided tour to learn about Advent traditions.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber | Visit the Fairytale Town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a fairytale come true at any time of year, but it dazzles in December.

Munich | *Insight Choice* Stop to taste seasonal treats as you discover the lost and forgotten Advent traditions that play a significant role in regional cultural revitalisation, an experience that advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, or visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



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.



Indulge in festive specialities at Germany's premier Christmas markets. Sip on spiced wine in Munich and explore Dresden's Christmas pyramids.

Experience the enchanting holiday traditions of Germany on this immersive Christmas time tour. 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 unrivalled beauty in December. Munich's delightful Marianplatz market provides a uplifting end to this insightful journey.

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KEY

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- 🏠 UNESCO Heritage Site
- 🎄 Christmas Markets
- ① Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited



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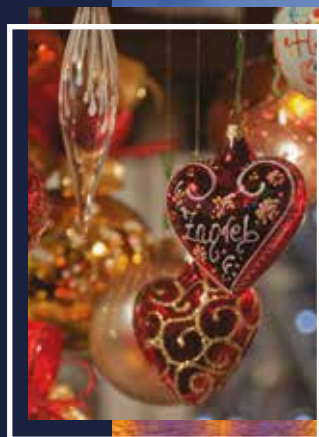
DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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Christmas Markets of Poland, Prague & Germany

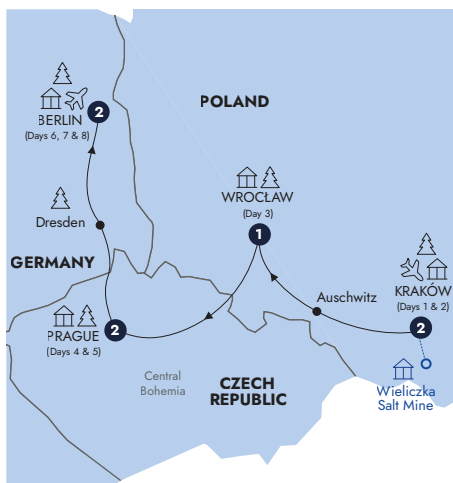
8 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED



Embrace the festive season in Europe. Indulge your taste buds with traditional treats in Prague and visit historic sites like Wawel Hill and the Berlin Wall.

Discover the enchanting holiday traditions and historic wonders of Central Europe. Explore Kraków's Christmas Market in the Old Town district. Ascend Wawel Hill with your Local Expert to visit the Renaissance Castle and 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
- Optional Place Visited
- Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited
- Christmas Markets

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December



Trip code: W530

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



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WINTER 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* Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, or visit the Jewish Quarter with a Local Expert and sample Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Dresden | See the Frauenkirche, the colossal 'Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the cathedral, Semper Opera House and Zwinger Palace.

Berlin | Drive along the Ku'Damm, passing the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and through Tiergarten to the Reichstag building.

Wrocław | Get a taste of forgotten varieties of gingerbread, traditional from Lower Silesia region. Using only local ingredients, these treats are a true delight. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Kraków | Delight in Polish specialties during a delicious meal in the heart of the city.

Berlin | Enjoy a dinner with delightful German cuisine and wine at a local restaurant, complete with music and Grossmünster.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

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9 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating

The map illustrates the travel route for the 'Central Europe' tour. The route is marked with a black line and numbered stops (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9). The tour starts in Prague (Days 3 & 4), goes to Auschwitz and Kraków (Days 5 & 6), then to Oravský Hrad Castle and Wycieczka Saff Mine, then to Český Krumlov, then to Vienna (Days 1 & 2), then to Wachau Valley, then to Budapest (Days 7, 8 & 9), and finally back to Prague. The map shows the borders of Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, and Hungary.

Trip Options



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

Highlights of Eastern Europe

14 DAYS | 6 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED



Meander through Berlin's Tiergarten, watch a chef make Polish dumplings, and attend a Mozart and Strauss Concert dinner in Vienna.

Delight your senses with the flavours and traditions of Budapest, Warsaw, and Vienna. In Berlin, a captivating sightseeing itinerary takes you through the Tiergarten, past the historic Reichstag building and to the Brandenburg Gate. Wander along Unter den Linden to the State Opera House and Museum Island. In Vienna, immerse yourself in the city's culture at the Mozart and Strauss Concert dinner, featuring traditional Austrian delicacies and classical music masterpieces. Participate in an exclusive MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you learn to dance the Viennese waltz with 'Dancing without Barriers.' In Warsaw, cross the border to experience the Polish capital's culinary traditions with an expert chef's demonstration of dumpling-making techniques. This elegant journey will enrich your understanding and appreciation of Eastern Europe's cultural and culinary treasures.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Trip Options

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October



Trip code: E958

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



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EASTERN EUROPE

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital.

Berlin | Drive along the Ku'Damm, passing the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church and through Tiergarten to the Reichstag building.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, *or* visit the Jewish Quarter with a Local Expert and sample Trdelnik, a traditional Czech pastry, *or* listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community, *or* visit a traditional coffeehouse to enjoy Viennese specialties of coffee and Sachertorte.

Cesky Krumlov | Explore the medieval streets of this fairy-tale town.

Vienna | Walk through the first district, Inner Stadt, as your Local Expert reveals the historic core of the city.

Stand beneath frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded Rococo frames where Mozart performed as a child prodigy.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Budapest | Dine in elegance and savour Hungarian delicacies accompanied with specially selected Hungarian wine during your dinner at Gundel.

Cesky Krumlov | Experience South Bohemian flavours and hospitality when you choose from a fine selection of restaurants in the town centre during your Dine-Around evening.

Ceske Budejovice | Tour a local brewery to discover the secrets of how the golden vintage of beer is made, followed by a sampling.

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.

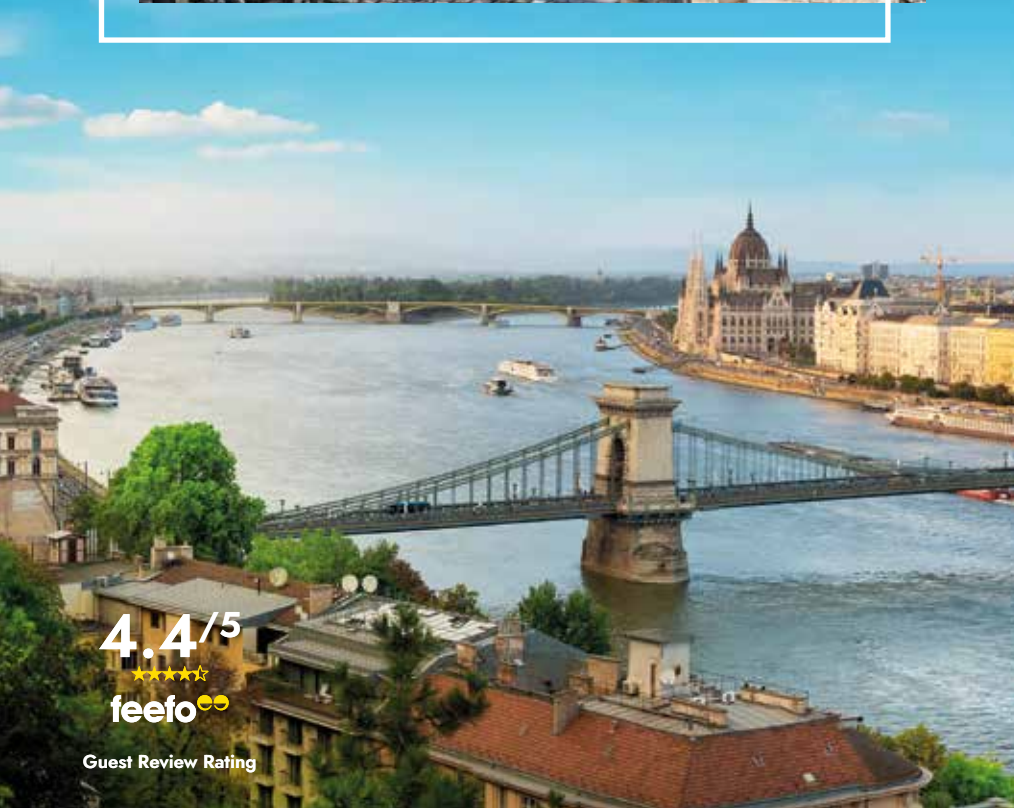
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Easy Pace Budapest, Vienna & Prague

Experience the capital cities' sights and classical sounds. Discover the grandeur of Schönbrunn Palace and walk along cobblestone roads through 'The Golden City'.

10 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E705

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, enjoy a complimentary transfer to your hotel. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions. 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: Novotel Budapest Centrum

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 with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. 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 café. 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 by Sofitel, Vienna

DAY 5 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Much of Vienna's present-day charm is due to the long reign of the Habsburgs. Join a Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Then, ready your camera for a dazzling drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialities 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. Dancing in the dark, in a specially designed sensory studio, will be a unique experience

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 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. **(B) (RS)**



Great tour with lots of historical sites to see, and time to explore on your own.

OUR GUEST SUSAN.



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 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 Prague. Upon arrival to "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 Mala 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 a Local Expert, walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. The city is then yours to explore. Maybe take a river cruise through the heart of the city or walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route? Czechs are passionate about their beer, so be sure to try the local pilsner together 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 specialities at a restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | DEPART PRAGUE

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

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital.

See Heroes' Square and Andrassy Boulevard. Spend time in the popular pedestrian shopping street of Váci utca and see the mighty Danube with its many bridges linking Buda and Pest.

Győr | Stop in this pretty town known for its Baroque charm.

Vienna | Travel along the Ring Road to see the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche.

Vienna | Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Budapest | Enjoy a dinner of local specialities in a local restaurant.

Prague | Upon arrival to "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 Mala Strana district, topped off with a visit to the famous Charles bridge!



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
 UNESCO Heritage Site
 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited
 Optional Place Visited

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Highlights of Poland

Shop for folklore fare and enjoy a refreshing brew at the Piwnica Swidnicka. Visit the Wawel Cathedral in Kraków and sample traditional dumplings in Warsaw.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED



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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 Advisor or see insightvacations.com/highlightspoland

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KRAKÓW

Transfers to your hotel depart Kraków airport. 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 Basilica and the many historic townhouses, palaces and churches. Enjoy getting to know your fellow guests over a fabulous dinner. (D)

Hotel: Vienna House Andel's Cracow, Kraków

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 12:30 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) (RS)

DAY 3 | ACROSS THE HIGH TATRA MOUNTAINS TO 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, and explore on a city orientation. Enjoy a rousing dinner, accompanied by Goral Highlander folklore entertainment at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Hotel: Radisson Blu Hotel & Residences, Zakopane

DAY 4 | REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ, THEN ON TO WROCLAW, THE VENICE OF POLAND

Travelling past the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, your first stop will be the city of Oświęcim, better known by its German name, Auschwitz. With a local historian, experience a moving visit to the memorial and museum and stop at Birkenau. Travel along the Oder River to the city of Wrocław, and with your Local Expert see the brightly coloured facades of noble mansions, the flower markets on the Plac Solny, the Baroque splendour of the Rynek and be introduced to Wrocław's cheeky gnomes. This evening join your Travel Director for a Craft Beer at the Piwnica Świdnicka, the oldest restaurant/cellar in Poland, founded in 1273. (B)

Hotel: Radisson Blu, Wrocław

DAY 5 | POZNAŃ, CRADLE OF THE POLISH NATION

In Poznań visit Ostrów Tumski, known as Cathedral Island, a fascinating place of legend, often overlooked by other visitors. Explore Poznań with Insight Choice. Choose to immerse yourself in the history of the city and enjoy a walking tour. Alternatively, learn 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.

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. On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meet an artisan baker for a taste of delicious gingerbread, baked following a traditional recipe and using only locally sourced ingredients. 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. Learn captivating and fun facts about the city and see the Westerplatte, the scene of the first fighting between Polish and German troops in 1939, and the Gdańsk Shipyards where Lech Wałęsa formed the anti-Soviet Solidarność in 1980. Continue through the medieval city, where buildings date back to the time of the Hanseatic League. Enjoy a free afternoon and perhaps choose to visit the elegant seaside town of Sopot? **(B) (RS)**

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: The Westin, 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 your dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes with wine 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.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
 UNESCO Heritage Site
 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited
 Optional Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Wrocław | See the noble mansions and flower markets of the Plac Solny, absorb the Baroque splendour of Rynek and Wrocław's cheeky Gnomes.

Poznań | *Insight Choice* Learn about the local delicacy, St. Martin's croissant, or choose to join an immersive walking tour through the Old Town.

Toruń | Explore this outstanding UNESCO World Heritage Site, founded by the Teutonic Knights in 1233.

Gniezno | See the winged doors when you visit the cathedral.

Gdańsk | Explore the medieval city and see the historical sights of Westerplatte 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 Łazienki Park.

Toruń | Meet an artisan baker to uncover the secrets of the traditional Toruń gingerbread during a delicious tasting. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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Premium Dining

Kraków | Delight in Polish specialties during a delicious meal in the heart of the city.

Zakopane | Meet Poland's Goral Highlanders and share their culture at a dinner with local specialties and music.

Warsaw | Find out what the buzz is all about in the Polish capital during your dinner with wine at a favourite restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Dalmatian Elegance

Sail Croatia's coastline on this luxury yacht cruise.
Admire ancient Dubrovnik's terracotta rooftops and feast
on Farm-to-Table delicacies.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E860

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

Your private transfer will collect you from Split airport and take you to Cornaro Hotel, located in the heart of the city. Your Local Host will greet you and be on hand to help you decide how to spend your time. Perhaps wander through the Old Town, situated minutes away from your hotel? Maybe enjoy a wine tasting at your hotel, or take in the views from the rooftop bar?

Hotel: Cornaro, Split

DAY 2 | YOUR ELEGANT CRUISE SHIP

After a free morning, your Local Expert will accompany you to Split harbour, where your deluxe cruiser awaits. After a warm welcome by your Cruise Manager, settle into your cabin. Join your Local Expert for a stroll through the ancient walkways of Diocletian's Palace, which now forms the historic centre of Split. Walk through labyrinthine streets to see St. Dujice, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum, and the Temple of Jupiter, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate. Continue your venture underground to explore the cellars. Return to your cruiser to enjoy a cocktail and dinner paired with wine at your meet-and-greet party.

(B) (D) (RS)

**Hotel: MV Futura/MV Avangard/
MV Maritimo**

DAY 3 | CRUISE TO KORČULA

Early this morning, depart from Split and journey along the picturesque coast. From the comfort of your cabin window or the breakfast table upstairs, enjoy views of sun-dappled islands during your leisurely start to the day. Stop for a lunch of seasonal produce in one of the secluded bays. Arrive in Korčula where the locals claim Marco Polo was born. Embark on a fascinating photography walk with a passionate Local Expert who will take you through the herringbone maze of streets and flagstone plazas. Then you are at leisure to indulge your taste buds at one of Korčula's many appealing restaurants and bars. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 4 | MIJET AND DUBROVNIK

Voyage south to the Island of Mljet and join your Cruise Manager for a stroll to Veliko Jezero, the Big Lake of Mljet National Park. A gentle boat ride brings you to the Benedictine Monastery of St. Mary, which rises out of the saline waters on its own small island. After time to explore, return to your cruise ship for a traditional Croatian lunch. Set sail for the mighty bastions of Dubrovnik. As the receding sun casts autumnal hues across the endless sky, drift alongside the monumental city walls and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner served on deck. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

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

DAY 5 | DUBROVNIK, A 'PARADISE ON EARTH'

Transfer to the medieval Old Town of Dubrovnik for a guided walking exploration. Take the cable car to Srđ Mountain for scenic views over the famous fortifications and the Elaphiti Islands. Enjoy a free afternoon in the Pearl of the Adriatic to explore at your own pace. **(B) (RS)**



The itinerary of the tour gave a great insight to the region, highlighting its magnificent scenery and culture.

OUR GUEST DOUGLAS.

**DAY 6 | THE PELJEŠAC PENINSULA**

Start off your day cruising past the beautiful Elaphiti Islands, a summer playground for Dubrovnik's aristocracy during the 16th century. Continue to the Pelješac Peninsula, renowned for its excellent wines. Enjoy time to explore before returning to your cruise ship for an included three-course lunch. After mooring at a small port on the peninsula, travel to Kuna to see the local church, monastery and a nearby farm. Meet the locals and treat your taste buds to a typical village feast with a Farm-to-Table dinner of Croatian delicacies, freshly made with their own produce. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | A VENETIAN DREAM ON HVAR

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning onboard your deluxe yacht. Drop anchor at the small island of Šćedro, with quiet coves and pristine beauty offering the most irresistible backdrop for lunch. Cruise west for a chance to swim in the crystal clear waters of the Pakleni Islands. Disembark at Hvar and wander to the town's magnificent main square with your Local Expert to view the yacht-filled harbour with the Renaissance cathedral forming a stunning backdrop. Spend time exploring the secluded beaches and tiny seafood restaurants, or visit the fortress for superb views over the town and island-studded bay. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 8 | BOL'S FAMOUS BEACH ON THE ISLAND OF BRAČ

Set sail for Bol, the oldest town on the island of Brač. Walk along the promenade and swim at the picture-perfect Zlatni Rat, or Golden Cape, a shifting triangle of sandy beaches, protruding into the cobalt waters of the Adriatic. At a local winery, relax with some appetisers and taste some of the revered wines of the island. The evening is reserved for the Captain's dinner with live entertainment. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 9 | DEPART SPLIT

Early morning, cruise to Split port, where your trip comes to an end. Transfers are available to Split airport. Please do not schedule flights prior to 12:00. **(B)**

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Split | Explore the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace and see St. Dujе's, the Temple of Jupiter, the Golden Gate and the Cellars.

Korčula | Embark on a photography walk with a passionate Local Expert, through the city's maze of streets and flagstone plazas.

Veliko Jezero | Explore Mljet National Park and sail by boat to the Benedictine Monastery of St. Mary rising out of the water.

Dubrovnik | Explore the streets of the Pearl of the Adriatic, then ride the cable car to the summit of Srđ Mountain.

Hvar | Explore this delightful island, walk to the town's main square, see the yacht-filled harbour and the Renaissance cathedral.

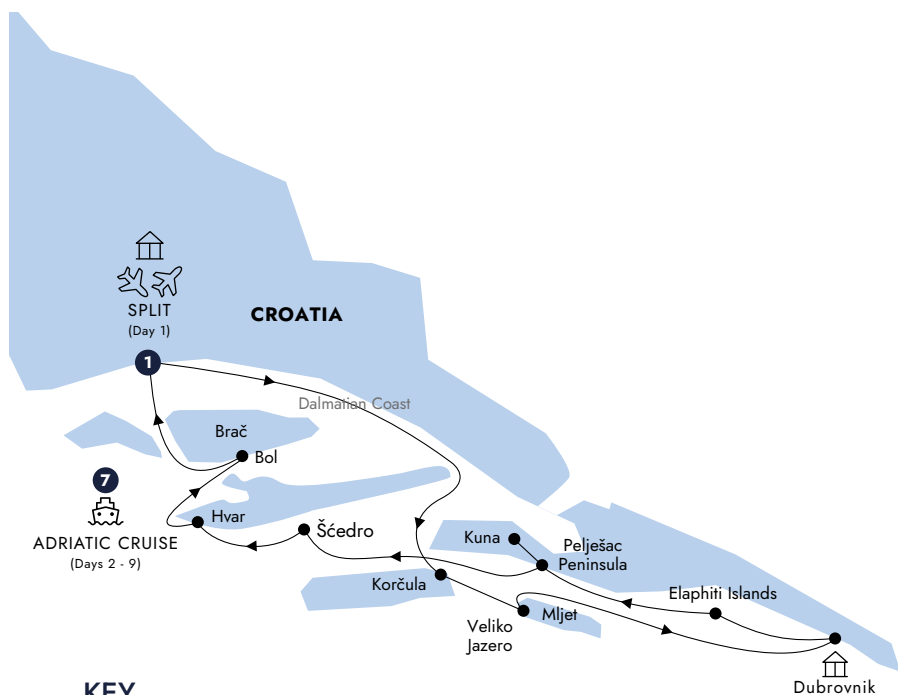
Paklinski Islands | Take a dip in the pristine waters of this absolute paradise, an archipelago and a stunning chain of wooded islets.

Premium Dining

Kuna Pelješka | Join the locals for a typical Farm-to-Table village feast of Croatian delicacies.

Bol | Unwind at a local winery, savour appetisers and sample some of the island's revered wines.

Brač | Toast to your voyage with a special Captain's dinner, complete with live entertainment onboard.

**KEY**

✈ Join/Leave Options 🏰 UNESCO Heritage Site 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited
 🚢 Cruise

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Croatia

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

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED



DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB

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

Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 14:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

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

DAY 3 | POSTOJNA CAVES AND ON TO OPATIJA

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

Hotel: Palace Bellevue/Hotel Admiral, Opatija

DAY 4 | DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA

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

DAY 5 | PRISTINE PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

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

Hotel: Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo

DAY 6 | THE DALMATIAN COAST TO SPLIT

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

Hotel: President Solin, Split

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

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



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 7 | ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR

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

Hotel: Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort

DAY 8 | EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR

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

DAY 9 | ON THE TRAIL OF MARCO POLO TO KORČULA

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

DAY 10 | CAPTIVATING KORČULA

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

DAY 11 | DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

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

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

DAY 12 | OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

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

DAY 13 | DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE

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

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK

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

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

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Zagreb | Savour local cuisine at your hotel for dinner.

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

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.

16 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 24 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Trip code: E966

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUCHAREST

Your Balkan adventure begins in Romania's capital, Bucharest. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner paired with wine 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, one of the world's most impressive buildings. Savour a private dinner in the newly renovated Queen Mary's Tea House. This evening, enjoy an exclusive visit to the iconic Bran Castle, said to inspire Bram Stoker's Dracula. Learn about Queen Maria of Romania, the castle's last inhabitant, explore the torture rooms, and relive the tales of Count Dracula. (B) (D)

Hotel: Radisson Blu Aurum, Braşov

DAY 3 | BRASOV AND SINAIA

Travel along the Prahova Valley to the elegant mountain resort of Sinaia to visit Peleş Castle. Return through the Carpathian Mountains to the charming medieval city of Braşov. 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

Continue to Veliko Tarnovo. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)

Hotel: Yantra, 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) (D) (RS)

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) (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: Bushi Resort & Spa, Skopje

DAY 8 | LAKE OHRID AND TIRANA

Making your way to the border, stop by the scenic Lake Ohrid. Cross into Albania and journey to Tirana. Continue to the landmark

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

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

Skanderbeg Square for an insider's look at the Albanian capital with a Local Expert. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: MAK Albania, Tirana

DAY 9 | JOURNEY TO MONTENEGRO'S BUDVA

Your Travel Director will provide an orientation tour before you have the rest of the day to explore 'Montenegro's Miami' on your own. 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. At night, you may choose from a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

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. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 12 | MOSTAR AND SARAJEVO

Journey to Mostar. With your Local Expert, see the famous Stari Most, the Old Bridge. Explore the cobbled streets of the Old Town, stretching on both sides of the bridge and filled with shops selling 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 Sarajevo family for dinner and wine. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Europe, 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 just beyond the city, led by a conservation guide. **(B)**

DAY 14 | THE SERBIAN CAPITAL OF BELGRADE

Trace your way along the Drina River. Take in beautiful landscapes of lush, green mountains that create magical forest canyons, winding your way through deep valleys as you make your way to Belgrade. **(B) (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 dovidjenja as you bid your new friends farewell. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Bucharest | See University Square and the former Communist Headquarters. Walk the cavernous halls of the vast Palace of Parliament.

Bran | During a private after-hours visit of Bran Castle, learn about the story of the infamous Count Dracula, followed by dinner.

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

Sarajevo | *Insight Choice* 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, or learn about the conservation efforts supporting the health of local flora and fauna.

Sarajevo | Take a nature walk to the spring of the Bosna River, a protected park just beyond the city, led by a conservation guide. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

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EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Dubrovnik | Choose to dine at one of the varied selection of charming restaurants offered on your Dine-Around evening.

Sarajevo | Enjoy dinner at a Sarajevo family home and savour and hear stories about their culture.

Belgrade | Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner paired with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Eastern Capitals & the Dalmatian Riviera

Experience cultural highlights from Vienna to Dubrovnik. Tour Schönbrunn Palace, visit Plitvice Lakes National Park, and encounter the history of the Sarajevo Tunnel.

14 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E961

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/easterncapitals](https://www.insightvacations.com/easterncapitals)

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA

Welcome to Vienna, the City of Music. Spend your afternoon exploring the Austrian capital before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner paired with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Hilton Vienna, Park

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING STATELY VIENNA

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Then enjoy a drive around the famous Ring Road, built along the lines of the old city walls. It showcases many of the capital's architectural highlights, including the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, the Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. (B)

DAY 3 | MARIBOR AND LJUBLJANA

In the morning, cross the border into Slovenia and journey to its second largest city, Maribor. After spending time in this charming location, head to Ljubljana. (B)

Hotel: Lev Ljubljana

DAY 4 | EXPLORING LOVABLE LJUBLJANA

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

Journey to Croatia's capital, Zagreb. Meet your Local Expert for an exploration through Donji Grad, the Lower Town, devoted to art and spacious parks. See the Mimara Art Museum in Roosevelt Square and continue to Ban Josip Jelačić Square en route to the cathedral. Ride the funicular and continue to the medieval Upper Town to view the former Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower. (B) (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 PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Journey south to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitvice 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 Plitvice Lakes National Park and learn about its habitat restoration and efforts to protect the park's natural ecosystems and wildlife. Alternatively, meet one of the women behind the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts that support local employment and learn about their traditions. **(B) (D) (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. Dujе's and the Temple of Jupiter, as well as the Golden Gate. Your exploration then continues underground as you are guided through the cellars. **(B)**
Hotel: President Solin, Split

DAY 9 | EXPLORING SPLIT

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, a town with a turbulent past. You are invited into a Sarajevan family home for a dinner with drinks. Savour the authentic cuisine

as you hear inspirational stories and experience the local culture. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Europe, 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 and see the historic Hapsburg centre of the city. **(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 and the Rector's Palace and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. **(B)**

Hotel: Royal Ariston, Dubrovnik

DAY 13 | OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

In the morning, consider visiting Kotor in Montenegro. 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 paired with wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK

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

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

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vienna | See the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche and a private guided exploration of Schönbrunn Palace.

Ljubljana | Explore this elegant capital and see the castle City Hall, Cathedral of St Nicholas and Triple Bridge.

Zagreb | Ride the funicular to Gornji Grad, the medieval Upper Town, to view the former Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower.

Split | Explore the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace and see St. Dujе's, the Temple of Jupiter, 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 | Explore the stone-paved streets of the Old Town, see Onofrio's Fountain, Rector's Palace and the medieval city walls.

Plitvice Lakes National Park | Meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts enabling employment and engagement in the community. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

Plitvice Lakes National Park | Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice Lakes National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 14 & 15: Life Below Water & Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine complemented with wine.

Sarajevo | Enjoy dinner at a Sarajevan family home and savour and hear stories about their culture.

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.



The Eastern Discovery With Cruise Option

Discover Croatia's Plitvice Lakes and Dubrovnik's hidden markets. Toast to Montenegro's beauty, then set sail for Greece to explore Corfu, Delphi, and Athens.

14 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E972

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Your journey starts in Zagreb, where you'll join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a dinner paired with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Sheraton, Zagreb

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 14:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

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

DAY 3 | THE CRYSTAL LAKES OF PLITVICE

Take this morning to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities. In the afternoon depart for your next hotel, located inside the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo

DAY 4 | PLITVICE LAKES, TROGIR AND SPLIT

Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice Lakes National Park and learn about its habitat restoration and efforts to protect the park's natural ecosystems and wildlife. Alternatively, meet one of the women behind the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts that support local employment and learn about their traditions. Travel along the coast and stop in Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its beautiful cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace. Continue to the historic port of Split. (B) **Hotel:** President Solin, Split

DAY 5 | DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE

With your Local Expert explore St. Dujе's, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum. Discover the Temple of Jupiter and see the Golden Gate. This evening, should weather permit, embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay and gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic. Travel alongside sparkling deep blue seas and the rocky islands of the Dalmatian coast to Dubrovnik. Start your dinner with a glass of grappa, before savouring authentic flavours of local specialities and enjoy locally produced wine. (B) (D) **Hotel:** Croatia Cavtat

DAY 6 | DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

Join a Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th-century bastions. (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 | MEDITERRANEAN MONTENEGRO

Stop to visit the old town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the bay, with its azure waters lapping at the edges of the medieval towns which dot the coastline. Next, make your way along the Adriatic sea to Budva. Discover the medieval old town on your own, home to religious sites such as the 9th-century Church of Santa Maria in Punta. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: TQ Plaza, Budva

DAY 8 | SCENIC DRIVE TO TIRANA

Pass spectacular scenery, along ancient olive groves, citrus fields and medieval castles. On arrival in Tirana, join a Local Expert to explore diverse relics from its Ottoman, Italian and communist past. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: MAK Albania, Tirana

DAY 9 | ACROSS TO CORFU

Journey across southern Albania, past the Mali i Gjerë Mountains, to Greece where you set sail for the cobalt-blue waters of Corfu, renowned for its untamed beauty and strategic position in the Mediterranean. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Divani Palace Hotel Corfu

DAY 10 | RELAX IN CORFU

Enjoy a full day at your leisure to relax and soak in the beauty of Corfu Island. Perhaps explore the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire its blend of Roman, Venetian, French and British architecture, each resembling an era of the island's history before its union with Greece. Alternatively, unwind by the hotel pool. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | DELPHI, CENTRE OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

Set off from your island paradise for Delphi, a spectacular cliff-side amphitheatre and worthy of its status as the centre of the ancient world. History and mythology run deep here, with finds of ritual artefacts that date back to 4,000 BC

and remains of a Mycenaean settlement. It is said that Delphi is the location where two eagles crossed paths, after they were released by Zeus from opposite end of the universe to find 'the navel of the world.' **(B)**

Hotel: Amalia Hotel Delphi

DAY 12 | DELPHI SIGHTSEEING

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 intact after thousands of years.

You'll approach the Temple of Apollo, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words,' rumoured to have successfully predicted events related to the Argonauts expedition and the Trojan War. Your travels then continue to the ancient city of Athens, the modern capital of Greece. **(B)**

Hotel: Marriott/New, Athens

DAY 13 | THE GLORY OF ATHENS

Join a Local Expert to explore the glory of ancient Greece from the Parthenon and Acropolis to the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of the Wingless Victory and Hadrian's Arch. For those joining the Greek Isle cruise, after breakfast, you will be transferred to the port to board your ship. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | DEPART ATHENS

Bid a fond adio to Athens as your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Athens Airport at 06:00 and 09:00.

Greek Isles Cruise Option

Personalise your vacation by adding a three-night Greek Isles extension. Scan the QR code opposite and select your options and itinerary details.

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Zagreb | Ride the funicular to Gornji Grad, the medieval Upper Town, to view the former Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower.

Trogir | See the cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace.

Split | Explore the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace and see St. Dujе's, the Temple of Jupiter, the Golden Gate and the Cellars.

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

Delphi | Walk to the Sacred Way, and take in the Athenian Treasury, Polygonal Wall and Temple of Apollo.

Athens | Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens.

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

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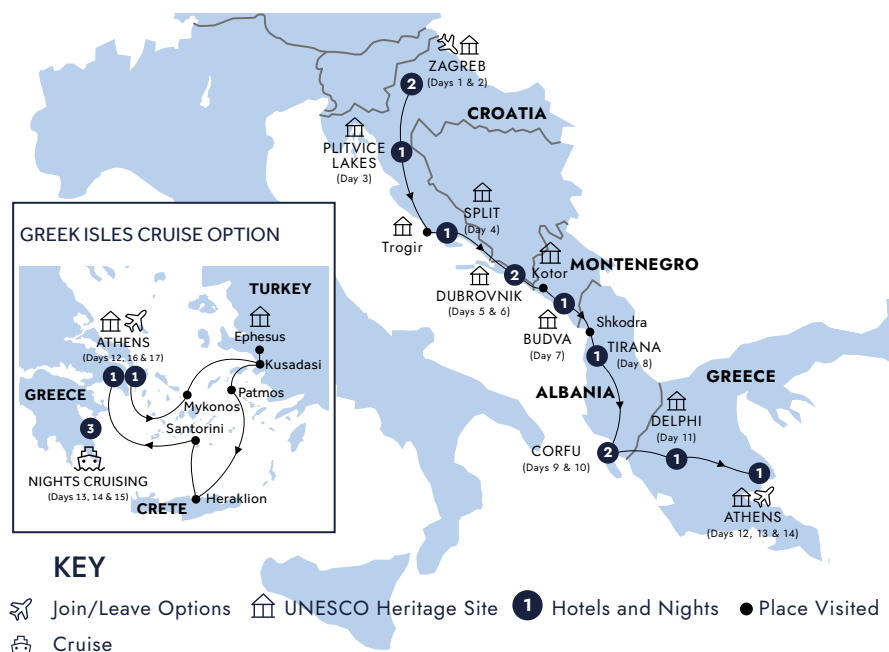
*Premium Dining*

Zagreb | Indulge in a traditional cuisine at a local restaurant for dinner.

Dubrovnik | Enjoy a traditional Dalmatian Coast dinner at a local restaurant.

Athens | Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner in true Greek style at a local restaurant or the hotel restaurant.

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 economy of the Bergen Fish Market.

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 Advisor 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 paired with wine. (D)

Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:30, 12:00 and 14:00.

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 coastal city of Bergen by the traditional train of the Flåm Railway, journey on one of the world's steepest railways through tunnels that spiral in and out of the mountainside. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Thon Rosenkrantz, Bergen

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. (B) (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 Partner Stavanger Forum

DAY 7 | LYNGBAL 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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

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)**

Hotel: Thon Parken, Kristiansand

DAY 8 | KRISTIANSAND TO AALBORG

Sail across the Skagerrak to Hirtshals, Denmark. Continue to Aalborg. This evening, we will join for a Farm-to-Table dinner in a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Comwell Hvide Hus Aalborg

DAY 9 | JOURNEY TO ODENSE

A vibrant mix of youthful energy and a blast from the past makes Aarhus a city with an energetic beat of the pulse. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of the city centre. See the City Hall, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum - topped with an immense and interactive artwork - and Dokk1, the largest public library in Scandinavia. En route to Odense, you will stop for a tour of the visitor and experience centre at Kongernes Jelling - Home of the Viking Kings. Then cross the Jutland Peninsula to the town of Odense, on the island of Fyn. **(B)**

Hotel: Comwell H C Andersen Odense

DAY 10 | ODENSE AND THE FAIRYTALES OF FYN

Visit Odense with Insight Choice. Choose to visit 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. Alternatively, visit St Canute's Cathedral and hear tales of Canute, Denmark's first royal saint. 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, Copenhagen Cathedral and the unusual Round Tower. The afternoon is at your leisure. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at our hand-picked restaurant and enjoy a delicious dinner of sustainable ingredients, as you toast to the end of your Scandinavian adventure. **(B) (D) (RS)**

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
 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited
 Cruise
 Train



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Flåm Railway | Journey on the iconic Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest standard-gauge rail lines.

Bergen | See the lively Fish Market's colourful stalls and marvel at the 13th-century Haakon's Hall.

Lyngdal | Tour the Wild Salmon Centre with a biologist guide and learn about protecting salmon populations and the local ecosystem.

Odense | Visit Kongernes Jelling - Home of the Viking Kings, where lighting, sound and special effects brings 1,000-year-old Viking stories to life.

Odense | *Insight Choice* Visit St Canute's Cathedral and hear tales of Canute, Denmark's last Viking king and royal saint, or be enchanted by the tales of Hans Christian Andersen's life when you visit the museum dedicated to his life and works.

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

Copenhagen | Dine at Cofoco, a restaurant leading the way in minimising food waste and promoting a sustainable future. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 12: Affordable and Clean Energy & Responsible Consumption and Production.

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Premium Dining

Oslo | Savour local specialities with your Travel Director and fellow travellers during dinner paired with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Spectacular Scandinavia & its Fjords

Traverse Denmark, Sweden and Norway's fjords and mountains, visit Stockholm's Nobel Peace Prize halls and ascend the famous Flåm Railway.

15 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E941

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 Copenhagen Cathedral. View the unusual Rundetaarn and enjoy an afternoon at your leisure. (B)

DAY 3 | ON TO GOTHENBURG

Explore with your Local Expert and learn about the region's culture and nautical history. Consider exploring the Aerozeum built into the mountain rock for protection during the Cold War. The evening is at your leisure. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Elite Park Avenue, 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. (B)

Hotel: Hilton Stockholm Slussen

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: First Grand, Falun

DAY 7 | LILLEHAMMER

See the Falun Copper Mine and the Great Pit, a vast crater created by an enormous mine collapse in 1687. Continue to Salen, starting point for the famous cross-country ski race, before crossing into Norway. Journey along Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, to arrive at Lillehammer. Opt to join an optional experience at the open-air museum of Maihaugen and discover the Olympic ski jump arena with views over the city. (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

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

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

stave church dating back to 1158. Enjoy a two-night stay in the scenic village of Geiranger.

(B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Union Geiranger

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 LEIKANGER

Take a scenic morning cruise along the Geirangerfjord. Explore Fjærland with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the interactive Norwegian Glacier Museum, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, at the foot of the Jostedal Glacier, the largest icecap in continental Europe. Alternatively, take a walk through the village of Fjærland with a Local Expert. Your journey continues with a scenic drive to your historic fjord hotel in Leikanger. Delight in a dinner of fresh and locally sourced produce. (B) (D)

Hotel: Leikanger Fjord

DAY 11 | THE FLÅM RAILWAY TO BERGEN

Cross the magnificent Sognefjord and embark on a scenic journey aboard the Flåm Railway. Visit a family-run farm on the Hardangerfjord to hear how eight generations have farmed the land. Sample their fresh apple juice and homemade cider and enjoy a walk through the orchard. Head to your hotel in historic Bergen. (B)

Hotel: Clarion Bergen

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 see the modern architecture of the Bjørvika neighbourhood. 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.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Copenhagen | View Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace and the Rundetaarn, 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, a Uppsala local for a guided tour of the Linnaeus Garden and learn about its 1300 plant species.

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

Fjærland | *Insight Choice* Take a guided walk through the village of Fjærland and learn about life between the fjord and the glacier, or explore the impact of climate change at the Norwegian Glacier Museum.

Flåm Railway | Journey on the iconic Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest standard-gauge rail lines.

Bergen | See the lively Fish Market's colourful stalls and marvel at the 13th-century Haakon's Hall.

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

Fjærland | Visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum to learn about climate change and the natural environment. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action.

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Premium Dining

Hardangerfjord | Meet your hosts at their traditional family-run fruit farm and learn about the production processes and sample apple cider.

Oslo | Toast to the finale of your travels during dinner in Norway's capital city with your fellow travellers at a local restaurant.

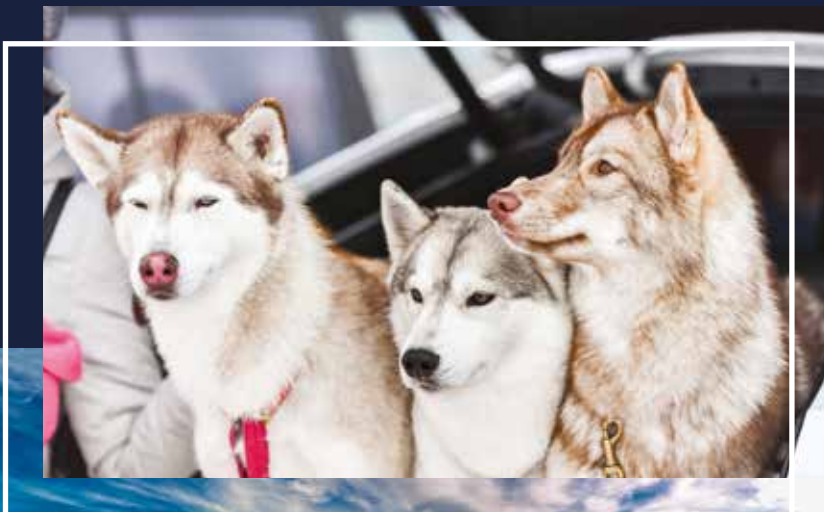
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Grand Scandinavia

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

20 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 30 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Trip code: E940

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - August

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

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

Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

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

DAY 3 | STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

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

Hotel: Scandic Continental, Stockholm/
Hilton Stockholm Slussen

DAY 4 | STOCKHOLM AND BALTIC SEA CRUISE

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

Hotel: Serenade/Symphony - Tallink & Silja Line Ships

DAY 5 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI

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

Hotel: GLO Art, Helsinki

DAY 6 | LAKES AND FORESTS TO KUOPIO

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

Hotel: Sokos Puijonsarvi, Kuopio

DAY 7 | THE ROAD TO ROVANIEMI

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

Hotel: Santa's Santa Claus, Rovaniemi

DAY 8 | ROVANIEMI AND LAPLAND

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

DAY 9 | ACROSS THE ARCTIC TO IVALO

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

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

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

Hotel: Ivalo

DAY 10 | THE NORTH CAPE

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

Hotel: Scandic Nordkapp

DAY 11 | THROUGH FINNMARK TO ALTA

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

Hotel: Scandic Alta

DAY 12 | A WORLD OF ADVENTURE IN ALTA

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

DAY 13 | NARVIK

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

Hotel: Scandic Narvik

DAY 14 | ACROSS TYSFJORD TO MOSJØEN

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

Hotel: Fru Haugans, Mosjoen

DAY 15 | LAKSFOSS FALLS TO TRONDHEIM

Continue past the village of Hell to Trondheim.

See the impressive Nidaros Cathedral, the world's northernmost medieval cathedral. (B)

Hotel: Scandic Lerkendal, Trondheim

DAY 16 | GEIRANGER, JEWEL OF THE 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: Thon Opera, Oslo

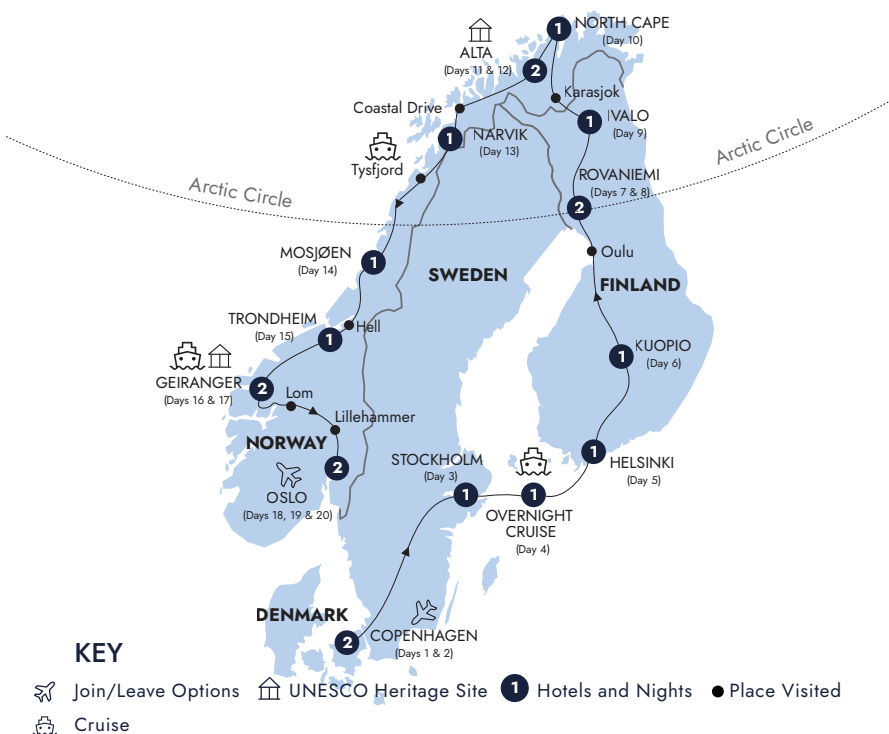
DAY 19 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO

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

DAY 20 | OUT OF OSLO

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

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Northern Lights of Scandinavia

Embrace the Northern Lights. Sample caviar in Europe's northernmost point, meet racing huskies and feed reindeer in an Indigenous Sámi community.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY



4.5/5
★★★★★
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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W800A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - March + October - December

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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: GLO Art, 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, whilst 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

You simply can't visit Norway without heading to North Cape (weather permitting). Dubbed the northernmost point in continental Europe, you'll go in search of the iconic Northern Lights as you sip on bubbles and delight in exquisite caviar with your fellow travellers. End your day back at your charming hotel, where you'll rest up ahead of tomorrow's adventures. **(B) (D) (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 to an ice bar with your fellow travellers, for a chilled

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

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

beverage as you discuss the day's events. Home for the next couple of nights is Scandic Alta, a traditional and relaxing hotel, situated in the heart of Alta. With time at leisure, perhaps visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Rock Art Museum? **(B)**

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 ARTIC

Today you'll head to Tromsø, northern Norway's largest city, located on the island of Tromsøya. You'll be surrounded by snowcapped mountains and ethereal water views. **(B)**

Hotel: Moxy Tromsø

DAY 8 | DELVE INTO SCANDINAVIAN HISTORY

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)**

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.

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Honningsvåg | During your orientation, learn about the past and present of this small fishing community.

Alta | Explore this city, home to the first Northern Lights observatory. With increasing tourism, Alta is rapidly developing, offering a wide range of activities. Meet the Lyrek family at their husky farm for lunch and hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races.

Tromsø | Enjoy your orientation, Northern Norway's largest city located on the island of Tromsøya.

Oslo | See the Oslo Opera House and the new Deichman Library in the contemporary Bjørvika district.

Tromsø | Meet a Sámi family at their reindeer camp for dinner, games, and insights into their community's traditions, culture and history. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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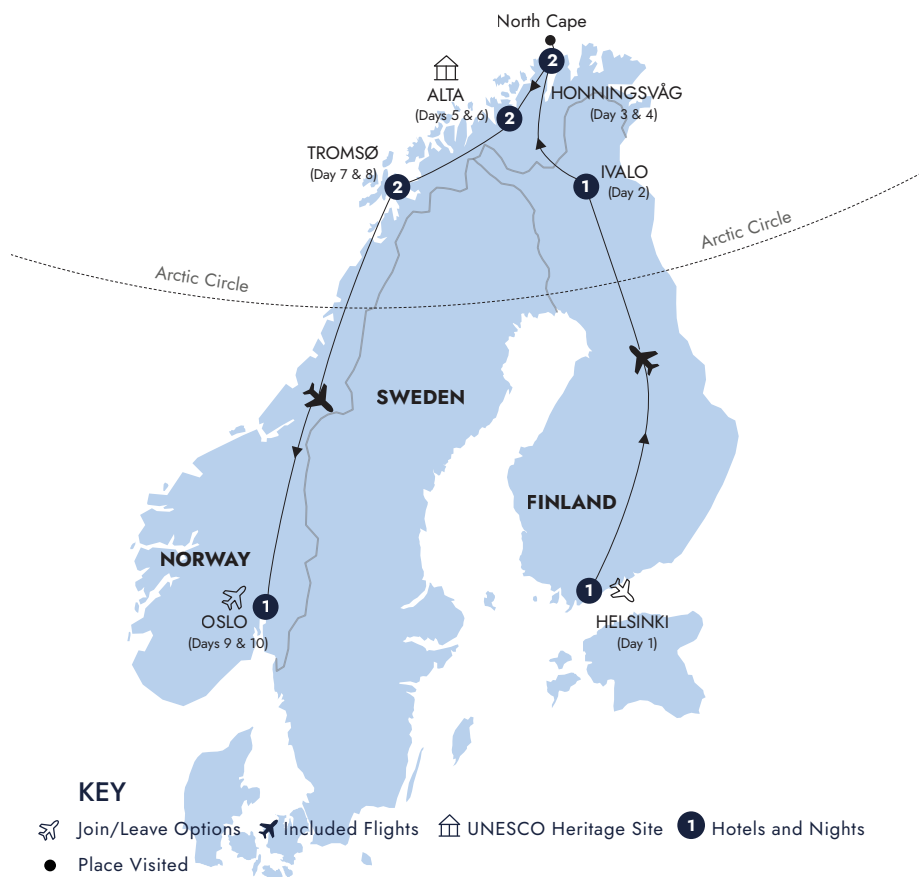
Premium Dining

North Cape | Search for the Northern Lights in style, by toasting with champagne and caviar at the northernmost point of Europe.

Alta | Head for drinks at a local ice bar, where you'll get the chance to catch up with your fellow travellers.

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 from relaxing in Vok's geothermal pools to exploring the Gullfoss Waterfall and the lava fields of Búðir.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED



4.6^{1/5}
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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E964

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - August

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/nwiceland](https://www.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 canapés.
Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

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 Vík. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Kríá, Vík

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: Höfn, Hornafjörður

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 are 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)

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. 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) (RS)

Hotel: Hamar, Borgarnes

DAY 7 | EXPLORING SNÆFELLSJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK

Travel along the Snæfellsnes Peninsula to Snæfellsjökull National Park, known as the Jewel of West Iceland and home to the country's most famous volcano. See the magnificent Snæfellsjökull glacier surrounded by unspoiled natural beauty. En route, admire the impressive

landscapes of Búðir, offering a mixture of sandy hills, black lava fields and a yellow beach. Next, take a stroll along the sea cliffs of Arnastapi with its unique column rock formations and take in the beautiful scenery. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | THINGVELLIR AND ON TO REYKJAVÍK

Journey south to Thingvellir. This remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Explore Reykjavik with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland's one-of-a-kind exhibition to experience Iceland's natural beauty. Alternatively, experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at Fly Over to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. This afternoon, you may decide to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon on our optional experience. Round off your journey through one of the world's most naturally beautiful places with a delicious dinner paired with wine at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

DAY 9 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

Bid 'bless' (goodbye) to Reykjavík and your fellow travellers as your Icelandic adventure comes to an end. (B)



KEY

Join/Leave Options UNESCO Heritage Site 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Skógafoss | Admire the majestic beauty of the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls.

Friðheimar | Meet a local family at their farm, sample homegrown tomatoes and learn about Icelandic horticulture and tomato cultivation.

Skaftafell | Visit the amazing alpine setting of the National Park and experience the might of Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier.

Lake Urriðavatn | Experience the ancient Icelandic tradition of bathing in a 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.

Snæfellsjökull National Park | Explore this magnificent park, home to lava formations, waterfalls and the most famous volcano in Iceland.

Reykjavik | *Insight Choice* Visit the Perlan Museum and learn about the glaciers, volcanoes and the Northern Lights through interactive displays, or enjoy a flight-ride at the FlyOver, where the state-of-the-art technology and special effects showcase Iceland's spectacular scenery.

Hellisheidavirkjun | 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. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy.

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Premium Dining

Reykjavik | Conclude your travels with dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Scenic Iceland & the Northern Lights

Seek 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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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W864

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - March + September - December

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 canapés, 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: Fosshotel Reykjavík

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:15.

DAY 2 | SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE TO VÍK

Take a journey through the stunning landscape of Iceland's south coast and through the land of Njál's Saga—a region of breathtaking scenery and legendary stories. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Your journey continues, as you witness the majesty of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. Stand awestruck by the beauty of these thundering waterfalls, before venturing on to view more spectacular phenomena. Iceland is one of the most volcanically active regions on earth due to its unique geological position. On average, Iceland experiences a volcanic event every 5 years. See the magnificent volcanoes Hekla, the most active, and Eyjafjallajökull, which last erupted in 2010 disrupting air travel worldwide. Feel the heat at the Lava Centre to gain insight into Iceland's volcanic and earthquake activity. Arrive in the welcoming community of Vík, the southernmost village in Iceland with a population of about 300 and it is home to the iconic Reynisfjara black sand beach. Later, perhaps enjoy another chance to go in search of the mystical northern lights. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Kría, Vík

DAY 3 | THE GOLDEN CIRCLE TO FLÚÐIR

Embark on a day of discovery along Iceland's Golden Circle, the most famous scenic route in the country, taking in some of the stunning landmarks this magical place has to offer. Experience the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, a picturesque two-tiered cascade and the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls, before continuing on to the exploding hot springs at Geysir, one of the few places on earth where you can closely observe active geysers. Visit Friðheimar, a family-run vegetable farm specialising in tomatoes. Their principle is to cultivate tomatoes with optimum taste quality whilst maintaining eco-friendly standards. Explore their greenhouses and sample the sweet, unique flavour of their lovingly grown crop, all whilst learning about Icelandic greenhouse horticulture. Continue to Flúðir, a picturesque village, renowned for the Secret Lagoon (Gamla Laugin), Iceland's oldest geothermal pool. **(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.



The tour was well organised and the Travel Director was very informative. The scenery and locations we visited were wonderful.

OUR GUEST BRIAN.

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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 than 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: Húsafell

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 74.5 metres tall and visible from almost anywhere in the city. The afternoon is at your leisure. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

DAY 6 | REYKJAVÍK 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 you may decide to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon on our optional experience. Surrounded by lava fields and snow-capped mountains, the lagoon is a wonder of nature and offers a unique experience for both body and soul. With your newfound friends, toast to the culmination of your fascinating journey of discovery during dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

It is 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)**



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Reykjavik | Witness nature's most spectacular light show, the Aurora Borealis.

Hvolsvollur | See the magnificent volcanoes of Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull.

Skógafoss | Admire the majestic beauty of the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls.

Geysir | Visit the famous spouting Geysir which has become synonymous with hot springs all around the world.

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.

Thingvellir National Park | The Parliamentary Plains are the most important historic site in the country, as the meeting place of the Althing, the world's oldest parliament.

Reykjavik | *Insight Choice* Visit the Perlan Museum and learn about the glaciers, volcanoes and the Northern Lights through interactive displays, or enjoy a flight-ride at the FlyOver, where the state-of-the-art technology and special effects showcase Iceland's spectacular scenery.

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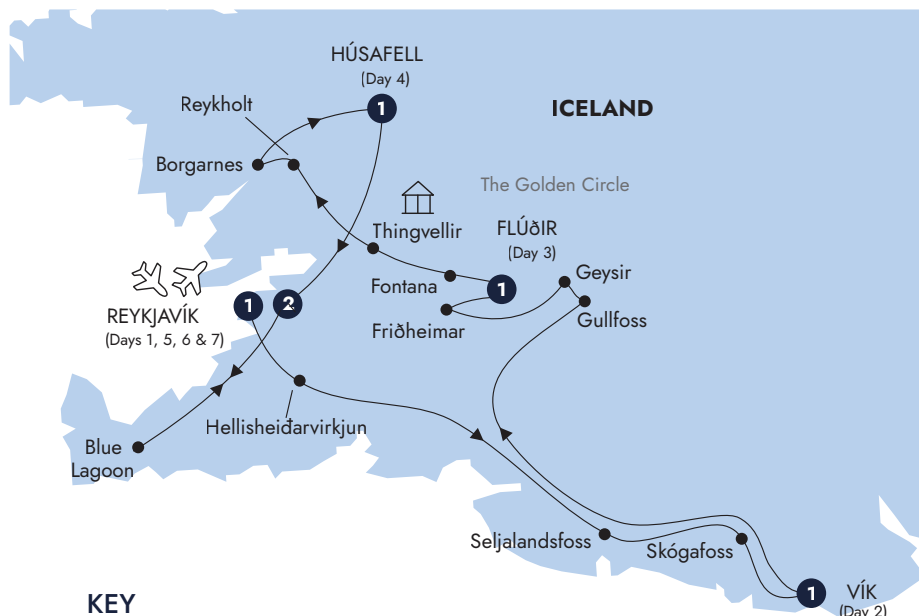
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
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Premium Dining

Reykjavik | Conclude your travels with dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



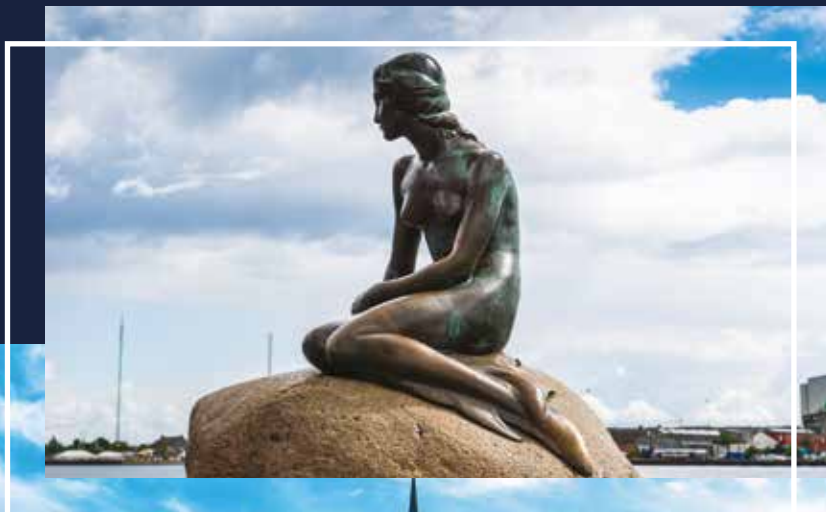
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✈ Join/Leave Options 🏠 UNESCO Heritage Site ① Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited

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



4.4/5

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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E947

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 wonderful dinner with wine and time to hear the exciting plans awaiting you during your Northern Capitals tour. **(D)**

Hotel: Klaus K, Helsinki

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | DAY AT LEISURE IN HELSINKI

Helsinki is yours to stroll through at leisure. 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 visiting the market square with its old German weighing house, pharmacy, and Town Hall. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon to browse Tallinn's shops, famous for fine amber and silver jewellery 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 whilst the northern sun hangs over the horizon as you enjoy dinner on board. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Serenade/Symphony - Tallink & Silja Line Ships

DAY 4 | STOCKHOLM, 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)**

Hotel: Scandic Continental, Stockholm

DAY 5 | STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, beautifully situated on 14 islands. 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 immerse yourself in Sweden's culture when you travel through history at Skansen. **(B)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**

RELAXED STARTS: **(RS)**

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

Glories of Greece

Discover Greece in all its glory, visit the Acropolis, marvel at Meteora's monasteries, explore Olympic history, and master local cuisine over a cooking demonstration.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: I951B/W951

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 and fellow travellers for dinner, savouring local cuisine paired with wine whilst getting to know your fellow travellers. **(D)**

Hotel: Athens Marriott/New, Athens

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | ATHENS, CITY OF GODS

Today your mythical Grecian discovery encapsulates the intriguing history of ancient Greece. Begin with an exploration revealing the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the Acropolis, one of the most important ancient sites in the Western world. Crowning the top is the Parthenon, visible from almost everywhere in the city. See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion. Continue to Thermopylae, famous as the mountain pass where King Leonidas led his Spartan army, along with fellow Greek soldiers, into battle against the Persians in 480 B.C. See the memorial dedicated to Leonidas and his courageous Spartans. Then on to your hotel in Kalambaka for a delicious dinner from a fresh, seasonal menu. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Grand Meteora/Divani
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', renowned for its uniquely strange and beautiful landscape featuring monasteries perched atop towering rock formations. Originally, twenty-four of these monasteries were built despite incredible difficulties; today, only six remain active and open to the public for viewing. This awe-inspiring backdrop has graced the scenes of numerous movies and TV shows, such as James Bond's film 'For Your Eyes Only' and Game of Thrones. Visit one of the monasteries to see the collection of ancient religious artefacts, including icons and frescoes, and witness the daily routines of the resident monks. Observe monastic rituals, learn about their spiritual practices, and enjoy stunning views over the Peneios Valley. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Consider a relaxed walk along the nature trails or a visit to the Natural History Museum. **(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 4 | THE SACRED WAY AND ONTO OLYMPIA

Travel south, stopping at the foothills of Mount Parnassus. Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. Pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall, with its interlocking stones still perfectly intact after thousands of years. You'll approach the Temple of Apollo, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words,' rumoured to have successfully predicted events related to the Argonauts expedition and the Trojan War. Your travels continue to Olympia, where dinner will be served at your hotel. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Olympion Asty/Amalia Olympia

DAY 5 | ANCIENT OLYMPIA

It's all in the name. Ancient Olympia is the site where the Ancient Olympic Games began in 776 B.C., in dedication to Zeus. See the ruined Temple of Zeus that was built to honour the ruler of the gods. Continue your exploration through time to the athletes gymnasium and the Ancient Stadium of Olympia with its characteristic arch. The start and finish points for the sprint track are still marked by stones and there is time to capture your own memory, with a photo at the starting line. In the evening, join a local 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. 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: Athens Marriott/New, Athens

DAY 7 | DEPART ATHENS

This morning after breakfast, bid a fond adio to newfound friends as your unforgettable Grecian odyssey comes to an end. **(B) (RS)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Athens airport at 07:00 and 10:00.



KEY

★ Join/Leave Options 🏛️ UNESCO Heritage Site ① Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited



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.

Meteora | Visit one of the remarkable centuries-old monasteries, teetering on towers of rock.

Delphi | Walk to the Sacred Way, and take in the Athenian Treasury, Polygonal Wall and Temple of Apollo.

Olympia | Join a local chef for a cooking demonstration and learn how to make tzatziki and other regional dishes.

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.

Archaeological Site of Mycenae | Walk through the Lion Gate past the royal beehive-tombs where Schliemann uncovered golden treasure, as your Local Expert shares tales of Agamemnon.

Nafplio | Experience the timeless craft of hand weaving by visiting a traditional workshop. Immerse yourself in the ancient art and discover the intricate techniques passed down through generations. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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Premium Dining

Athens | Indulge in local specialties with your fellow travellers as you savour dinner in one of the city's historic neighbourhoods.

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 or the hotel restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Greece & The Islands

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED

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.

Thermopylae | See the Leonidas Monument dedicated to the brave warrior and his 300 Spartans.

Meteora | Visit one of the remarkable centuries-old monasteries, teetering on towers of rock.

Delphi | Walk to 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.

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Guest Review Rating

Experience Athens' historic Acropolis, Santorini's breathtaking sunsets and Mykonos' charming beaches on a captivating 14-day journey across the Greek Isles.

Immerse yourself in the splendour of the Greek Isles. Starting in Athens, visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian before ascending 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 sun-drenched days, where you can unwind at cliff-top restaurants, wander cobblestone streets, 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
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Cruise
- Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October



Trip code: 1953

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 unforgettable 15-day journey across the Aegean Sea. In Athens, a Local Expert will guide you through the rich history of the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Acropolis, and the Temple of Athena Nike. Sail to Crete and Santorini, where the iconic town of Thira offers panoramic views of the crescent-shaped island. Explore Mykonos and navigate its maze of narrow walkways to a traditional taverna for a delightful Greek salad or fresh-caught fish. In Kusadasi, a Local Expert will reveal the wonders of the ancient ruins of Ephesus, including the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. 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.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Cruise
- 1 Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September



Trip code: 1989

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

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.

Meteora | Visit one of the remarkable centuries-old monasteries, teetering on towers of rock.

Delphi | Walk to 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.

Ephesus | Walk the Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and Amphitheatre and visit the Palace of Knossos.

Nafplio | Experience the timeless craft of hand weaving by visiting a traditional workshop. Immerse yourself in the ancient art and discover the intricate techniques passed down through generations. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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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 or the hotel restaurant.

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Greek Island Hopper

Set sail for the island of Santorini and Mykonos' narrow alleys followed by a private tasting of traditional Mykonian cuisine.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: 1956A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 paired with wine whilst getting to know your fellow travellers. (D)

Hotel: Marriott/New, Athens

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | ATHENS SIGHTSEEING

Today your mythical Grecian discovery encapsulates the intriguing history of ancient Greece. Begin with an exploration revealing the Temple of Olympian Zeus - one of the largest temples in the ancient world, and the Arch of Hadrian, built to celebrate the arrival of the Roman Emperor Hadrian. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the Acropolis, one of the most important ancient sites in the Western world. Crowning the top is the Parthenon, visible from almost everywhere in the city. See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion. The rest of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3 | DEPART FOR SANTORINI

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the port for the early ferry to Santorini. Famed for the scattered white Cycladic houses that rest upon its cliffs, Santorini is a dreamy getaway. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and take time to relax. Why not take a dip in the pool? In the evening join your fellow travellers for a refreshing cocktail as you watch the sunset over the caldera and the Aegean Sea. (B)

Hotel: El Greco Resort & Spa/The Majestic, Santorini

DAY 4 | SANTORINI

Today you'll delve into the geological history of Santorini. In the morning a local geology expert will divulge secrets about this volcanic island and the caldera, revealing the details of its formation. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. Why not head out for a swim at Ammoudi Bay, to visit the Santorini Wine Museum or ask your Travel Director for some restaurant recommendations? (B) (RS)

DAY 5 | SANTORINI AT LEISURE

With a day at leisure, why not take the opportunity to visit the site of Akrotiri, an ancient city covered by volcanic ash and unearthed in 1967. If shopping is to your liking, spend your time

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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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 cliffsides. **(B)**



Athens, Santorini, and Mykonos were wonderful. It was a great combination of interesting sites and free time.

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DAY 6 | MYKONOS SIGHTSEEING

After your breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the port for the ferry sailing to Mykonos. Upon arrival you'll be transferred to your hotel. Explore the town of Mykonos with a Local Expert and discover the maze of pretty alleyways of stunning Cycladic houses lining the island mountainside. See the famous windmills, the Matogianni Alleys and of course, Little Venice. Later, make a welcoming stop to taste a selection of local delicacies and learn the secrets of Mykonian cuisine. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Porto/Dorion, 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 take a transfer to the picturesque Mykonos Town and explore 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)**

DAY 8 | MYKONOS

Board your kaiki for a real Insight Experience: a traditional boat, where you'll meet a Greek captain to cruise around the stunning, world-famous Little Venice of Mykonos whilst you learn more about life on the island. Sit back and relax as you enjoy views of the iconic windmills (weather permitting). **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | DEPART MYKONOS

After breakfast at your hotel you will be transferred to the port of Mykonos to board the ship to Piraeus in Athens. Once here you will be met at the port and transferred to your Athens hotel. Enjoy your last night with your fellow travellers at dinner to toast your experiences. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Athens Marriott/New, Athens

DAY 10 | DEPART ATHENS

Bid a fond adío to your Greek island holiday. Your journey comes to an end with a transfer to Athens airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Athens Airport at 07:00 and 10:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Athens | See the Arch of Hadrian, separating the ancient city and the new Roman district, along with the Temple of Olympian Zeus.

Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens.

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 Town with a Local Expert and wander 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 specialities with your fellow travellers as you savour dinner in one of the city's historic neighbourhoods.

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.

Athens | Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner in true Greek style at a local restaurant or the hotel restaurant.



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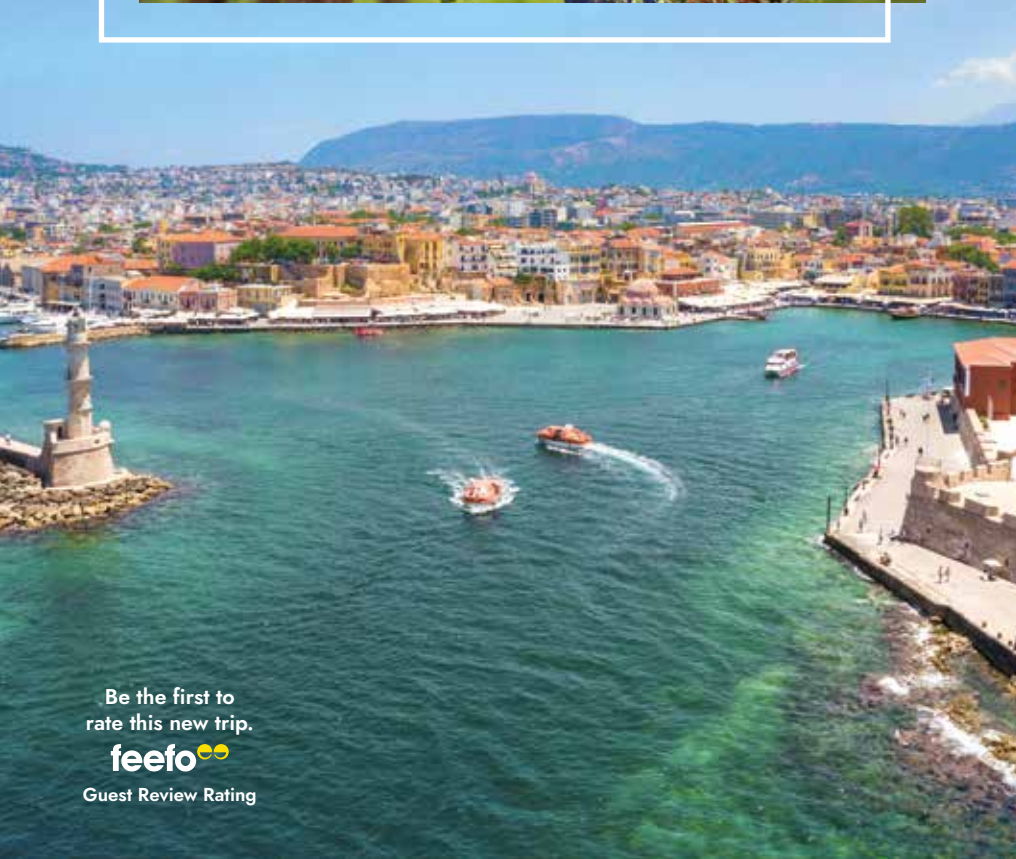
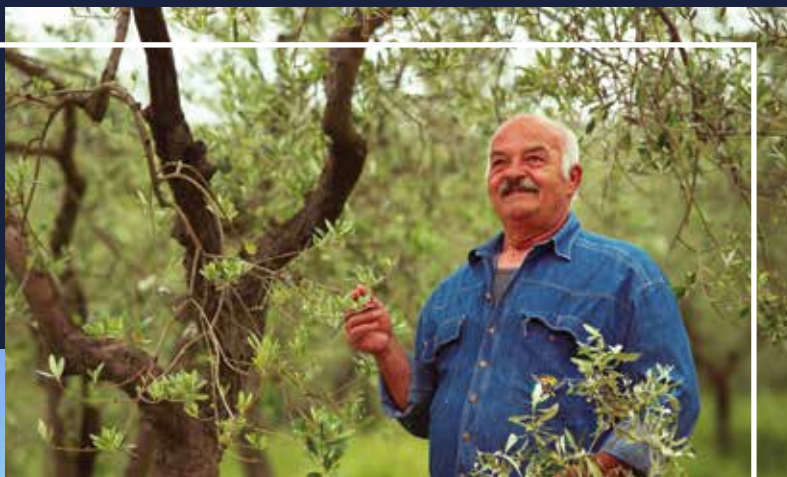
Join/Leave Options UNESCO Heritage Site **1** Hotels and Nights Cruise

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Greece Undiscovered

Explore the Acropolis, visit a family-run honey farm with a local beekeeper, and discover archaeological treasures in Crete.

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 21 MEALS | DYNAMIC



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - December

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Trip code: I951/W952

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS

Begin your Greece Undiscovered adventure in Athens by joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a dinner paired with wine. (D)

Hotel: Marriott/New, Athens

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. Visit the Glyfada Turtle Rehabilitation and Rescue Centre (Archelon) for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER[®] Experience. (B)

DAY 3 | ANCIENT DION AND ONTO THESSALONIKI

Embark to the battle site of Thermopylae to see the memorial dedicated to Leonidas and his Spartans. Stop at the archaeological park of Ancient Dion, the mythical home of the 12 Greek Gods. In Thessaloniki, dine on northern Greek cuisine food and wine. (B) (D)

Hotel: Electra Palace, 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 food lover side exploring Thessaloniki city whilst sampling local delicacies. (B)

DAY 5 | VERGINA, METSOVO AND ONTO 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 Pamvotida before cruising to the quiet island of Ioannina by local boat. (B)

DAY 7 | NAFPAKTOS TO GALAXIDI

A beautiful harbour and the site of the Great Sea battle of Lepanto, scenery and history are revealed on your visit to the Venetian town of Nafpaktos. Continue your travels to Galaxidi, where you'll delight at views from your seaside restaurant. (B) (D)

Hotel: Nostos/Epavlis Boutique Galaxidi

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

Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. Pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall and approach the Temple of Apollo. Meet a beekeeper on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B)

DAY 9 | ONTO NAFPLION

Journey across the impressive Rio-Andirio bridge to the Peloponnese. Delight your palate over a winery tour and tasting with lunch in Nemea. In Nafplio, explore Neoclassical buildings, the first parliament of modern Greece, and the central square with your Travel Director. (B) (L)

Hotel: Ippoliti/3Sixty/Castellano, Nafplio

DAY 10 | THE BEAUTY OF NAFPLIO

Classical Greek culture is revealed on your visit to the ruined city of Mycenae. Walk through the Lion Gate, visit the royal beehive-tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones. Visit the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, one of the best-preserved amphitheatres in Greece. Before returning to Nafplion, stop for a tasting at a local olive oil factory. (B)

DAY 11 | HERAKLION, CRETE'S CAPITAL

Take a guided walking tour to see the Koules Fortress, the Venetian Loggia, Morosini Fountain, the Basilica of St. Mark, the Church of Agios Titus, the monastery of St. Catherine and the Cathedral of Agios Minas. This evening, indulge in local dishes paired with the 'fiery' local drink, raki. (B) (D)

Hotel: Megaron, Heraklion

DAY 12 | HERAKLION SIGHTSEEING

The island of Crete has drawn historians and travellers just like you to its shores. Explore the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Further your discovery of the island and its past on a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion with a Local Expert. (B)

DAY 13 | RETHYMNO AND ONTO CHANIA

One of the best-preserved medieval towns in Greece, Rethymno will enchant the most curious of travellers. Take a walking tour past the Venetian buildings as well as Ottoman domes and minarets before arriving in Chania for the night. (B)

Hotel: Samaria, Chania

DAY 14 | CHANIA, THE OLD TOWN

Visit the monuments in the old town and the Ottoman district of Splantzia. Explore the Jewish district with its famous Etz Hayyim synagogue. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner in a traditional Cretan restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 15 | FAREWELL GREECE

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Chania airport for your onward flight. (B)

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

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.

Thessaloniki | *Insight Choice* Explore Thessaloniki and its cuisine, perfect for local-food-lovers, or explore the historical city of Thessaloniki with your Local Expert.

Vergina | Visit the UNESCO-protected ancient city of Aiga (Vergina) and its archaeological museum, see the monumental palace and burial grounds.

Delphi | Walk to 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.

Archaeological Site of Mycenae | Walk through the Lion Gate past the royal beehive-tombs where Schliemann uncovered golden treasure, as your Local Expert shares tales of Agamemnon.

Heraklion | Enjoy a guided visit to the Palace of Minos at Knossos.

Chania | Explore the fusion of Venetian and Ottoman archaeology, visit the key monuments of the old town and the Ottoman district of Splantzia.

Athens | Visit the Mediterranean's first turtle sanctuary and learn about the efforts to aid injured turtles and protect the species. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life Below Water.

Delphi | Visit a family-run Moka honey farm for an educational tour about bees and taste the rich thyme honey produced in the valley of olive trees. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Heraklion | Experience a traditional Cretan feast served family-style to share at a local restaurant.

Chania | Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner in true Greek style at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

**KEY**

- ✈ Join/Leave Options ✈ Included Flights 🏠 UNESCO Heritage Site ① Hotels and Nights
● Place Visited 🚢 Cruise

Jordan Experience with Dead Sea Option

Get up close and personal to magic, mystery and history in the Greco-Roman city of Jerash, Amman and the UNESCO-listed wonders of Petra and Wadi Rum.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | DYNAMIC



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Guest Review Rating



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

Trip code: 1888/W888

DAY 1 | ARRIVE AMMAN

Your journey begins in Amman, the innovative white stone capital city of Jordan. The landscape of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has remained largely unchanged for 2,000 years. On 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 for dinner paired with wine and the chance to meet your fellow travellers. (D)

**Hotel: The Boulevard
Arjaan by Rotana, Amman**

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING AMMAN AND JERASH

Today, you will join two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences. First, delve into the inspiring work of a women's cooperative in Iraq Al-Amir, which empowers women and girls from nearby Wadi Al Seer villages with training and job opportunities, helping them to become financially independent whilst preserving local heritage. Journey to Jerash to explore the beautifully preserved Greco-Roman city still in existence. Enter through Hadrian's Arch to discover 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 main Roman north-south thoroughfare. Second, visit Beit Khairat Souf, a women-owned café dedicated to combatting female unemployment and fostering a strong community of female leaders, and savour an al fresco lunch of natural produce and family recipes. Return to Amman, where the rest of the day is at your 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 seen before him the Promised Land. In Madaba, visit the famous Greek Orthodox Church of St. George with its amazing 6th-century mosaic map depicting the entire Holy Land, stretching from Jordan and Palestine in the north to Egypt in the south. Afterwards, indulge in a Farm-to-Table with fresh local organic produce, and learn how they connects 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: Grand Mercure Petra

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. You enter this 'Lost City', undiscovered by Western World until 1812, through a narrow gorge, the Siq, with walls that rise up to 200 metres. Upon emerging from the path, you will behold the magnificent Treasury (Al-Khazneh), Petra's most iconic monument, carved out of solid rock and standing over 40 metres high. Wind your way through the canyon to explore the ancient tombs and the Roman Amphitheatre, which once seated 3,000 spectators. Tonight, taste authentic Jordanian flavours as you experience a traditional desert dinner with locals amidst 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 provides a fascinating glimpse into the past. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Mövenpick Resort & Residence Aqaba

DAY 6 | AMMAN YOUR WAY

Explore Amman, where ancient history meets modern life, 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 that will provide you with a new perspective on Jordan's capital. Later, settle in at your hotel and spend the rest of your day at leisure. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner paired with wine. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: The Boulevard

Arjaan by Rotana, Amman

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)**

Dead Sea Option

Personalise your vacation by adding a two-day Dead Sea extension. Scan the QR code opposite and select your options and 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 site to behold.

Petra | Explore the 'rose-red' city, see the Treasury (Al-Khazneh) and discover the Roman Amphitheatre and ancient tombs.

Aqaba | Join a Stone Mosaic Class to learn about the ancient art of mosaic design and craft your own masterpiece.

Wadi Rum | Enjoy a jeep safari deep into the heart of the majestic desert.

Amman | *Insight Choice* Explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour, or join a guided tour of Citadel, the grand Roman Amphitheatre and the Archaeological Museum.

Amman | Visit the Iraq-Al Amir Women's Co-operative to learn traditional handicraft skills and admire the work supporting their financial livelihoods. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 5 & 11: Gender Equality & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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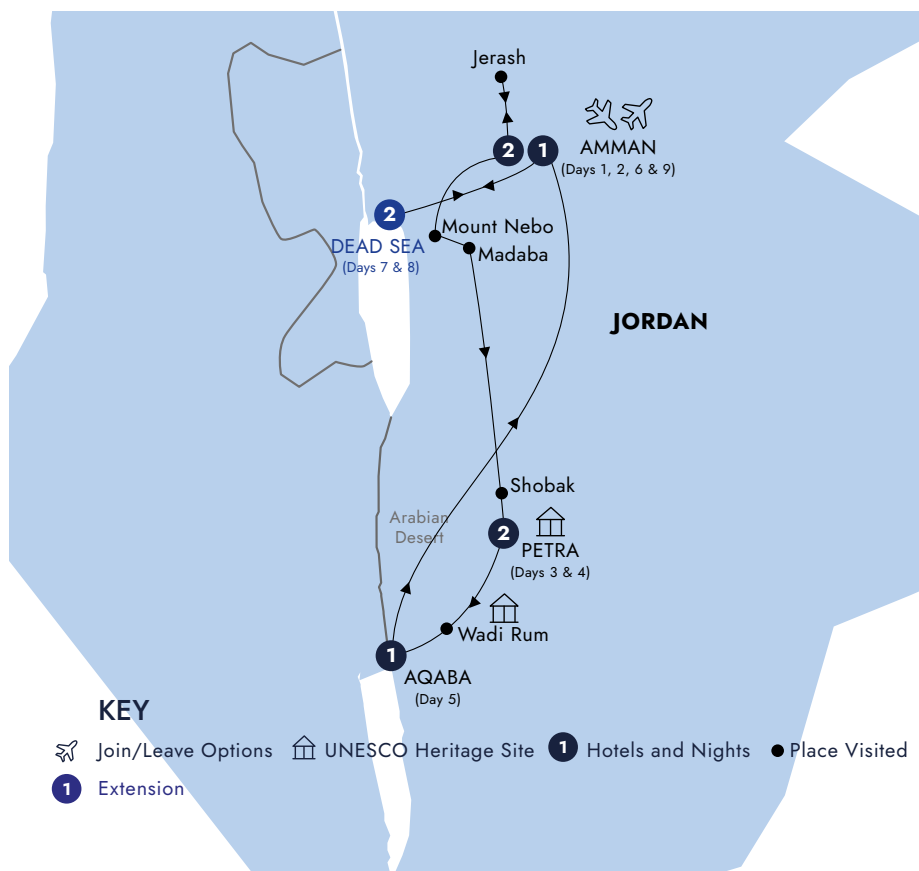
Premium Dining

Amman | Enjoy lunch at Beit Khairat Souf, a women-owned café in the Bataresh family home supporting local women's financial independence.

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.



Wonders of Egypt

Pharaohs to pyramids & beyond: Walk through Karnak's avenue of sphinxes and board a felucca setting sail along the Nile.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED



DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CAIRO

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

Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE

In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next four nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artefacts. Get to know your Travel Director, a professionally trained Egyptologist, as well as fellow guests over a drink. After that, enjoy dinner on the ship before relaxing in the ship lounge or in the comfort of your room.

(B) (L) (D)

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam

DAY 3 | VALLEY OF THE KINGS TO EDFU

This morning, travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun. Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, whilst they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life. Visit the massive Luxor Temple complex, which archeologists began excavating in the 1860s and didn't complete until the 1960s. Return to your cruise ship and sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu, for your overnight stay. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 4 | KOM OMBO TO ASWAN

In the early morning sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt dedicated to two gods. Discover the Temple, learning all about its 'double' and perfectly symmetrical design for the duo of gods—one side dedicated to Sobek the crocodile god, the other to Horus the Elder the falcon god. Indulge your culinary side during an Egyptian Cooking Demonstration or tea with the Captain for your Insight Choice experience. This evening, enjoy a fun-filled traditional Egyptian themed dinner and galabeya party on board your ship.

(B) (L) (D) (RS)

DAY 5 | ASWAN'S HIGH DAM AND NILE FELUCCA

In the morning, visit the Aswan High Dam and granite quarries to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis, which rises from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. It was the last temple

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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Trip code: A945/WA945

built in the classical Egyptian style. Enjoy a retelling of the Nile flood and the stories of the goddesses Isis and Hathor in a Roman-style theatre. Later, on a traditional Nile felucca, meet a sailor and learn about traditional sailing practices. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel. The likes of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie stayed at this pretty venue, and Christie supposedly wrote "Death on the Nile" from the hotel itself. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 6 | ASWAN AND BACK TO CAIRO

This morning, disembark your cruise ship and enjoy time at leisure in Aswan. Why not join an optional experience and travel by air to the magnificent Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Otherwise, spend the morning as you wish. Perhaps soak up the African atmosphere in the Nubian bazaar or visit one of the many points of interest nearby, such as the Botanical Gardens, Elephantine Island and the Aga Khan Mausoleum. Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo for the night. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

DAY 7 | THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM AND CITADEL

Begin your city sightseeing with your Egyptologist by exploring the Cairo Citadel, a

medieval Islamic-era fortification that served as the seat of the Egyptian government for almost seven centuries, and see the Great Alabaster Mosque. Later, visit the world-famous Egyptian Museum. Starring among its attractions is the amazing treasure recovered from Tutankhamun's tomb. **(B)**

DAY 8 | THE GREAT PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Gain a deeper understanding of the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World during a visit to Giza with your Egyptologist. Meet the enigmatic Sphinx, crouching at the foot of the Chephrenis Causeway and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids. Nearby lies Memphis, capital of the Old Kingdom, where you can see the colossal statue of Ramesses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to view the Step Pyramid of Zoser, which dates back to 2686 B.C., making it the oldest pyramid in the world. Visit a local weaving school for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy free time in the afternoon. **(B)**

DAY 9 | DEPART CAIRO

Your wonderful Egyptian adventure comes to an end after breakfast. Transfer to Cairo airport. **(B)**



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

Giza | Meet the enigmatic Sphinx and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids.

Cairo | Meet the skilled artisans at a weaving school and learn about the traditional art of Egyptian carpet weaving. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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Premium Dining

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

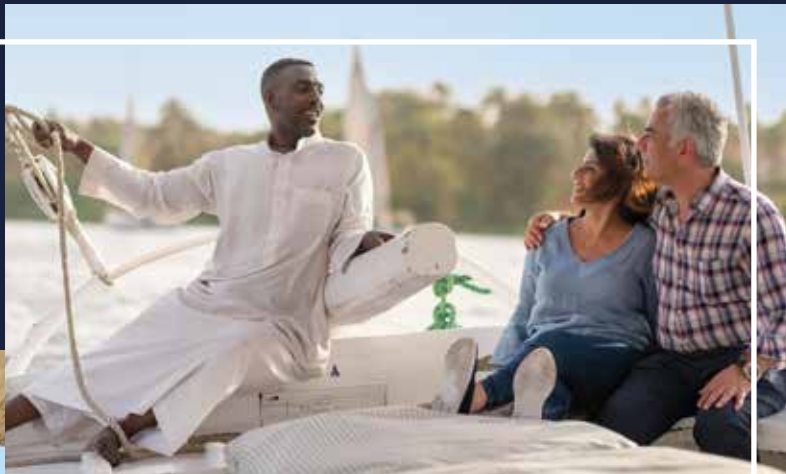
Aswan | Indulge in high tea at Aswan's iconic Old Cataract Hotel, following in the footsteps of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Splendours of Egypt

Learn the insights behind the Pyramids, cruise the Nile and stop for high tea at the Old Cataract Hotel, where Winston Churchill once dined.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 25 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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Trip code: B945/WB945

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DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE

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

(B) (L) (D)

Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam

DAY 3 | EXPLORING DENDERA AND ON TO EDFU

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

DAY 4 | EDFU TO ASWAN

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

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

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

(B) (L) (D)

DAY 6 | FELUCCAS AND HIGH TEA

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

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

DAY 7 | FREE TIME AND ON TO KOM OMBO

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

DAY 8 | CRUISING THE NILE TO LUXOR

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

DAY 9 | EXPLORE LUXOR AND FLY TO CAIRO

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

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Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar
Khayyam Casino

DAY 10 | CAIRO SIGHTSEEING

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

DAY 11 | CAIRO AND THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

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

DAY 12 | DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

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

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

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Premium Dining

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Wonders of Turkey

Explore ancient Ephesus, marvel at the turquoise travertine pools of Pamukkale, be captivated by whirling dervishes, and visit Istanbul's majestic Blue Mosque.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: I983A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

Welcome to Turkey. You'll start in vibrant Istanbul, the only city in the world that spans two continents: Europe and Asia. Relax and settle in your hotel before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**

Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli, 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

Marvel at breathtaking coastal views as you make your way along the shores of the Sea of Marmara to historic Gallipoli. Located in the southern part of East Thrace, it was here that, for nine months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought in an attempt to gain control of the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery. Later, join your group as you head from Eceabat across the sea to Çanakkale before arriving in the historic city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan War and the backdrop to one of history's most famous love stories. A replica of the mighty Trojan horse, which helped the Greeks capture the city in 1200 B.C., can be seen beside the city's walls. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Canakkale

DAY 3 | IZMIR

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Copmadam, a women's co-op turning recycled materials into unique items, and addressing women's employment issues. After some time exploring, continue your journey to Izmir, where you will stop for a Farm-to-Table lunch at Nif Bağları, a family-owned wine producer. Explore the four acres of crop fields, nestled amidst picturesque surroundings before continuing your journey to the coastal resort of Izmir. **(B) (L) (D)**

Hotel: Swissotel Büyük Efes, Izmir

DAY 4 | EPHEBUS - IZMIR

Start your morning with a trip to the nearby town of Selçuk. Home to the House of the Virgin Mary and the Temple of Artemis, you'll begin with an educational visit to the Archaeological Museum. Once here, delve into the area's history as you explore the museum's exhibits, many of which have been retrieved from the nearby Ephesus excavation site. Later, explore the famous site itself. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and the huge Amphitheatre, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary, situated above the Ephesus ruins. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE

Head to Pamukkale, famous for its mineral-rich thermal waters and chalk-white limestone terraces, explore the area with your Travel

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**

RELAXED STARTS: **(RS)**

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Director. See the ruins of the ancient Roman spa city of Hierapolis, founded in 190 B.C. You'll see the city's well-preserved theatre and its turquoise travertine pools. Later, head back to your hotel, the esteemed Doğa Thermal Health & Spa. Take full advantage of its indoor and outdoor thermal pools, steam room and its Turkish bath complex. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale

DAY 6 | THE UNDERGROUND CITY AND CAPPADOCIA

Today your journey takes you to Urgup, a historic town in the heart of Cappadocia. Visit the 13th-century Sultanhanı Caravanserai before exploring the underground city of Saratlı. You will recognise this famous area from the striking golden, volcanic landscapes that surround it. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia

DAY 7 | THE CAPPADOCIA EXPERIENCE

Move on to Göreme, a town in the Cappadocia region of Turkey. Explore its rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings before moving on to the Pasabag Valley. With your Travel Director join a Cappadocian local who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house. Dinner tonight will be accompanied by a performance of Whirling Dervishes. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | ANKARA

This morning, learn about the art of earthenware pottery making in Avanos. Continue your journey to Ankara, where you'll visit the Hittite

Museum and the Mausoleum of Atatürk, Turkey's greatest modern leader. **(B)**

Hotel: Ankara Hilton

DAY 9 | TO ISTANBUL

It's time to head to Istanbul. A glorious fusion of East and West, this popular city offers something for everyone, with history, culture, modernity, delicious cuisine and of course, the friendliest of faces. Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar. Your evening is at leisure. **(B)**

Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli, Istanbul

DAY 10 | ISTANBUL & THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Take in the sites of Istanbul, visit the historic Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held. 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 a relaxing cruise on the Bosphorus, where you will pass Ottoman palaces, old mansions and fortresses. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | FAREWELL ISTANBUL

It's time to say goodbye to your new friends, as your trip comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Istanbul International Airport (IST) at 06:00 and 12:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Ephesus | Walk the Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and Amphitheatre and visit the Palace of Knossos.

Pamukkale | See the cascading Cotton Castle of milky white travertine pools and the ancient ruin of Hierapolis.

Saratlı | Visit Saratlı Underground city known for its fine arts architecture.

Cappadocia | Join 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* Experience the rich cultural and religious heritage of Istanbul at Hagia Sophia, or delve into the captivating history of Hagia Sophia through an immersive digital experience.

Ayvalık | Visit the Copmadam workshop, where one-of-a-kind items are made from recycled packaging, creating employment opportunities for local women. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Izmir | Visit an organic farm for a Farm-to-Table lunch made from seasonal crops grown on site, with breathtaking views.

Cappadocia | Watch a Whirling Dervishes performance and indulge in a delightful dinner at a local restaurant.

Istanbul | Toast the culmination of your travels during dinner at a local restaurant.

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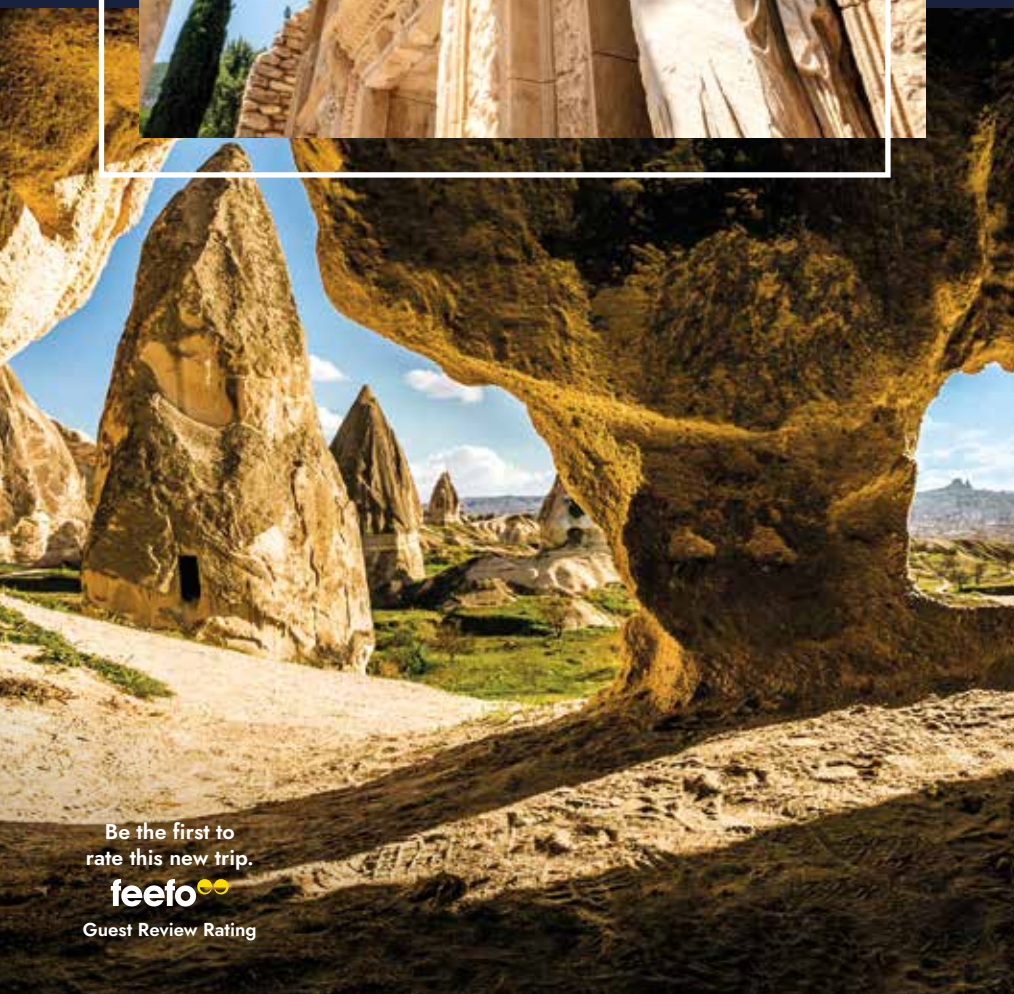
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Treasures of Turkey

Descend into a local resident's cave house in Cappadocia, uncover Ephesus' finest archaeological sites, and visit the UNESCO-listed Blue Mosque in Istanbul.

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 24 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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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. Relax and settle in your hotel before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner paired with wine. (D)

Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli, Istanbul

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 a visit to the Hittite Museum and the Mausoleum of Atatürk. Later, head to Avanos in Cappadocia. Famed for its unique geological formation, Cappadocia is a scenic delight with golden hills and panoramic views. (B) (D)

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia

DAY 5 | THE UNDERGROUND CITIES OF CAPPADOCIA EXPERIENCE

Explore Göreme's rock-hewn churches adorned with ancient wall paintings. Savour the flavours of Anatolia with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Uçhisar Kadıneli Restaurant. Continue to the Pasabag Valley and visit the underground city of Özkonak. Step into the home of a local Cappadocian living in an authentic cave house to discover their unique lifestyle, traditions, and family life. Witness a performance of Whirling Dervishes before dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 6 | KONYA

Learn more about traditional pottery making in Avanos before journeying along the famous Silk Road to visit a 13th-century caravanserai. Later, travel to Turkey's most religious city, Konya. See the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret, and visit the Mevlana Museum. (B) (D)

Hotel: Novotel Konya

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 | THROUGH THE TAURUS MOUNTAINS

Take a scenic drive down the Taurus Mountains to Aspendos, an ancient city in Antalya province. Known for having the best-preserved Roman theatre anywhere in the world. Visit Antalya's pretty Old Town, with its souvenir markets and sweeping sea views. (B) (D)

Hotel: Akra Antalya

DAY 8 | ANTALYA'S OLD TOWN

Today is yours to relax and enjoy the leisure facilities at your hotel. Alternatively, explore Antalya at your own pace. (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)

Hotel: Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale

DAY 10 | KUSADASI

Start your morning with a trip to the Temple of Aphrodite, dedicated to the goddess of love, beauty and fertility, in Geyre. 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 Kusadasi for an evening at leisure. (B)

Hotel: Charisma De Luxe, Kusadasi

DAY 11 | ANCIENT EPHEBUS

Discover one of the world's finest archaeological sites, Ephesus. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and the huge Amphitheatre, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary, situated above the Ephesus ruins and the Ephesus Archaeological Museum. (B) (D)

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) (RS)

Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton 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: Radisson Blu Sisli, Istanbul

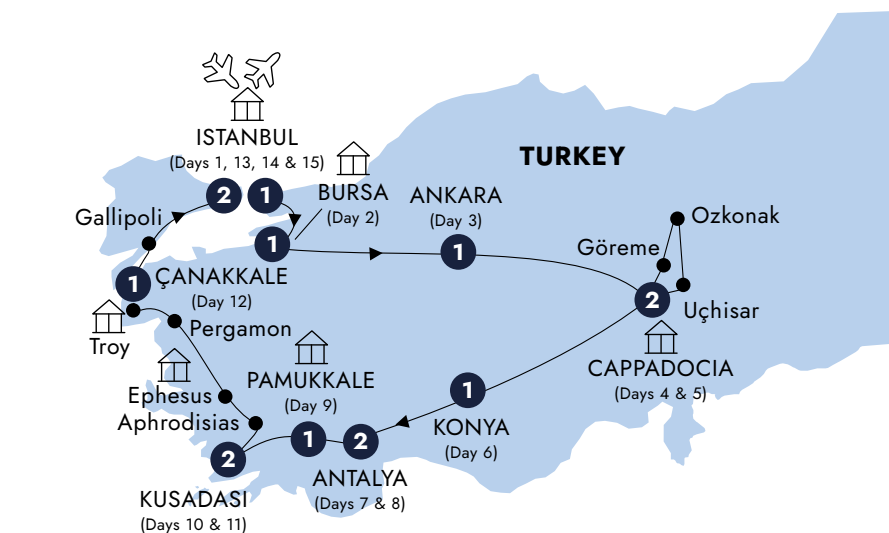
DAY 14 | ISTANBUL AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Visit the historic Blue Mosque and see the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held. 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 Treasures of Turkey 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 1 Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited

Special Events & Dates

Select departure in April 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 | Join a Cappadocian local for a tour of their cave house to learn about their unique way of life.

Pamukkale | See the cascading Cotton Castle of milky white travertine pools and the ancient ruin of Hierapolis.

Ephesus | Walk the Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and Amphitheatre and visit the Palace of Knossos.

Troy | See the wooden Trojan Horse and hear about myths and legends connected to this UNESCO-listed archaeological site.

Istanbul | *Insight Choice* Experience the rich cultural and religious heritage of Istanbul at Hagia Sophia, or delve into the captivating history of Hagia Sophia through an immersive digital experience.

Istanbul | Visit the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, and the Topkapi Palace, then explore the Grand Bazaar.

Uchisar | Visit Uchisar Kadineli Restaurant, a women-owned establishment where women are empowered through employment and skills training. This experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Istanbul | Begin your travels savouring traditional flavours over dinner at a local restaurant.

Cappadocia | Watch a Whirling Dervishes performance and indulge in a delightful dinner at a local restaurant.

Toast the culmination of your travels during dinner at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Road to Rome

Experience the charm of Paris, admire Burgundy's vineyards and Lucerne's mountains, visit Liechtenstein and Innsbruck, enjoy Venice's glassblowing artistry and marvel at historic Rome.

12 DAYS | 7 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | LEISURELY



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 join your Travel Director for a fabulous dinner at a local brasserie. (D)

Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

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

DAY 2 | PARIS, THE 'CITY OF LIGHT'

Explore Paris with a food lover. Visit small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. (B)

DAY 3 | BURGUNDY AND LUCERNE

Travel through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wine. Later, arrive in glorious lakeside Lucerne. A range of enticing options are available for your Dine-Around evening. Choose from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. (B) (D)

Hotel: Astoria, Lucerne

DAY 4 | LUCERNE & MOUNT STANSERHORN

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up 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. Upon return to Lucerne, see the Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge to the ornate Jesuit Church. (B)

DAY 5 | LUCERNE TO INNSBRUCK

Start the day with a journey to the heart of the Alps to visit the Principality of Liechtenstein. See its tiny capital, Vaduz. Continue through the Arlberg Tunnel to mountain-ringed Innsbruck. Your Travel Director will show you the impressive Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B) (RS)

Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAY 6 | THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Leave Innsbruck to travel across the impressive Europa Bridge and through the Dolomites. Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savour a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini. Continue to the romantic city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Long after the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the islands with dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Hotel: BW Premier Collection CHC Continental, Venice

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: E924

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October + December

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

DAY 7 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

See the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Visit Il Poggio organic farm for a guided walk and learn about organic food and wine production. On the veranda, take in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, as you taste the farm's wines and freshly produced olive oil. Enjoy an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. Explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert and see the Leaning Tower. **(B) (L)**

Hotel: Ambasciatori, Florence

DAY 9 | FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

Walk with your Local Expert to the marble-clad cathedral and baptistry to see the Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria and the area around Santa Croce Basilica. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Indigo, Florence

DAY 10 | CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ASSISI AND ONTO ROME

Journey through the vineyards of the Chianti region passing Lake Trasimeno, and continue up the foothills of the Apennine Mountains to reach delightful Assisi, a stone-built town spilling over the steep hillside. With a Local Expert, visit

the tomb of St. Francis and see the beautiful frescoes by Giotto in the great basilica. Journey along the valley of the River Tiber towards the Eternal City of Rome. Enjoy a private visit to Farmacia of Santa Maria della Scala, the oldest pharmacy in Europe, also known as the 'Pharmacy of the Popes.' Gain historic insights into the Farmacia housing medicines that have been used for over 1000 years. **(B)**

Hotel: Radisson Blu GHR, Rome

DAY 11 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

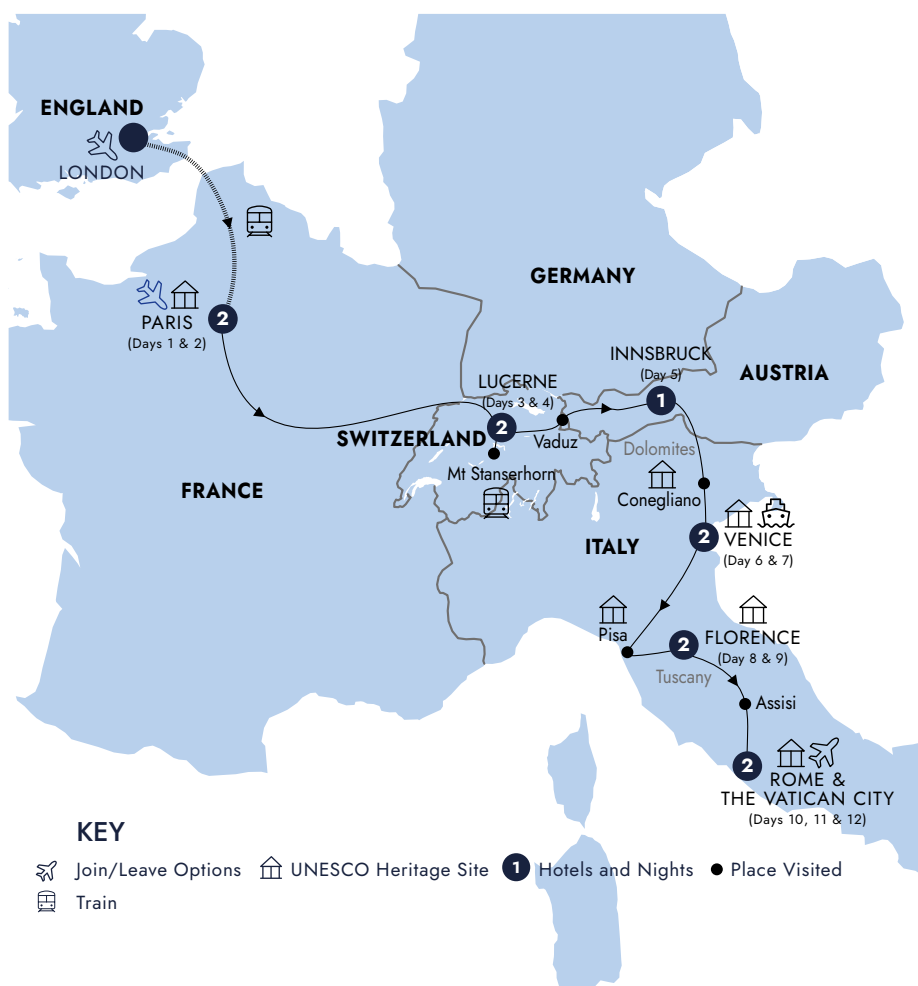
Visit the Sistine Chapel to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and overlook Circus Maximus. Enjoy dinner with local wine at a Roman restaurant. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Kolbe, Rome

DAY 12 | 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*

Paris | See famous landmarks, including Pont Alexandre III, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. Enjoy a drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe.

Vaduz | Admire the Royal family's residence, Vaduz Castle, which overlooks the capital and is surrounded by year-round snow peaked mountains.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistry adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

Assisi | A Local Expert reveals why the Basilica of St. Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of Europe.

Stanserhorn | Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, and gain a deeper understanding of the local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

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

Tuscany | Visit Il Poggio to learn about organic olive and grape farming. Sit down to a fabulous lunch of Tuscan specialities.

Rome | Savour a four-course dinner to the rich tremolo of some of Italy's best loved opera.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Highlights of Europe

Cruise Amsterdam's canals, discover Stanserhorn's wildlife, dine with Romans and enjoy fast-track entry to the Vatican.

14 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - December

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

Trip code: E933/W933

DAY 1 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR AND ONTO 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. Alternatively, if you're joining in Amsterdam meet your Travel Director in the evening. Get to know your fellow guests as you cruise along some of the tree-lined canals to explore the heart of the Old City, before enjoying a pleasant evening of dinner and wine at a local restaurant. **(D)**

Hotel: Hilton, Amsterdam

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

DAY 2 | THE RHINE VALLEY AND HEIDELBERG

Take a scenic drive through the Rhine Valley to see quaint villages, hilltop castles and hear the legend of the Lorelei Rock. Follow the Neckar River to Heidelberg and visit Heidelberg Castle with a Local Expert. **(B)**

Hotel: Marriott, Heidelberg

DAY 3 | MOUNTAIN-RINGED INNSBRUCK

Stop beneath the royal castles of Hohen Schwangau and King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein, rumoured to have inspired Walt Disney's iconic castle. In Innsbruck, tour the architectural jewels of the Old Town, seeing the Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. **(B)**

Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savour a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini. Continue to the romantic city of Venice. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Indigo - Sant'Elena, Venice

DAY 5 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square and admire the richly decorated Basilica. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Pass through Tuscany and Umbria, to reach the Eternal City of Rome. Enjoy a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. Gaze in awe at the world's best-preserved Byzantine mosaics, illuminated for this evening's experience, and see the first sculpture by Bernini. You're invited into the home of a Roman local to experience Italian hospitality at its best. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

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 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

Join a Local Expert for a tour of the Vatican Museums and the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel. Your visit includes fast-track entry. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. **(B)**



Highlights of Europe did not disappoint. So many amazing experiences! Absolutely adored our Travel Director. Looking forward to travelling with Insight Vacations for another tour!

OUR GUEST KARLA.

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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 your Dine-Around evening, enjoy your preferred dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Simplon, Baveno

DAY 10 | THE ALPS AND ONTO 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 take you up 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. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Astoria, Lucerne

DAY 11 | LAKESIDE LUCERNE

View the emotive Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 12 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through the rural French country side 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

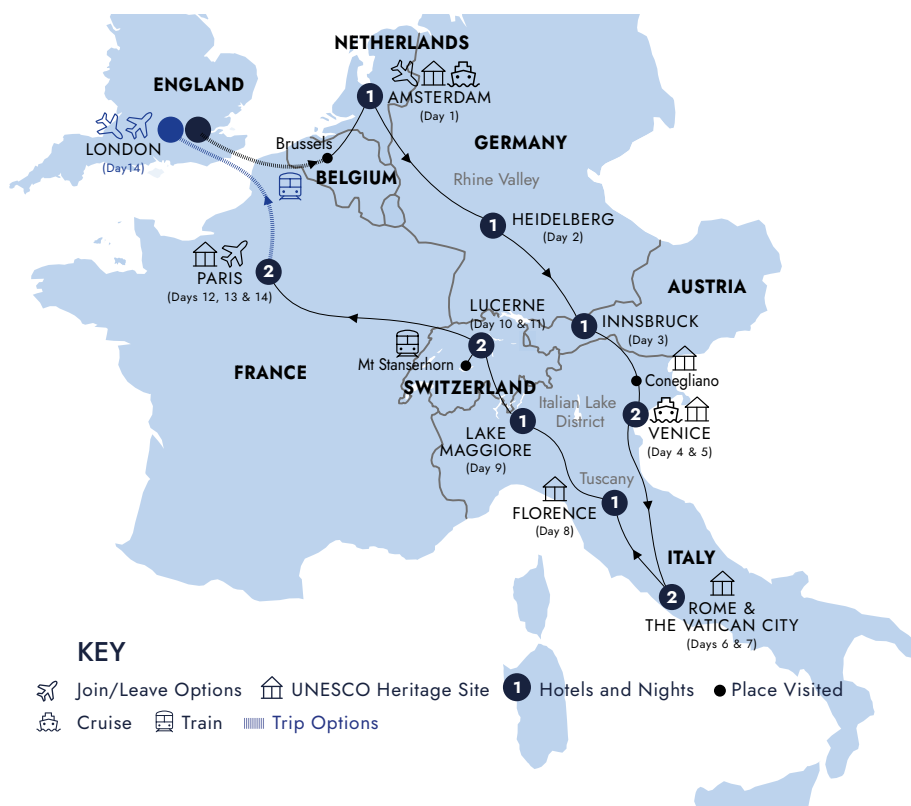
DAY 13 | THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join an avid food lover to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Enjoy dinner at the historic restaurant La Coupole. Delight in French cuisine and delicious wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. You may choose to depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar option. **(B)**

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

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th Century.

Heidelberg | Venture inside the magnificent castle built in red sandstone, overlooking the Student Prince's town and the Neckar Valley.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Rome | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

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* Join an avid food lover to explore small shops and sample local treats, *or* explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Stanserhorn | Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, and gain a deeper understanding of the local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Rome | Experience the Italian way of life for yourself, join your local host for a truly Italian home-cooked meal.

Florence | Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina dinner in the city known for its delicious cuts of steak.

Paris | Rendezvous with your newfound friends at La Coupole for a rousing dinner with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

European Dream

See the Best of Switzerland, Italy and France with fast-track access to the Vatican and dining at Paris' La Coupole.

11 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: N912

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September + December

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

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 tranquillity 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 most romantic 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 MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. 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 specialities and wine? (B) (RS)

DAY 3 | VILLA MACHIAVELLI AND ROME

Journey through the lush Tuscan countryside. Meet your local host for a guided tour through the house of the Italian Renaissance diplomat and writer, Niccolò Machiavelli. Savour a light lunch and a tasting of wines made from the vineyards surrounding the estate. Your journey continues as you follow the course of the Tiber to your hotel in the Eternal City of Rome. Enjoy a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes. Gaze in awe at the well preserved Byzantine mosaics, illuminated for this evening's experience, and see the first sculpture by Bernini. (B) (L)

Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

DAY 4 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides fast-track entry to avoid the crowds and admire the Papal art collection. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Leave Vatican City to cross the Tiber and stand outside the Colosseum, imagining yourself back in the days of the gladiators. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

DAY 5 | UMBRIA AND ONTO FLORENCE

Meet chef Lorenzo at his family farm in Umbria. Join an entertaining pasta demonstration and

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

a delicious Lunch accompanied by Orvieto Classico wine. **(B) (L) (RS)**

Hotel: Villa Neroli, Florence

DAY 6 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

With your Local Expert, view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. You also visit the open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces in Piazza della Signoria and see the area around Santa Croce Basilica, famous for the quality of its luxury goods. In the afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the Renaissance capital. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit the Tuscan town of Pisa and see the Leaning Tower. **(B)**

DAY 7 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

Head north towards the Italian Lake District and continue into the heart of the Swiss Alps, before travelling alongside towering mountains and past rushing torrents, down to scenic Lake Lucerne. Upon arrival in Lucerne, see the town's proud Lion Monument, the covered Chapel Bridge and the baroque Jesuit Church. **(B)**

Hotel: Astoria, Lucerne

DAY 8 | LUCERNE AND MT. STANSERHORN

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up 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. At night, you are offered a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wines, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. **(B)**

Hotel: Le Méridien Etoile, Paris

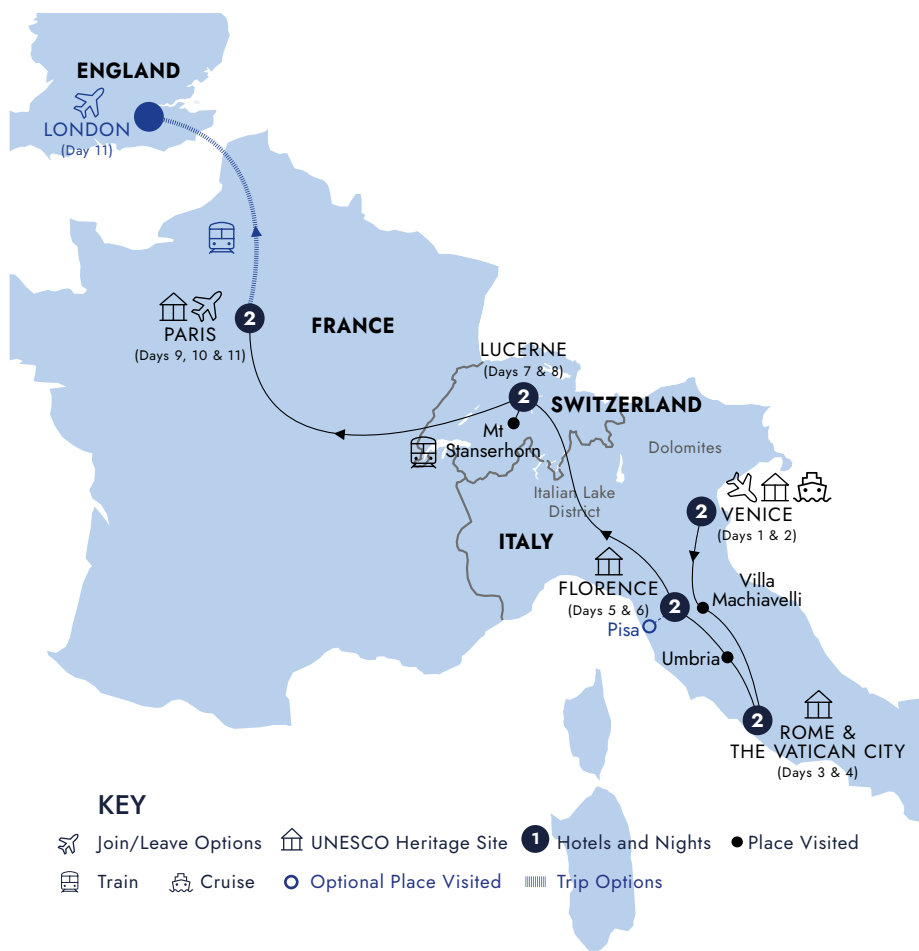
DAY 10 | THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join a food lover to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Indulge in refined French cuisine during your dinner at the iconic restaurant, La Coupole. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. You may choose to depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar option. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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Rome | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

Discover the history and the legends of the iconic Colosseum as you stroll around the exterior of this amazing structure.

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

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 | See famous landmarks, including Pont Alexandre III, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. Enjoy a drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe.

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Venice | Sample traditional Venetian fare and soak up the ambiance of this charming city.

Umbria | Explore the art of Italian cooking with Chef Lorenzo followed by a tasty lunch.

Paris | Rendezvous with your newfound friends at La Coupole for a rousing dinner with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

European Rhapsody

Revel in the history of Austria, Italy and Germany from twilight cocktails at Café Florian to a fine dining dinner cruise in Budapest.

11 DAYS | 7 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: T912

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September + December

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

DAY 1 | LONDON TO AMSTERDAM

Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar to Brussels. Board the coach and continue to Amsterdam. Alternatively, if you're joining in Amsterdam meet your Travel Director in the evening for dinner. Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

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

DAY 2 | RHINE VALLEY TO WÜRZBURG

Relax with a scenic drive along the Rhine Valley to Würzburg. On arrival, visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a Local Expert. Marvel at intricate decorations and lavish staterooms. (B) (D)

Hotel: Maritim, Würzburg

DAY 3 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Venture to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Continue east to the Czech border, to reach the Golden City of Prague. (B)

Hotel: Royal, Prague

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Join a Local Expert in the morning for guided sightseeing of one of the most beautiful and intact historic centres in Europe. Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the Castle District. Alternatively, walk through the Jewish Quarter and taste delicious Trdelník. (B)

DAY 5 | THROUGH BOHEMIA TO BUDAPEST

Start the day with a journey through the beautiful forested countryside of Bohemia. Travel to Hungary, following the River Danube to Budapest. In the evening, join a Local Expert to enjoy a scenic dinner cruise, gliding past UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The city's spectacular nighttime beauty earns it the nickname 'Pearl of the Danube'. (B) (D)

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, Budapest

DAY 6 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Drive along the beautiful Andrássy Avenue to Heroes' Square. Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda and admire sweeping views from the Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert. Stand atop Gellért Hill where the colossal Liberty Statue stands in front of the Citadella watching over the city. Marvel at extensive panoramic views as you look out over the famous river dividing Buda and Pest - the two sides linked by the mighty Chain Bridge and the elegant, newer Elizabeth Bridge. (B)

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 | THE FLAVOURS OF BUDAPEST

This morning, visit Lizt Academy. Continue your travels to the Austrian border and through pleasant farming country to Vienna. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

DAY 8 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

In the morning, there is the option to join a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and formal gardens. Later, join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt, the first district and historic core of Vienna. Get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence and Parliament building. Sit down for traditional coffee and delicious treats and mingle with locals at a cosy café. **(B)**

DAY 9 | LAKE WÖRTHERSEE TO VENICE

Travel into the Carinthian Lake District, passing the Wörthersee, to cross into Italy. Then follow mountain valleys and cascading streams on your way to the unique city of Venice. Arrive by private boat to your hotel. In the late afternoon and early evening, sip a cocktail on the corner of Piazza San Marco, while you are serenaded by an ensemble of talented musicians. Afterwards, stroll past the Doges Palace and the famous 'Bridge of Sighs' to a local restaurant

in the heart of the San Marco 'sestieri' for a magical dinner. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

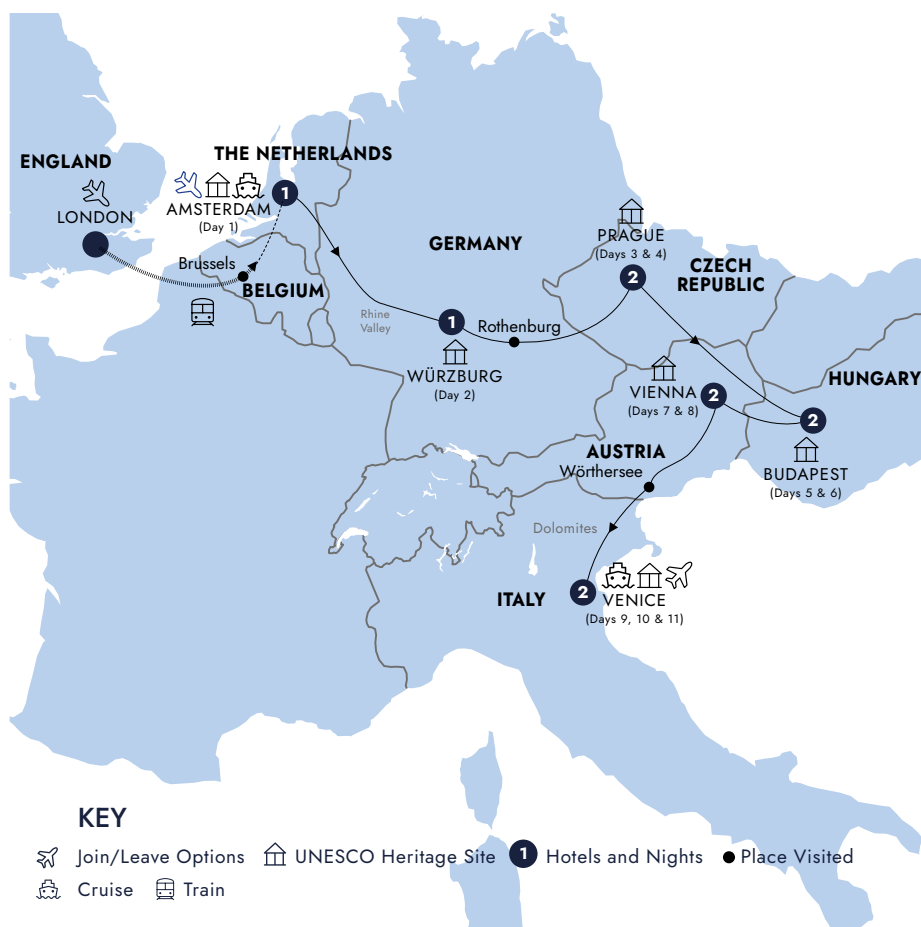
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DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th Century.

Würzburg | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Würzburg Residence with a Local Expert.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber | Explore Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, or stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert, and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital.

Vienna | Walk through the first district, Inner Stadt, as your Local Expert reveals the historic core of the city.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

Budapest | Enjoy a scenic dinner cruise and take in the city's night time beauty as you float along the Danube.

Venice | Savour a Venetian dinner in a restaurant in the heart of this historic city.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

European Discovery

Tour castles in Prague, glide through the canals of Venice and visit the UNESCO listed Würzburg Residence.

16 DAYS | 9 COUNTRIES | 22 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E812

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR AND ONTO AMSTERDAM

Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar to Brussels, travel on to Amsterdam. Alternatively, if you're joining in Amsterdam meet your Travel Director in the evening for dinner. Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Hilton, Amsterdam

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

DAY 2 | LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE

Continue on to Würzburg. With a Local Expert, visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B) (D)

Hotel: Maritim, Würzburg

DAY 3 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Venture to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Continue east to the Czech border, passing the town of Pilsen renowned for its beer, to reach the Golden City of Prague. In the evening, perhaps take a river cruise through the heart of the city? (B) (RS)

Hotel: NH Collection Prague City.

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Walk the courtyards of the Castle, or join your Local Expert through the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, see the mighty Marienburg Fortress. Then, the city is all yours to explore. In the evening, why not enjoy an optional experience in the Czech countryside? (B)

DAY 5 | SALZBURG, CITY OF MOZART

Continue to Salzburg. A Local Expert shows you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residence Square and Mozart's birthplace. In the evening, experience authentic Farm-to-Table dining at a local organic farm and enjoy the flavours of homemade dishes. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Wyndham Grand Salzburg Conference Centre

DAY 6 | THE TAUERN MOUNTAINS TO VENICE

Continue to Venice and to your hotel, located in one of the city's authentic Venetian districts. (B) (RS)

Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 7 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

See the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B) (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 | ONTO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Your journey continues to the Eternal City of Rome. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Bettoja Massimo D'Azeglio, Rome

DAY 9 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS

This morning enjoy a walking tour with a Local Expert, toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain and see the best-preserved monument from the Roman period - the Pantheon. This evening, enjoy a private visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes, welcomed by the Rector of the basilica. Admire the stunning 9th-century Byzantine mosaics illuminated for this exclusive visit as you view the legendary well and renowned chapels. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 10 | THE VATICAN AND FLORENCE

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums where you will be provided fast-track entry to avoid the crowds and admire the Papal art collection. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. In Florence, a Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo, before continuing to Piazza della Signoria. **(B)**

Hotel: Villa Neroli, Florence

DAY 11 | THE CINQUE TERRE

Discover the famous Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre with a Local Expert. Spend time exploring the old medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach. Continue by train to Levanto, then on to your resort in Rapallo. Savour authentic Italian cuisine with a delicious dinner. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: B and B Park Hotel Suiss, Santa Margherita Ligure

DAY 12 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

Pass the Italian Lake District en route to scenic Lake Lucerne. **(B)**

Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

DAY 13 | LUCERNE'S LAKES AND MOUNTAINS

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up 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. Enjoy a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey to the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. **(B)**

Hotel: Le Méridien Etoile, Paris

DAY 15 | THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join an avid food lover to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Indulge in refined French cuisine during dinner at the iconic restaurant, La Coupole. **(B) (D)**

DAY 16 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. Alternatively, you may depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar option. **(B)**

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

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th Century.

Würzburg | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Würzburg Residence with a Local Expert.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, or stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert, and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Rome | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

Cinque Terre | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site with your Local Expert and explore one of the charming fishing villages.

Paris | *Insight Choice* See famous landmarks, including Pont Alexandre III, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. Enjoy a drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe or join an avid food lover to explore small shops and sample local treats, or explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Stanserhorn | Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, and gain a deeper understanding of the local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

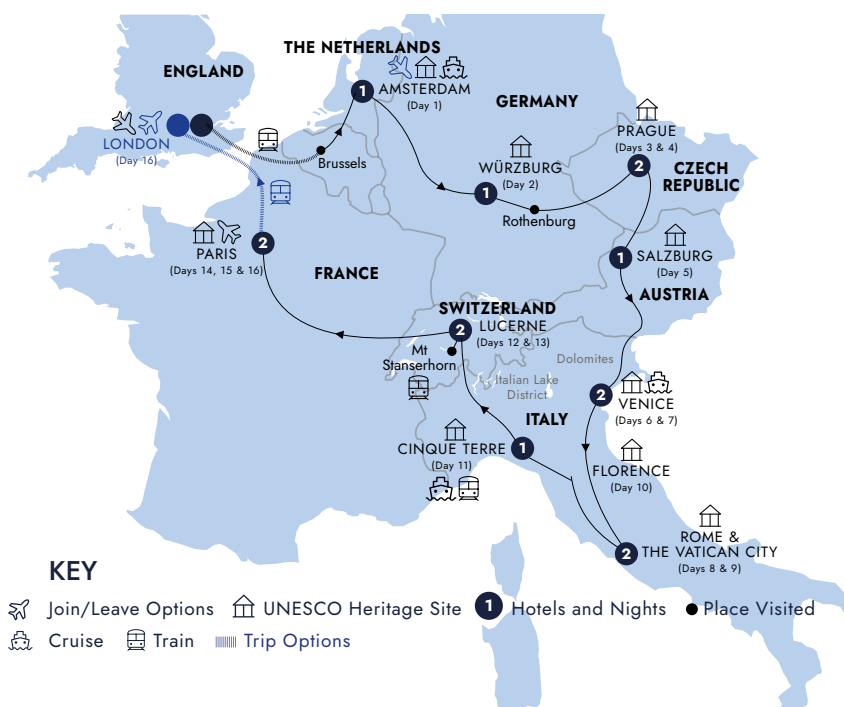
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Salzburg | Experience authentic Farm-to-Table dining and enjoy the flavours of homemade Austrian dishes.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Romantic European

From Prague to Vienna and onto Paris, this immersive tour of Europe takes in the mansions of Amsterdam, the Roman Empire relics of Rome and the breathtaking scenery of the Alps.

19 DAYS | 10 COUNTRIES | 26 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: E912B

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September + December

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/romanticeuropean](https://www.insightvacations.com/romanticeuropean)

DAY 1 | LONDON TO AMSTERDAM

Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar to Brussels, then continue to Amsterdam by coach. Alternatively, if you're joining in Amsterdam meet your Travel Director in the evening for dinner. Embark on a canal cruise, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

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

DAY 2 | RHINE VALLEY TO WÜRZBURG

Relax with a scenic drive along the Rhine Valley. Visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a Local Expert. (B) (D)

Hotel: Maritim, Würzburg

DAY 3 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

In the morning venture to Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, one of Germany's most beautiful towns, before continuing to Prague. (B)

Hotel: Royal, Prague

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert through the Jewish Quarter and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry. (B)

DAY 5 | THROUGH BOHEMIA TO BUDAPEST

Journey through the beautiful forested countryside of Bohemia to Hungary, following the River Danube to Budapest. In the evening, join a Local Expert to enjoy a scenic dinner cruise, while looking out over beautiful city views. (B) (D)

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, Budapest

DAY 6 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Drive along the beautiful Andrássy 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. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 7 | THE FLAVOURS OF BUDAPEST

This morning enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Continue your travels to the Austrian border and through pleasant farming country to the imperial capital of Vienna. (B)

Hotel: Hilton Vienna Plaza/Hilton Vienna Park

DAY 8 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

In the morning, there is the optional experience to join a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and formal gardens. Get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ring Road. Later, join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt. Sit down for

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

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

traditional coffee and cake and mingle with locals at a cosy café. (B)

DAY 9 | ALONG THE SHORES OF LAKE WÖRTHERSEE TO VENICE

Arrive by private boat to your hotel. In the late afternoon and early evening, sip a cocktail on the corner of Piazza San Marco, whilst you are serenaded by an ensemble of talented musicians. Afterwards, stroll to a local restaurant for a magical dinner. (B) (D)
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 10 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'
 See the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. (B) (RS)

DAY 11 | VILLA MACHIAVELLI AND ROME
 Enjoy a guided tour through the house of the Italian Renaissance diplomat and writer, Niccolò Machiavelli. Savour a light lunch and a tasting of wines before continuing to Rome for a private after-hours visit to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes. (B) (L)
Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

DAY 12 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME
 With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. You'll be provided with fast-track entry to avoid the crowds and admire the Papal art collection. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. (B)

DAY 13 | UMBRIA AND ONTO 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

DAY 14 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

With your Local Expert, view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery. (B)

DAY 15 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

See Lucerne's proud Lion Monument, the covered Chapel Bridge and the Baroque Jesuit Church. (B)
Hotel: Astoria, Lucerne

DAY 16 | LUCERNE AND MT. STANSERHORN

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. This evening, you are offered a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. (B) (D)

DAY 17 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through the rural French country side 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: Le Méridien Etoile, Paris

DAY 18 | THE FLAVOURS OF PARIS

Explore Paris with Insight Choice, choose to explore Montorgueil or join a food lovers' tour. This evening indulge in refined French cuisine at a restaurant whose list of historic patrons includes the illustrious entertainer Josephine Baker. (B) (D)

DAY 19 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. Alternatively, you may depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar option. (B)

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

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th Century.

Prague | *Insight Choice Taste Trdelník*, a traditional Czech pastry, *or* join an avid food lover to explore small shops and sample local treats, *or* explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district.

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital.

Vienna | Indulge in traditional coffee and cake at a local café that promotes well-being support for the community, in addition to crafting delicious treats.

Rome | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

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

Paris | See famous landmarks, including Pont Alexandre III, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. Enjoy a drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe.

Stanserhorn | Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, and gain a deeper understanding of the local wildlife and flora. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
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Premium Dining

Amsterdam | Enjoy a dinner of modern European cuisine at a local restaurant.

Budapest | Enjoy a scenic dinner cruise and take in the city's night time beauty as you float along the Danube.

Paris | Rendezvous with your newfound friends at La Coupole for a rousing dinner with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



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Trip code: E915C

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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

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

DAY 2 | PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT

Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join a Local Expert who is an avid food lover, to explore the local market to sample delicacies. (B)

DAY 3 | ONTO BORDEAUX

Take a scenic drive along the Loire Valley. Visit the majestic Chenonceau Castle. Continue to bustling Bordeaux. (B)

Hotel: Novotel Gare St Jean, Bordeaux

DAY 4 | BORDEAUX AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Join a Local Expert for a guided tour of Bordeaux. Journey to San Sebastián, where you visit a variety of pintxos bars to mingle and dine with locals. (B) (D)

Hotel: Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián

DAYS 5 - 6 | MADRID

Pass Burgos on the way to Madrid. Join your Local Expert for a sightseeing tour of Madrid's Old Town as well as, along the elegant Paseo de la Castellana and past the fountain in the Plaza de Cibeles. Visit the Reina Sofia Museum with an art historian to see Picasso's Guernica.

Hotel: Riu Plaza España, Madrid

DAYS 7 - 8 | BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDI

Continue to the vibrant port of Barcelona. Join your Local Expert to view the Gothic Quarter.

Hotel: Hilton, Barcelona

DAY 9 | AVIGNON, THE CITY OF POPES

Journey to Avignon. Learn about olive oil and enjoy a tasting, before indulging in a Farm-to-Table dinner. (B) (D)

Hotel: Novotel Centre, Avignon

DAY 10 | ON THE SHORES OF NICE

Journey along the French Riviera to Nice. Enjoy some time at leisure. (B)

Hotel: Radisson Blu/Apollinaire, Nice

DAYS 11 - 12 | MONACO, PISA AND FLORENCE

Visit the cathedral in Monaco. Later, join your Local Expert to see the incredible Leaning Tower of Pisa. In Florence, walk with your Local Expert to the baptistery, Piazza della Signoria and around Santa Croce Basilica.

Hotel: Villa Neroli, 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.

DAYS 13 - 15 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Arrive at the Eternal City of Rome. On your first evening, enjoy a traditional meal at a local restaurant. The following day, enjoy Insight's fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums. In the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. The afternoon enjoy exclusive access to the Basilica of Saint Praxedes during an after-hours visit.

Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

DAYS 16 - 17 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Arrive at the glorious city of Venice by water taxi. Savour a cocktail at sunset before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. On your second full day in Venice, admire the Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square and the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre.

Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 18 | VENICE TO ELEGANT LJUBLJANA

In Ljubljana, a Local Expert shows you the highlights of the city. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Lev Ljubljana

DAYS 19 - 20 | VIENNA AND THE HASBURGS

Pass Maribor and Graz on the way to Vienna. Join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Visit a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialities of coffee and Sachertorte or visit Capuchins' Crypt, the burial place of the Habsburg family in Vienna.

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. **(B)**

Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAYS 22 - 23 | LIECHTENSTEIN, LUCERNE AND MOUNT STANSEHORN

Journey to the Principality of Liechtenstein. Visit Lucerne's proud Lion Monument. Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. At night, you are offered a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around evening.

Hotel: Astoria, Lucerne

DAY 24 | LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE

Relax with a scenic drive in the Rhine Valley. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Maritim, Königswinter

DAY 25 | THE CANALS OF AMSTERDAM

Join a private visit of a Rhineland castle. In Amsterdam, embark on a canal cruise. Toast to your adventure during dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

DAY 26 | DEPART AMSTERDAM OR RETURN LONDON OPTION

Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. Alternatively, you may return to London with the Eurostar option. **(B)**

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

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS*Premium Experiences*

Paris | See landmarks including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower and the façades of the Louvre. Drive along the Champs Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe.

Madrid | Visit the Reina Sofia Museum with an art historian and see Pablo Picasso's masterpiece Guernica.

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistry adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

Rome | Enjoy exclusive access to the pre-Romanesque Basilica of Saint Praxedes for a once-in-a-lifetime experience during an after-hours visit.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Vienna | *Insight Choice* visit a traditional coffeehouse to enjoy Viennese specialities of coffee and Sachertorte, or visit Capuchins' Crypt - the burial place of the Habsburg family in Vienna.

Rhineland | Delight in a private estate viewing of a Rhineland castle.

Venice | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using traditional practices. This workshop directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Stanserhorn | 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 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

*Premium Dining*

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

Avignon | At a local farm learn about olive oil before indulging in a Farm-to-Table dinner.

Venice | In St Marks Square at sunset, sip cocktails before dinner at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



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The Navajo people, who live in and manage Monument Valley, call it "Tsé Bii' Ndzisgaii," meaning "Valley of the Rocks." This landscape holds significant cultural and spiritual importance to the Navajo, with many of their legends and traditions deeply tied to it. *Discover on Enchanting Canyonlands, p.214, Wonders of the American West, and Americas Magnificent National Parks.*



We loved all the fabulous locations to which we travelled! The geographical and historical information provided was terrific. Insight Vacations is a lovely way to travel.

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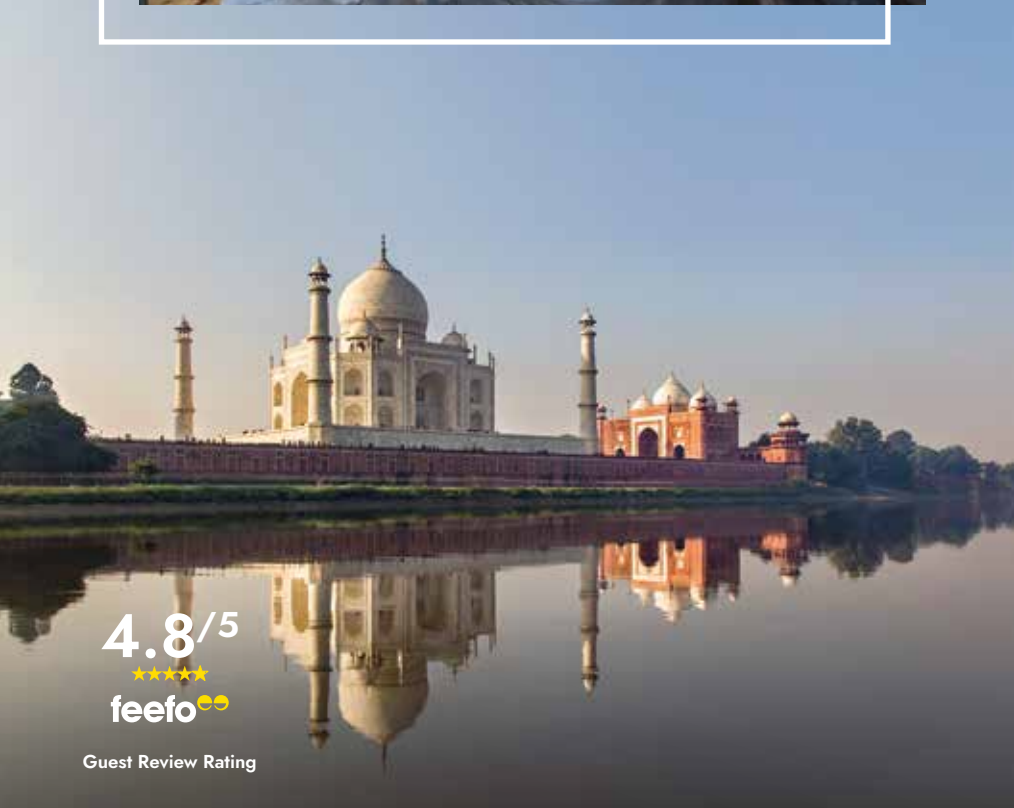
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Trip code: A505

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - April + September - December

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KATHMANDU

Welcome to Nepal! On arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport you will be greeted by a representative and transferred to your hotel. Meet your Travel Director and venture out in Thamel on a rickshaw ride. Later, head to a local restaurant for dinner and drinks. **(D)**

Hotel: The Soaltee, Kathmandu

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | KATHMANDU THE CITY OF BEAUTY

Start with a morning visit to the city of Kathmandu and see the tranquil Swayambhunath temple. Later, stop in Patan, the third largest city in Nepal, for lunch. In the afternoon, explore the city's stunning architecture with a Local Expert. Highlights include the Golden Temple, Durbar Square and Mul Chowk. Enjoy the flavours of the region in the evening with an indulgent dinner. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 3 | KATHMANDU'S SPIRITUAL HISTORY

Delve into Kathmandu's spiritual history with a morning visit to the Pashupatinath Temple on the banks of the Bagmati River and take in the impressive Boudhanath Stupa. Next you'll head to the city of Bhadgaon, before visiting a local pottery workshop, where a local craftsman will provide a demonstration. In the evening, head to an inspirational talk by a woman who summited the Earth's highest mountain above sea level, Mount Everest. **(B)**

DAY 4 | ON TO VIBRANT DELHI

Head to the airport for your flight to Delhi, India. On arrival, you'll be taken to your modern hotel. Later, join your group and Travel Director for a trip to the Akshardham Temple. Also known as Swaminarayan Akshardham, this Hindu temple is a spiritual and cultural campus dedicated to devotion, learning and harmony. **(B)**

Hotel: Le Méridien, New Delhi

DAY 5 | EXPLORING NEW AND OLD DELHI

This morning, head on an exciting sightseeing tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk bazaar in Old Delhi and drive past the Red Fort, the main residence of the Mughal dynasty until 1856. In the afternoon, visit a Sikh temple and its community kitchen, a place preparing and serving free vegetarian meals to those in need. Later, drive past the President Palace, India Gate and Parliament House, before ending the day with a tour of Humayun's Tomb. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | THE PINK CITY

Move on to Jaipur, more affectionately known as the Pink City. Before lunch, enjoy a visit to the Heritage Transport Museum in Haryana, a fascinating showcase of the evolution of transport in India. Later, join your Travel

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 for an evening visit to a flower and spice market. Dine at the esteemed Dera Amer, an ethical sanctuary for animals. Situated in the wilderness close to Jaipur, this outdoor dining experience truly connects you to nature under the stars. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: ITC Rajputana, Jaipur

DAY 7 | DELVE INTO JAIPUR

Ascend by jeep to Amber Fort. Built in 1592 by Raja Man Singh, its royal halls mesmerise with their ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Experience India's spiritual majesty, with a special blessing ceremony. In the afternoon, take a city tour of Jaipur and see the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, and visit the City Palace Museum. Explore Jaipur with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the royal observatory and see Jantar Mantar, featuring the world's largest stone sun dial. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the city's old lanes and see artisans working with age-old techniques. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | JAIPUR TO AGRA

In the morning depart for Agra, home to the spectacular Taj Mahal. Along the way stop for lunch at the beautiful Laxmi Niwas Palace in Bharatpur. When you arrive in Agra, the evening is yours at leisure. Why not make the most of the amenities at your hotel. **(B) (L)**

Hotel: Jaypee Palace, Agra

DAY 9 | THE TAJ MAHAL

Wake early for a visit to the Taj Mahal in its best light, and continue on to Agra Fort. Explore Agra with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided walk through Kachhpura to discover the life of local farmers. Enjoy tea and pakora on a rooftop with views of the Taj Mahal. Alternatively,

join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit the 'Sheroes' Café. This local business supports female victims of acid attacks who refuse to give up and instead fight for a better life. Catch up with your fellow travellers over dinner at your hotel this evening. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | ON TO VARANASI

Take a flight from Delhi to Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in Hinduism. In the evening, participate in an Aarti on the ghats, where you'll offer prayers to the River Ganges. This spiritual ceremony is performed daily to honour the River Goddess Ganga. **(B)**

Hotel: Taj Ganges, Varanasi

DAY 11 | THE HOLY CITY OF VARANASI

Wake early for a sunrise boat cruise on the River Ganges, followed by a visit to an Akhara. Return to your hotel for breakfast before heading on a tour of Varanasi. See the Sarnath, a sacred deer park where Gautama Buddha first taught the Dharma and the Buddhist Sangha first came into existence through Kondanna's enlightenment. Later, enjoy a delicious dinner at your hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | LEAVE VARANASI FOR DELHI

End your trip with a relaxing early morning yoga session at your hotel, before breakfast. Transfer to the airport and head back to Delhi before your onward flights. Please do not schedule flights before 9pm. **(B)**



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Kathmandu | Visit sacred Swayambhunath, known as the Monkey Temple after its mischievous inhabitants.

Visit the colossal stupa, Boudhanath. Hear an inspirational talk led by a woman who summited Mount Everest.

Delhi | See the Red Fort and Qutub Minar. Drive along the Rajpath to view the India Gate and Parliament House.

Jaipur | Ascend by jeep to stroll through the sprawling complex of courtyards and halls of Amber Fort.

Jaipur | *Insight Choice* visit the royal observatory and see Jantar Mantar, a collection of 18th century architectural astronomical instruments, or walk through the city's old lanes and see artisans working with age-old techniques.

Varanasi | Join an expert in India's religious rituals to learn more about the colourful candlelit tradition of Aarti chanting music.

Take a dawn cruise past the Ghats on the Ganges River - an experience never to be forgotten.

Agra | Visit the 'Sheroes Café', a local business run by women survivors of acid attacks. Your visit supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality and UN Sustainable Development and Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

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Premium Dining

Jaipur | Enjoy a special dining experience at the Dera Amer, the venue's purpose is to maintain an area of natural beauty, whilst protecting its wildlife.

Agra | Dine for lunch at the beautiful Laxmi Niwas Palace in Bharatpur.

Varanasi | Toast to your travels over dinner at your hotel.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



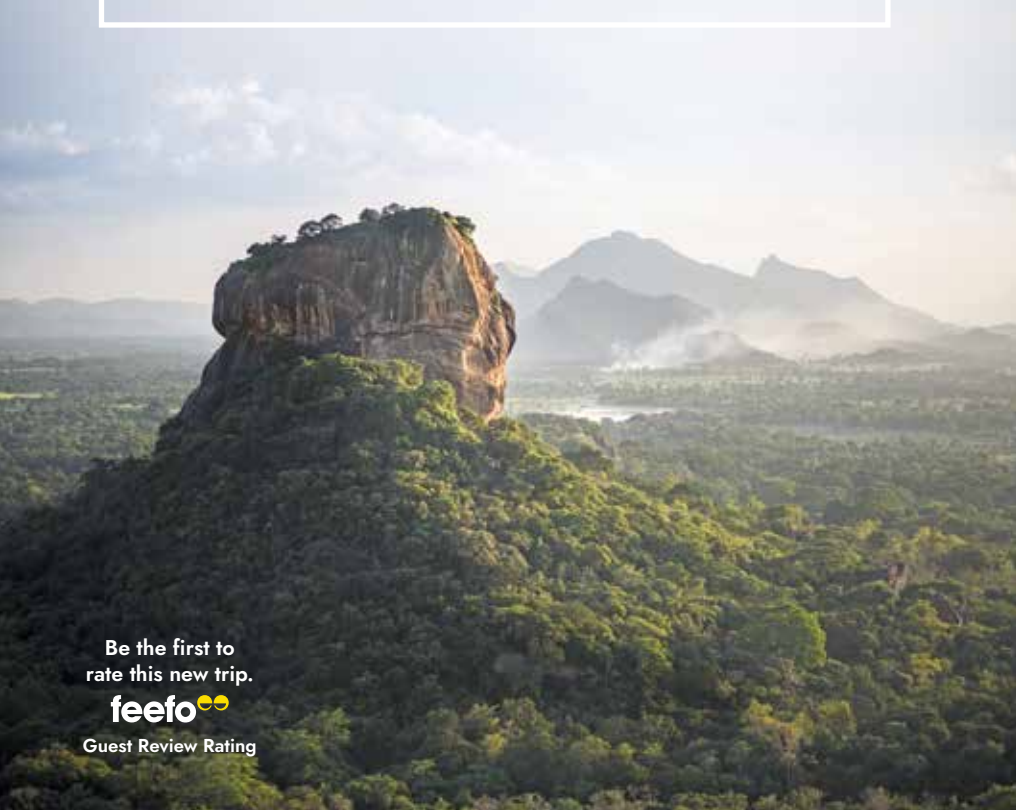
KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- Included Flights
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited

Classical Sri Lanka

Stroll the backstreets of Colombo, see the fortress of Sigiriya set upon its rocky outcrop and voyage into the depths of the jungle on a game drive in search of leopards and elephants.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - April + August - December

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Travel Advisor or see insightvacations.com/clsrilanka

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO SRI LANKA

Welcome to Sri Lanka. On arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to your luxury hotel, the Taj Samudra, Colombo. A contemporary building situated on the seafront, it provides an idyllic ambience at sunset. Unwind and rejuvenate before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner with drinks. **(D)**
Hotel: Taj Samudra, Colombo

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE COLOMBO

In the morning, head on a leisurely walking tour of Colombo with Mark Forbes, a photographer and wildlife enthusiast, and discover the city's hidden treasures. Journey through a myriad of buildings that date back to 17th century and were erected mostly during Dutch and British rule. Visit Pettah Market, where locals head to pick up fresh fruit and vegetables, garments and jewellery. This market place is older than the buildings around it and an area best explored with a local. Later, head out to explore old Colombo's oldest neighbourhoods by tuk-tuk. Cruise the city streets as the sun descends over the Indian Ocean and the city lights spring to life around a pulse of evening activity. **(B)**

DAY 3 | WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

After breakfast, begin your journey to Wilpattu National Park. On arrival, check into your luxury safari camp located on the border of the park, a quintessential glamping experience and a satisfying blend of comfort and nature. Enjoy relaxing in your spacious living room, with views of the lush, green jungle just steps away. In the evening, explore the park by jeep safari for leopards, elephants and sloth bears. **(B)**
(L) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Mahoora Safari Camp, Wilpattu National Park

DAY 4 | JUNGLE SAFARI

Enjoy journeying through the jungle on your morning and afternoon safaris. Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles, buffalos, mongooses and turtles. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 5 | WILPATTU TO SIGIRIYA

In the morning head south, making your way to Sigiriya. Visit Anuradhapura with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the temple complex, sprawling with a rich collection of archaeological wonders. Alternatively, visit the small community of Puranagama, to experience traditional village life. Meet a practicing Buddhist and embark on a guided walking tour of the Ritigala jungle's enveloped paths. Hear the tales and secrets of the forest dwelling monks, a community that once inhabited the monastic reserve and today devote their lives to simple living in the forest. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Aliya Resort & Spa, Sigiriya

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 | EXPLORING SIGIRIYA'S ANCIENT KINGDOM

Explore Sigiriya with Insight Choice. Choose to climb Sigiriya Rock. Alternatively, visit Sigiriya Water Gardens. Later, visit the historic city of Polonnaruwa, the second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms. During a tuk-tuk ride, explore the ancient remains of temples and tombs. Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site before heading back to your hotel. **(B)**

DAY 7 | COLOURFUL CAVES AND RAINFORESTS

Today you'll visit the colourful Dambulla Caves. Also known as the Golden Temple caves, this UNESCO World Heritage Site is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. Take in its mighty artwork dedicated to Gautama Buddha as you explore with your group. Later, arrive in Kandy. Surrounded by mountains, rainforest and tea plantations, this sacred city is famous for its Buddhist sites, such as the Temple of the Tooth shrine. Once here, you'll enjoy a cultural evening of drums and a dance performance. **(B)**

Hotel: Mahaweli Reach, Kandy

DAY 8 | TEA COUNTRY HILLS

Visit the Sacred Tooth Relic. Located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, it is home to Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist relic, a tooth of Buddha. Later meet Rahju, a local artist, at his contemporary art gallery. Enjoy a private viewing of his magnificent paintings and discuss his unique perspectives on life over a cup of tea.

Continue to Nuwara Eliya, a green haven of tea plantations and tea gardens. Stop for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience of Drum making, each drum tells a story, connecting the present with the rich history and traditions of Sri Lanka. In the evening, participate in a cooking demonstration. Learn to cook Sri Lankan and South Indian cuisine with a local chef, before indulging in the fruits of your hard work. **(B) (D) (RS)**

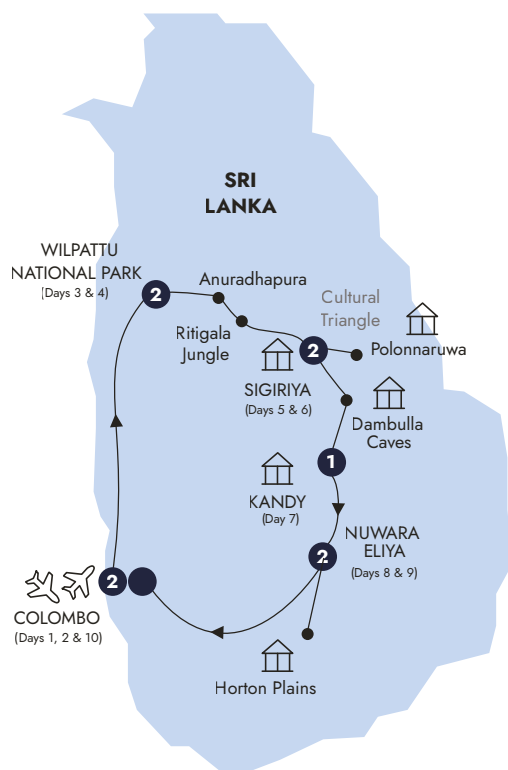
Hotel: Grand, Nuwara Eliya

DAY 9 | EXPLORING NUWARA ELIYA

Discover Horton Plains on a hike to World's End, where a stunning escarpment plunges 880 metres down to the jungle floor. Stand in awe and capture incredible views of the expansive plateau, before mist and cloud obscure the scene. In the afternoon, learn everything there is to know about Ceylon tea during a visit to a tea plantation and garden. Walk through the plantation during plucking time and spend time with a tea plucker to learn about their life, before enjoying a tasting session hosted by an expert. In the evening, toast to your travels with your new friends over dinner at your hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | GOODBYE COLOMBO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers, as your journey comes to an end. You'll be driven back to Colombo airport for your onward flight, please schedule flights after 20:00. A stop will be made in Colombo for those extending their stay. **(B)**



KEY

✳ Join/Leave Options 🏛 UNESCO Heritage Site ① Hotels and Nights ● Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Colombo | Take a leisurely walking tour of Colombo with Mark Forbes, a photographer and wildlife enthusiast.

Wilpattu National Park | Ascend deep into the lush, dense jungle on a jeep safari. Keep your eyes peeled for leopards, elephants and sloth bears.

Sigiriya | Meet a practising Buddhist and embark on a guided walking tour through Ritigala Jungle.

Sigiriya | *Insight Choice* Climb Sigiriya Rock and admire breath-taking views over the lakes and villages below, or visit the beautifully landscaped Sigiriya's Royal Gardens, boasting ancient water features, terraced gardens and natural boulders.

Kandy | Visit the site of the Sacred Tooth Relic Temple.

Visit Rahju's Contemporary Art Gallery, view his magnificent paintings and discuss his perspectives on life over a cup of tea.

Nuwara Eliya | Visit a tea plantation and learn how this crop is produced. You'll even have the opportunity to sample some of the freshest tea possible.

Nuwara Eliya | Learn about drum making, these are produced by skilled artisans and are not only musical instruments, but they also play a vital role in religious ceremonies, traditional performances, and cultural events throughout the country. Your visit supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Cities and Communities.

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Premium Dining

Nuwara Eliya | Enjoy an evening cooking demonstration of Sri Lankan and South Indian cuisine with local chef, before dining on your creations. Your mouth-watering dinner features the best of Sri Lankan cuisine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines

Fly above the Nazca Lines, tour the ancient Koricancha temple and adventure through Machu Picchu and the ruins at Ollantaytambo.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - November

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LIMA

Arrive in Lima for the first day of your journey. In the evening meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers at the hotel bar for a dinner and drinks. (D)

Hotel: MGallery Manto, Lima

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE LIMA

Explore the colourful capital of Peru this morning with your Local Expert. Delve into its colonial past and see key attractions. Visit Casa Aliaga, an impressive mansion that has been home to the Aliaga family for 17 generations. For those with an appreciation for art, head to Museo Larco, a private museum located in Lima's Pueblo Libre District. It is the highest-rated museum in South America and houses the largest collection of Pre-Columbian art. Indulge in a lunch in a stunning garden setting. After lunch, meet a Local Expert who will take you around the Museo Larco and share the museum's private collection with you. Delve into Peruvian culture, its ancient history and the country's religious beliefs. (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, whilst taking in impressive views on your scenic drive along the way. Enjoy lunch at Altar Inca, surrounded by some of the most stunning sights of the region. Arrive at your hotel for a leisurely evening where you can rest and adjust to the altitude in total comfort and anticipate another exciting day in the Sacred Valley. (B) (L)

Hotel: Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness, Urubamba

DAY 4 | EXPLORE SACRED VALLEY

Begin the day with a visit to the stunning Maras salt pans before heading to an Incan laboratory in Moray, located on an archaeological site close to Cusco. Then join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit a local traditional Quechua weaver where you will learn first-hand about ancient weaving techniques and the importance these textiles have in shaping both personal and regional identities. Make your way to Laguna Piuray where you'll enjoy your lunch of Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast. In the evening, transfer to Hacienda Huayocari, a gem of the Sacred Valley. Explore its grounds and sit down for a special dinner made of local farm-grown produce. (B) (L) (D) (RS)

DAY 5 | EXPLORE MACHU PICCHU

Board and prepare to be stunned for your 360° Inca Rail train ride that takes you through countless stunning sights of Peru. On the way, visit the Ollantaytambo ruins and stop at a local house in the village to meet the family living there for fantastic local insight into the region. In the afternoon, it is finally time to visit Machu Picchu, where you'll meet Local Experts for a

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

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guided visit in small groups. They will take you through the countless ruins and explain their historical and archaeological significance, as well as the importance of their location. End your day with a relaxing dinner and drinks at your hotel. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Sumaq Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes

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 afternoon is yours at leisure to continue your explorations. Then in the evening head to a fantastic dinner with your fellow travellers. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ON TO CUSCO

After breakfast, return by train to Ollantaytambo, where you will transfer to the ancient city of Cusco. Once you arrive, head out on a walking tour with a Local Expert. Visit its cathedral and the Koricancha temple, the most important temple in the Inca Empire. The evening is yours at leisure. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: JW Marriott El Convento, Cusco

DAY 8 | EXPLORING CUSCO

Start your day with a walking tour of Sacsayhuaman. Afterwards, explore with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert on a guided hike of the Inca ruins at Puca Pucara. Alternatively, you can explore the lively and colourful San Pedro Market. Later, make your way to the city's planetarium for a private, after-hours tour, sample some local delicacies and hot wine as you gaze at the night sky. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 9 | LEISURE TIME IN CUSCO

Today, explore Cusco at your own pace. Perhaps head out on an optional visit to the ChocoMuseo to learn about chocolate making. Another active option is a hike to the Rainbow Mountain. Or maybe relax and unwind at your hotel, set in a beautiful 16th-century building.

In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a memorable dinner at Inka Grill. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | FROM THE ANDES TO THE COAST

Depart Cusco and fly to Lima. From here, enjoy a leisurely coastal drive to the beach town of Paracas. Known for its sandy beaches, wildlife and the Paracas Candelabra geoglyph. With the rest of your evening free, take the opportunity to relax at your beautiful resort right on the beach. Take a cooling dip in one of their two swimming pools or stroll through the fragrant gardens. **(B) (L)**

Hotel: A Luxury Collection Resort, Paracas

DAY 11 | PARACAS & THE NAZCA LINES

This morning meet a local fisherman to learn about their daily life and routine. Afterwards, take in the area from above with an aircraft ride over the mysterious Nazca Lines. This is truly the best way to experience this stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site in all its glory. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | BALLESTAS ISLANDS AND PERUVIAN WILDLIFE

Have your cameras at the ready as you head out on a scenic cruise to the Ballestas Islands famous for their rock formations and marine life. Explore this beautiful area before heading to visit a pisco distillery for a tasting of the local spirit. Then head to Ica, stop at a local museum where you'll learn more about the city's culture. **(B) (L)**

DAY 13 | CHINCHA AND RETURN TO LIMA

Embark on your return to Lima, stopping at Hacienda San Jose. You'll get a tour of the plantation and learn more about a dark chapter in Peruvian history and the area's heart-breaking past of slavery in the cotton business. End your tour in Lima. **(B) (L)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 18:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lima | Tour Museo Larco's collection of Pre-Columbian art.

Sacred Valley | Visit Moray where you'll learn how the Incas determined the ideal altitude to grow crops.

Visit the Maras Salt Mine.

Visit the Ollantaytambo ruins built in the 1400s.

Machu Picchu | Enjoy a guided visit with a Local Expert.

Journey in style on your 360° IncaRail train ride.

Cusco | *Insight Choice* Explore San Pedro Market, or join a guided hike of the Inca ruins in Puca Pucara.

Cusco | Enjoy an after-hours Planetarium visit to learn how the Incas interpreted the stars.

Explore the Incan archeological site of Sacsayhuaman.

Paracas | Take to the skies to see the iconic Nazca Lines.

Delve into the history of the nation's beloved drink, pisco during a tasting at a local distillery.

Enjoy a scenic cruise to the Ballestas Islands.

Sacred Valley | Visit a local traditional Quechua weaver in the Sacred Valley for a private textile presentation. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 5 & 10: Gender Equality & Reduced Inequalities.

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Premium Dining

Lima | Indulge in Peruvian cuisine amidst the lush garden setting at Museo Larco.

Sacred Valley | Enjoy a lunch of Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast.

Cusco | Savour a slow-cooked Cusqueñan lunch in the courtyard of a historic mansion.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

February + April + October - December

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO

Welcome to Santiago. A picturesque city set against the spectacular, snowcapped Andes, it offers a world of museums, top restaurants and historic finds. In the evening, savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. (D)

Hotel: Intercontinental, Santiago

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | VALPARAÍSO AND THE CASABLANCA WINE COUNTRY

Begin your day with a visit to the coastal city of Valparaíso. Explore the UNESCO protected site with a Local Expert as you discover its church-dotted hillsides and unique amphitheatre-like layout. After lunch, visit Bodegas RE Winery for a private wine tasting in the Casablanca Valley. Recognised for crafting exceptional wines with passion and precision, embodying the essence of Chilean terroir in every bottle. (B) (L)

DAY 3 | ON TO ATACAMA

Take a transfer to the airport for your flight to Calama, a city based in the Atacama Desert. On arrival you'll head to San Pedro de Atacama. You'll then be driven to the Moon Valley for a guided visit. True to its name, this moon-like area is made up of dunes, caves and caverns. Learn more about its history and the land formations from a Local Expert. (B)

Hotel: Cumbres, San Pedro de Atacama

DAY 4 | EXPLORE ATACAMA

This morning, take a guided visit to the Atacama Geysers known as El Tatio Geysers, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. Located in the Andes Mountains, you'll be 14,170 feet (4,230 metres) above sea level. Afterwards, enjoy a visit to the Puritama Hot Springs before taking a scenic drive back to your hotel. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | ATACAMA SALT FLATS

Explore the Atacama Salt Flats, the largest in Chile. One of the driest parts of the world, the area stretches for over 40,000 square miles (103,600 kilometres). Keep your eyes open for species of wild birds including the Andean and James flamingos on the shores of the Chaxa, Miscanti and Minque Lagoons. This afternoon, make your way to Toconao, a traditional colonial village known for its volcanic rock architecture. (B)

DAY 6 | ATACAMA TO SANTIAGO

Wake up for your transfer and flight back to Santiago. For lunch, savour the exquisite fish and seafood in the cosy and spacious dining rooms of El Galeón restaurant. The history of El Galeón dates back to 1935, when this famous establishment opened its doors in the Central Market, the main supply centre of the capital. Afterwards, continue to the Plaza de Armas and the cathedral, travelling to the heart of the city along the famous Alameda, Santiago's vibrant main avenue. Then, cross the Mapocho River to reach the bohemian Bellavista district on your way to San Cristobal Hill. (B) (L)

Hotel: Intercontinental, Santiago

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 | ON TO PUERTO NATALES

Fly to Punta Arenas where you'll then drive to Puerto Natales, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park. Famous for its spiced meat and seafood dishes, tonight's meal will have you savouring typical Patagonian dishes. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales

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DAY 8 | BALMACEDA AND SERRANO GLACIERS EXCURSION

Head out on a Balmaceda and Serrano Glacier Cruise to view these majestic ice formations. On return, the rest of your day is at leisure. **(B) (L)**

DAY 9 | TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Join your Local Expert on an excursion of Torres del Paine National Park, famous for its glaciers,

grasslands, imposing mountains and the three granite towers it is named after. Later today, explore with Insight Choice. Opt to learn the Patagonian cowboy way of life by spending an evening with local vaqueros to learn about their special clothing, saddles and an opportunity to share mate, a herbal tea made from yerba mate leaves. Or, join a tour of the region's oldest gardens at Reserva Cerro Paine which produces seasonal fruits and vegetables using bio-intensive sustainable methods. Tonight, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you enjoy the exquisite flavours of Torres Del Paine National Park. **(B) (L) (D)**

Hotel: Las Torres Patagonia, Torres del Paine National Park

DAY 10 | SIGHTSEEING IN TORRES DEL PAINE

Spend the day sightseeing in Torres del Paine as you look out for the park's guanacos and Andean condors. Witness the sharp peaks of Cuernos del Paine and marvel at the emerald waters of the park's lakes. Join your Travel Director and new friends as you toast to your travels over dinner with wine. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 11 | BACK TO SANTIAGO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your trip comes to an end. Head to Punta Arenas where you'll fly to Santiago International Airport for your flight home. End your tour in Santiago. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 19:00.

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Valparaíso | Explore this coastal city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a Local Expert.

San Pedro de Atacama | Discover Moon Valley, made up of dunes, caves and caverns, with your Local Expert.

Visit El Tatio Geysers, one of the most important geothermic fields in the world. Explore the Atacama Salt Flats, the largest in Chile and one of the driest parts of the world.

Puerto Natales | Explore Balmaceda and Serrano Glaciers aboard a sea vessel.

Torres del Paine National Park | *Insight Choice* Tour the region's oldest garden, or learn about the baqueano (cowboy) way of life.

Torres del Paine National Park | Take a scenic drive through Chile's Patagonia Region.

Torres del Paine National Park | Enjoy the exquisite local flavours of Torres Del Paine National Park as you dine at Hotel Las Torres. Every meal features fresh, in-season ingredients grown on-site at the region's oldest gardens, which utilize bio-intensive sustainable techniques. Your experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
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*Premium Dining*

Valparaíso | Enjoy delicious Chilean cuisine with a privileged view of the port.

Santiago | Enjoy lunch at El Galeón, the seafood restaurant in the heart of the Central Market.

Torres del Paine National Park | Raise a toast to your travels at a dinner with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

**KEY**

- ✈ Join/Leave Options ✈ Included Flights 🏠 UNESCO Heritage Site ① Hotels and Nights
● Place Visited

Argentina, Uruguay & Brazil Discovery

Sip Copacabana cocktails, shop Buenos Aires' markets and watch the tango. Stay at a luxury hotel beside Iguassu Falls, rise to new heights in Rio, and sip wine in Colonia del Sacramento.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

January + March + October + December

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES

Nicknamed the "Paris of South America", this glamorous destination really does live up to its European counterpart. Neoclassical, Art Nouveau and Art Deco buildings line its streets, attracting equally sophisticated travellers. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your luxury hotel. Relax and unwind before meeting your Travel Director and fellow guests for a three-course dinner with wine. **(D)**

Hotel: MGallery Palladio, Buenos Aires

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES

Start your first full day in Buenos Aires with a city tour. Take in the capital's key sights including the Metropolitan Cathedral, Casa Rosada and Plaza de Mayo. Witness a private demonstration and performance by professional tango dancers in El Viejo Almacén. Later, enjoy a unique fireside dining experience at El Fogón Asado. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 3 | ON TO COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

Travel by ferry across the Rio de la Plata, otherwise known as the River Plate. Visit Colonia del Sacramento. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this colourful destination was originally founded by the Portuguese in the 1600s. Enjoy lunch with wine at a local olive farm, Viñedos y Olivares del Quintón, known for their characteristic terrain and thermal air, the perfect setting for vineyards and olive groves. Take a guided walking tour of the protected old city's 16th century buildings before arriving in Uruguay's capital, Montevideo. **(B) (L)**

Hotel: Costanero MGallery, Montevideo

DAY 4 | VISIT JUANICÓ WINERY

Explore Montevideo on a city tour. Just north of Montevideo sits Juanicó winery, one of the leading wineries of the country. You'll be welcomed with a tour of the vineyards, state-of-the-art facilities, and the wine cellar built in 1840. After learning how the past and present blend to create wines that receive gold medals, sit down to a leisurely lunch. A sip of one of their Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Riesling and Sauvignon Gris or flagship full-bodied red will leave you with a new appreciation for Uruguayan wines. **(B) (L)**

DAY 5 | RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES

Enjoy a leisurely morning before your transfer to the ferry escorting you back to Buenos Aires. Curate your afternoon with Insight Choice. Select from two insightful walking tours tailored for the curious traveller. In the city with one of the highest number of bookstores per person in the world, visit the ritzy Recoleta neighbourhood's Ateneo Bookstore. Discover its history as the former Teatro Grand Splendid theatre when it hosted performances by the

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

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famous tango singers Carlos Gardel and Ignacio Corsini. Or, delight your palate on a walking tour to Avenida Corrientes, including stops at the nearly 100-year-old Guerrin pizzeria and world-famous Cadore ice cream store. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: MGallery Palladio, Buenos Aires

DAY 6 | BUENOS AIRES TO IGUASSU FALLS

Fly from Buenos Aires to Iguassu Falls. With over 270 waterfalls, rare flora and fauna, and lush rainforest, your destination really is as impressive as the photos suggest. Meaning "big water" in the Guaraní language, the stunning falls land in both Argentina and Brazil. Have a night at leisure within the National Park as you take in your beautiful surroundings. **(B)**

Hotel: Gran Meliá, Iguazú National Park

DAY 7 | SIGHTSEEING AT IGUASSU FALLS

Take in breathtaking views of the jungle and falls, before heading out with a Local Expert to explore the Argentinian side of the park. Take an optional boat ride to Devil's Throat, the largest and perhaps most famous water cascade in the park. Tonight's dinner takes place at The Argentine Experience, where you'll enjoy traditional Argentinian cuisine complemented by delicious local wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | THE BRAZILIAN SIDE

Wake up and enjoy breakfast with a tropical view. Today you'll take a guided visit to the Brazilian side of Iguassu Falls. Your Local Expert will show you panoramic views of San Martin Island, before you head to the airport for your flight to Rio. Located by Copacabana Beach, your hotel is the perfect place to relax. Take a dip in the rooftop pool, sit back and watch the sunset, or explore the bars and restaurants on your doorstep. **(B)**

Hotel: Hilton Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

DAY 9 | EXPLORE RIO DE JANEIRO

Begin your day with a visit to a local produce market to sample some of Brazil's exotic fruits. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a local botanist for a special guided visit to Rio's Botanical Garden, a preservation site for a rare collection of bromeliads and orchids (seasonal exhibit), as well as old trees and exotic plants. Made up of museums, research and cultural centres, the park showcases over 6,500 different species of plants, both local and foreign. Enjoy lunch sipping on a classic caipirinha cocktail at Casa Camolese, a contemporary restaurant situated next to the garden. Conclude your day with a cable car ride to the top of the iconic Sugarloaf Mountain for incredible views of the city and Guanabara Bay. **(B) (L)**

DAY 10 | LEISURE TIME IN RIO DE JANEIRO

In the morning, board a cogwheel train through the Tijuca Forest to the top of Corcovado Mountain, home to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue. After descent, enjoy a scenic drive past some of the most beautiful beaches in Rio. Spend the afternoon soaking up the sun on Copacabana Beach or ask your Travel Director for the best spot to grab a Brazilian coffee. In the evening, commemorate your holiday as you join your new friends for a memorable dinner at a traditional Brazilian churrascaria offering views of Sugarloaf Mountain. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your trip comes to an end. Take our organised transfer to Rio de Janeiro's Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport. **(B)**



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Buenos Aires | Enjoy a private tango demonstration and engage first-hand with the professional dancers.

Colonia Del Sacramento | Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site and its charming cobblestone streets with a Local Expert.

Buenos Aires | *Insight Choice* Delight your palate with a tour and visit to Guerrin Pizzeria and Cadore Ice Cream, or discover the history of Ateneo Bookstore on a walking tour.

Iguassu Falls | Enjoy breathtaking views from both the Argentinian and Brazilian side of the park with a Local Expert.

Rio de Janeiro | Take a cable car ride up to Sugarloaf Mountain. See Christ the Redeemer statue atop Mount Corcovado.

Rio de Janeiro | Join a local botanist for an exclusive guided visit to Rio's Botanical Garden. Your experience advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land.

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Premium Dining

Buenos Aires | Enjoy a tasting menu of traditional flavours including the best cuts of meat and fire-roasted vegetables during your culinary journey.

Montevideo | Visit a local olive oil farm before sitting down for lunch paired with local wines.

Rio de Janeiro | Enjoy a lunch with a classic Caipirinha cocktail next to the city's botanical garden. Dine on succulent grilled specialities at a traditional Brazilian churrascaria.

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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DEPARTURE MONTHS

June - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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!

Depart Bozeman in the morning and enter the vast wonderland of Yellowstone National Park. The world's first National Park, Yellowstone spans over 2.2 million acres and is full of natural wonders, geothermal phenomena and diverse, free-roaming wildlife. Spend the afternoon sightseeing and wildlife spotting in Yellowstone with your Travel Director, looking out for wolves, bears, elk and moose. In the late afternoon, join local artist John Potter for an insightful MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learning about the natural environment in a whole new way. Potter reveals the park's history, culture and wildlife through his deep artistic and spiritual connection to the land based on the traditions of his Anishinaabe (Ojibwe/Chippewa) ancestors. Growing up in Northern Wisconsin, Potter developed a love for the Natural World early on and spent 20 years as an award-winning illustrator for a large Montana newspaper before painting landscapes and wildlife full-time in 2022. Potter has since made his home in the Greater Yellowstone region and has developed a special relationship with the land and all its inhabitants. You'll love experiencing the park guided by Potter's special connection to the land. (B) (L)

Hotel: Canyon Lodge, Yellowstone National Park

DAY 4 | MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS SIGHTSEEING

As one of the major geyser basins in Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs terraces invites you to put boots to ground on a gentle hike. The 3.56 km Mammoth Terraces Trail passes many of the most beautiful and historic

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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hot spring terraces of the park and snakes up to a sweeping outlook. This afternoon, explore the Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District at your leisure. Get up close and personal with Fort Yellowstone, where 35 structures remain from the 1890's and early 1900's. View the Mail Carrier's Cabin, the only 1800s log structure still standing in Mammoth Hot Springs from the time when mail carriers delivered the mail from railroad distribution points to remote post offices. After this step back in time, your Travel Director reveals more of Yellowstone National Park. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | YELLOWSTONE'S GRAND CANYON

Join Local Expert, Adam Brubaker of Tied to Nature for a private tour of Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Hayden Valley and Lake Yellowstone. Formed by erosion caused by the Yellowstone River, the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone offers views of dramatic colours and shapes as puffs of steam rise from the canyon walls. Making your way along Hayden Valley, watch for herds of bison, elk and the occasional grizzly bear. Lastly, bask in the beauty of Yellowstone Lake, the largest high elevation lake in North America. After learning about the creation of the park's waterfalls, canyon, wildlife, and human and geological history, enjoy sightseeing in the park with your Travel Director. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Grant Village, Yellowstone National Park

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 1.6km to 5km. **(B)**

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 lunch in the private Members Only lounge of 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 Join a guided walking tour of Bozeman's historic Main Street, or visit the Museum of the Rockies, a world-class cultural and natural history museum.

Yellowstone National Park | Explore the many geysers including Old Faithful. Hike the Mammoth Hot Springs area. Join Adam Brubaker, naturalist and photographer, to visit Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Hayden Valley and Yellowstone Lake.

Keep your eye out for wildlife in Hayden Valley and admire the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone.

Grand Teton National Park | See the soaring peaks of the Tetons within the National Park and watch for local wildlife.

Yellowstone National Park | Join John Potter (Ojibwe/Chippewa) for an outdoors storytelling experience and gain a glimpse into a way of life that thrived in balance long before there were lines on a map creating a National Park. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 10 & 11: Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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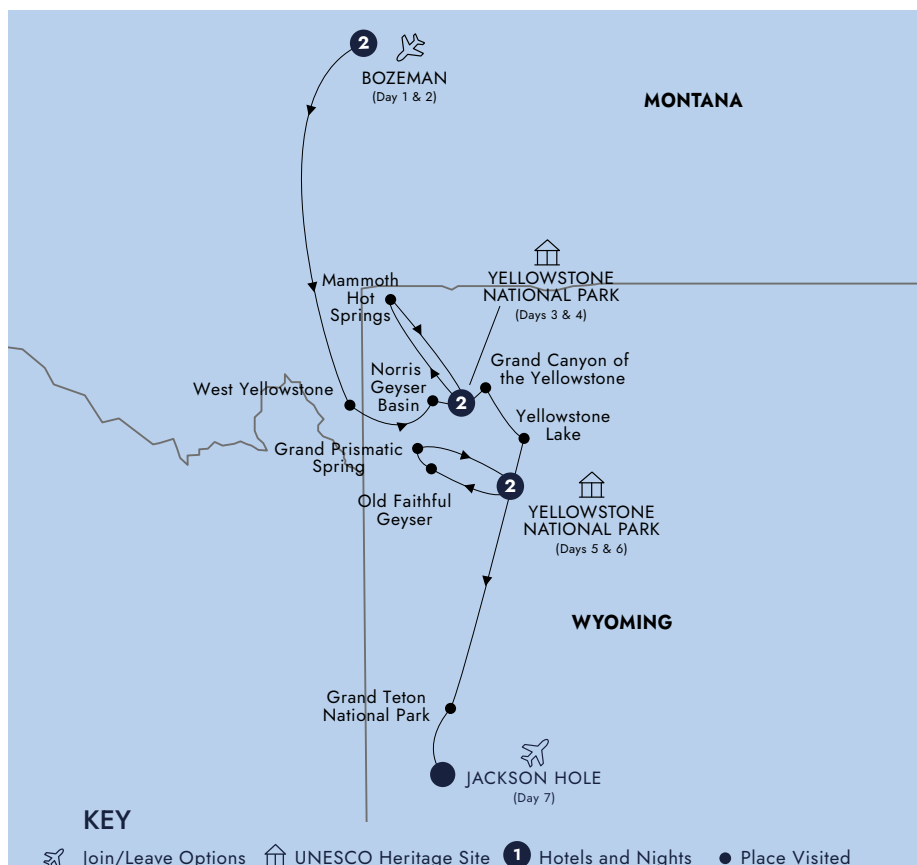
Premium Dining

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.

Jackson | Savour inventive lunch dishes from Palate in the Members Only Lounge at the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



American Parks Trail with Rocky Mountaineer Option

Experience an authentic Wild West adventure in Yellowstone National Park. Learn about Indigenous culture of the Black Hills, and float down the Snake River.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: AAP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

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: Sheraton 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 the 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, whilst 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 only a short walk away from Jackson's 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 13,775 Ft (4,199 m) 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)

Hotel: Yellowstone National Park Lodges

DAY 4 | GEYSERS AND COLOURFUL MUDPOTS

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

Head to the Wild West town of Cody, and learn about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West. With five museums on campus, you'll be sure to find one that piques your interest. Learn about

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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Buffalo Bill and the Plains Indians, or venture into the Cody Firearms Museum and the Draper Natural History Museum. Or, for a more relaxed experience, you can stroll through the Whitney Western Art Museum. This evening, enjoy a ranch-style dinner at The Ranch at UCross offering the perfect, relaxing getaway for experiencing Wyoming's wildlife, recreation and environmental heritage. **(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, 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

DAY 7 | CUSTER AND THE WILD, WILD WEST

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

Hotel: State Game Lodge, Custer State Park

DAY 8 | MOUNTAIN MONUMENTS OF THE BLACK HILLS

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

DAY 9 | DEPART RAPID CITY OR DENVER

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers. Guests flying out of Rapid City may take our complimentary shuttle service to Rapid City Regional Airport. A transfer to Denver International Airport is available for guests flying out of Denver. For those continuing their adventure on the Rocky Mountaineer, enjoy a relaxing evening at your hotel in Denver before embarking on the rail journey of a lifetime the following morning. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 16:30.

Rocky Mountaineer Option

Customise your vacation by adding a five-day Rocky Mountaineer post-extension.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Jackson | Explore the town's boutiques and stores, which blend the Old West with a modern twist.

Grand Teton National Park | See the soaring peaks of the Tetons within the National Park and watch for local wildlife.

Yellowstone National Park | Explore the many geysers including Old Faithful.

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

Black Hills | View the awe-inspiring Devils Tower National Monument. View the iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, and get exclusive access to the face of the monument.

Badlands National Park | Visit the Badlands National Park in South Dakota.

Philip | Discover the past, present, and future of the Lakota people at the Oglala Lakota Living History Village. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 10 & 11: Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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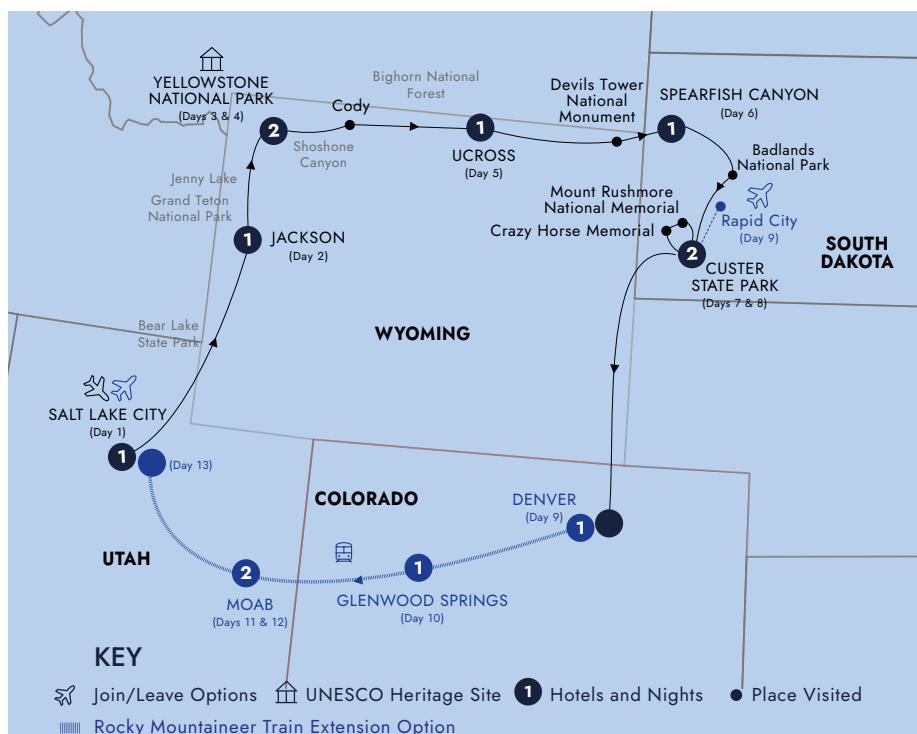
Premium Dining

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.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Canadian Rockies and 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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Trip code: APNC Z/V

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VANCOUVER

On arrival, make your way to your hotel. Enjoy a savoury 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 you'll want to 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, colourful meadows and majestic mountains. After a brief orientation tour through town, explore on your own or book onto an optional Float Trip. (B)

Hotel: The Crimson, Jasper National Park

DAY 6 | EXPLORING JASPER AND THE COLUMBIA ICEFIELD

Enjoy an informative walk on the trails of Maligne Canyon before embarking on a narrated cruise across the serene waters of Maligne Lake (seasonal). 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

Board a private Red Jammer bus to cruise the Going-To-The-Sun Road witnessing stunning views from Logan Pass (seasonal) and the marvels of the park's wild interior. Over an

insightful Legends of Glacier MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, join performing and recording artist Jack Gladstone who will illuminate the history of Glacier National Park through story and song. **(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.

Icefields Parkway | Venture out onto the amazing Glacier Skywalk where you will be treated to an after-hours visit onto the cliff-edged glass-floored walkway. See glaciers and soaring mountain peaks on one of the most scenic drives in North America.

Jasper | Relax on board a narrated cruise across the serene Maligne Lake.

Athabasca Glacier | Join your Local Expert on a special before-hours glacier tour to discover the frosty flow before the crowds arrive.

Glacier National Park | Discover Lake McDonald, the largest in the Park. Board a Private, Historic Red Jammer for a journey along the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Seattle | *Insight Choice* Head to the Space Needle and experience its jaw-dropping panoramic views of the Seattle skyline, or get an up close look at world-renowned glass artist Dave Chihuly's work.

Lake McDonald | Meet Jack Gladstone for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, an enrolled citizen of the Blackfeet Nation in Western Montana and a well-known performing and recording artist in Montana. Your experience advances UN Global Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

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Premium Dining

Icefields Parkway | Dine at the Glacier View Lodge, where a seasonal menu tempts your tastebuds.

Quincy | Enjoy delicious harvest salads and artisanal flatbreads made with local sourced ingredients paired with wine.

Seattle | Enjoy dinner at the waterfront Ivar's Salmon House.

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



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: AEC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

February - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 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 long, 29 km wide and 1.6 km 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 insights into one of the seven natural wonders of the world. 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 | MONUMENT VALLEY AND LAKE POWELL

Early risers will take advantage of the lodge location to witness one of Mother Nature's grandest shows on earth: a sunrise over the Grand Canyon. Travel along the South Rim Desert View Drive, skirting the southern rim of the canyon. Learn how the work of the Grand Canyon Conservancy acknowledges the First Nations of the Grand Canyon. 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. This carefully prepared tour keenly exemplifies the relationship of respect with the land in the valley and the importance placed on preserving the natural treasures found here. Enjoy a Navajo cookout amid the giant buttes and mesas of this unique landscape. This evening, enjoy dinner with wine in the Rainbow Room at your resort. (B) (L) (D)

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Hotel: Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas

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 | 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 experience this morning, let yourself be tempted by a gentle trip down the Colorado River. Calmly float past some of the most awe-inspiring sites, like the iconic Horseshoe Bend and Petroglyph Beach. 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 pow wow 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. In the evening, we arrive at our lodge in Zion National Park. Take an evening stroll

through the park just outside your doorstep or relax and unwind in preparation for a full day of exploring the next day. **(B)**

Hotel: Zion National Park Lodge

DAY 6 | ZION NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning before a day of exploration of Zion National Park. Established in 1919 to protect the stunning landscapes, the park features towering sandstone cliffs, narrow slot canyons, and diverse plant and animal life. Today, Zion is one of the most visited national parks in the United States. Tour the canyon aboard a privately chartered open-air vehicle with live commentary from a Local Expert featuring scenic highlights of the region. This afternoon, explore Zion National Park further with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Travel Director for a guided hike to the Emerald Pools, or take a self-guided leisurely stroll along the Virgin River Walk. **(B) (RS)**

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 Sheraton Salt Lake city hotel is also provided should you wish to extend your stay. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 15:00.

**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.

Sedona | Immerse yourself in stunning, natural peaks and rock formations along Oak Creek Canyon Scenic Drive.

Bryce Canyon National Park | View the odd-shaped monoliths, known as hoodoos.

Zion National Park | Insight Choice Take a leisurely stroll along the Virgin River taking in the sights and sounds of Zion, or take a hike to the famed Emerald Pools with your Travel Director.

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

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

Grand Canyon | Experience Desert View Point, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience that supports the Grand Canyon Conservancy and the development of the Desert Viewpoint Intertribal Cultural Heritage Site. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 10 & 11: Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
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*Premium Dining*

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

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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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: AWSW

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - June + September - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor or see [insightvacations.com/americanwest](https://www.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 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 whilst being entertained by local musicians 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. View rock art panels, occupation sites, campsites and granaries built by descendants. 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 many 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. View the iconic, 52-foot, freestanding natural arch, the most widely recognised landmark in Utah. Then it's onto Canyonlands National Park for a drive onto the Island in the Sky, a mesa resting 1,000 feet above the countryside. Your sightseeing tour includes spots at various lookout points including the Grand Viewpoint with sweeping views of the Colorado 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 | DURANGO FREE TIME AND MONUMENT VALLEY

Explore historic Durango before viewing the iconic backdrop of Forrest Gump's last 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. This carefully prepared tour keenly exemplifies the relationship of respect with the land in the valley and the importance placed on preserving the natural treasures found here. Enjoy a Navajo cookout amid the giant buttes and mesas of this unique landscape. **(B) (D) (RS)**

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 artefacts 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." **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | THE WONDERS OF THE GRAND CANYON

Visit the historic Cameron Trading Post before taking in the Grand Canyon from the Desert View Watchtower. Learn about how this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience contributes to the Grand Canyon Conservancy's efforts to develop an Inter-Tribal Cultural Heritage Site. 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 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 tranquillity before the day trippers arrive. You may take an optional flight-seeing helicopter ride 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 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.

Canyonlands National Park | Enjoy spectacular views over the dramatic sandstone formations.

Arches National Park | View the natural formations, including the iconic Delicate Arch.

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 and rock art.

Grand Canyon National Park | *Insight Choice* Meet with a local geologist for an informational talk overlooking the Grand Canyon, or hike along the rim for spectacular views.

Monument Valley | Deepen your knowledge and connection as you travel by off-road vehicles to the cookout site for dinner with members of the Navajo nation. Your experience advances UN Global Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

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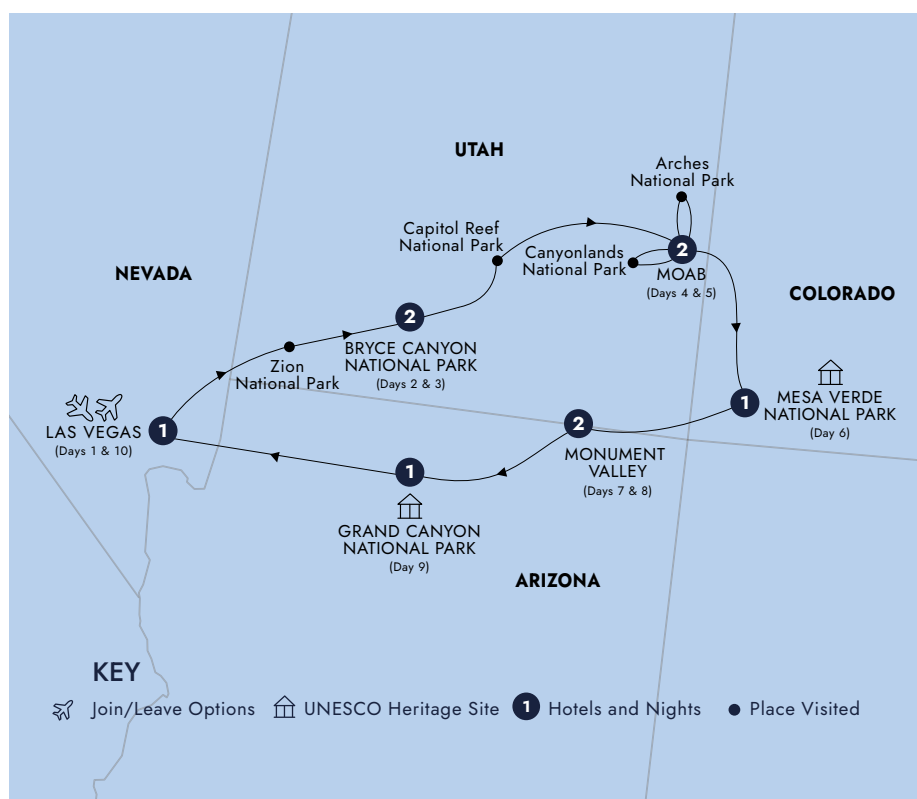
*Premium Dining*

Bryce Canyon National Park | Enjoy entertainment by local musicians during 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.



Jewels of Alaska

Ride the glass-domed Alaskan Railroad toward Denali National Park. Learn about life behind-the-scenes with an Iditarod winner.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: AJAK

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 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 THE MATANUSKA VALLEY

Get acquainted with Anchorage on an immersive city tour. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Alaska Native Heritage Centre and discover how the culinary traditions passed on by generations of Alaska's first people became a key component in the survival of the culture. Witness firsthand a private demonstration of Agutak ice cream making and how this culinary link to the past helps breathe new life into the indigenous culture of today. This afternoon, travel through the fertile Matanuska Valley and stop at a local farm to see how the long summer days and glacial silt create the perfect environment for growing vegetables and flowers. Head to the quaint community of Talkeetna. The evening is yours at leisure. Your Travel Director is on hand with insights into Alaskan specialities to sample, and dining recommendations to suit your tastes. (B)

Hotel: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

DAY 3 | TALKEETNA SIGHTSEEING

This morning, you can choose between an immersive jet boat tour up the Chulitna River with a visit to a trapper's cabin, or enjoy a scenic float on the Talkeetna River. 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 rail car. 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 most daunting and tallest land-based mountains in the world. You'll learn about the incredible physical and mental fortitude required to withstand the 17- to 18-day round trip that presents conditions so challenging climbers are forced to build snow walls for protection against the elements. For tonight's Dine-Around evening, the choice is yours between a charming local brewery or the lodge's rustic restaurant. (B) (D) (RS)

Hotel: Grande Denali Lodge, Denali 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 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 at leisure to participate in an array of optional activities. Perhaps opt to join a blissful stroll through one of the meadows, a scenic hike, a rafting trip down the Nenana River (waiver required) or 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)

Happy Trails Kennels. Arriving at the kennel, you will be greeted by between thirty and sixty excited sled dogs. Spend time with Martin and learn about the many challenges faced on the 1,049-mile dogsled race. Take a virtual trip along the Iditarod trail alongside Martin's narration including countless stories from his thirty-five years of racing, as well as a great deal of Iditarod history - a true insider experience into the world of the Iditarod. Journey on the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm with its dramatic views, before arriving in the town of Girdwood, home of the Alyeska Resort. Tonight, join your Travel Director for a wonderful dinner complete with wine and good cheer. (B) (L) (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 100-mile (160-kilometre) boat tour of Prince William Sound and into the College Fjord with the chance to see the glaciers up close. Visit with the Captain in the wheelhouse to learn how he expertly navigates the icy waterways and sit down to a sumptuous lunch against an incredible backdrop. For those saying farewell today, will travel back to Anchorage. (B) (L) (RS)

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 20:30.

DAY 6 | GIRDWOOD AND MOUNT ALYESKA

Enjoy a scenic journey along the George Parks Highway. Stop in Big Lake and visit four-time Iditarod winner Martin Buser at his own home,

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Matanuska Valley | As you travel through the fertile valley, stop at a local farm to learn about agriculture in Alaska.

Talkeetna | *Insight Choice* Enjoy a scenic Float Trip on the Talkeetna River for amazing views of Mount Denali, or enjoy a jet boat tour up the Chulitna River and visit a trappers cabin.

Denali National Park | Hear a local climber's fascinating account of climbing North America's highest peak. Experience the best of the park on a wilderness tour with a visit to historic Murie Cabin.

Alaska Railroad | Board the Alaska Railroad train for a spectacular journey.

Big Lake | Meet four-time Iditarod winner, Martin Buser. Learn about the challenges of competing in the 1,049-mile (1,688 kilometre) race and enjoy lunch at his home.

Whittier | Cruise Prince William Sound and into the College Fjord.

Anchorage | Enjoy an exclusive Agutak (Inuit ice cream) making demonstration during a visit to the renowned Alaska Native Heritage Centre. Your experience advances UN Global Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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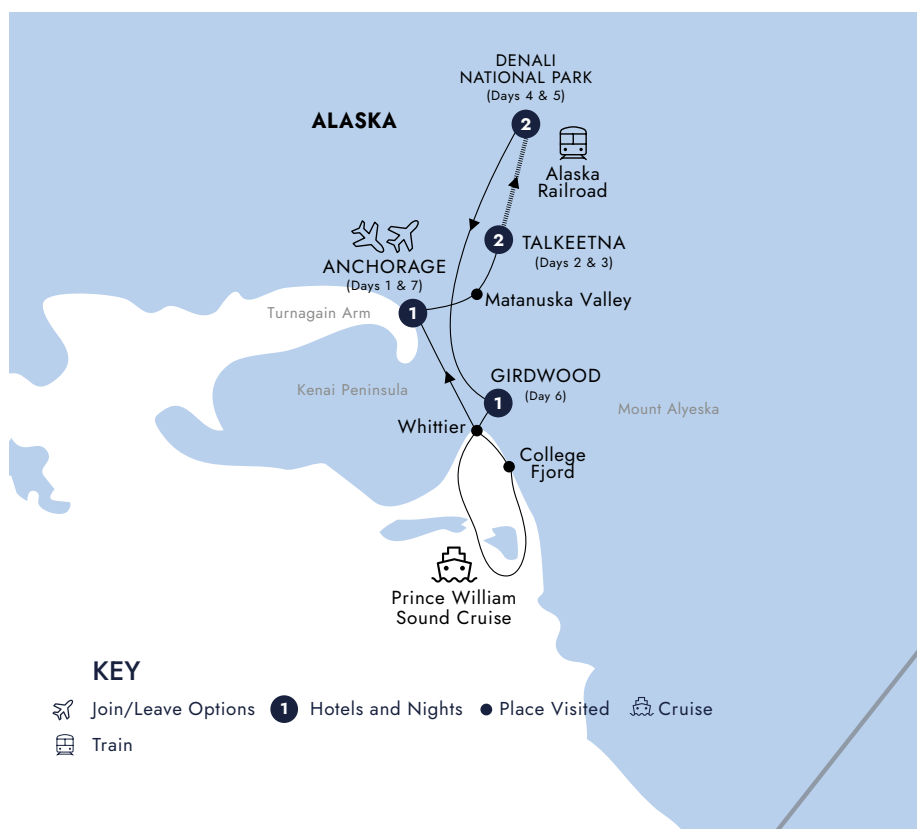
Premium Dining

Anchorage | Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers to savour 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 specialities with your fellow travellers during dinner complete with wine and good cheer.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



Spectacular Rockies and Glaciers of Alberta

with Rocky Mountaineer Option

Discover Jasper and Banff National Parks, and sleep in a glacial view hotel. Cruise across Maligne Lake and take a forest walk with a First Nations Cree Iroquois Guide.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: AGVL

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BANFF

Your stay at a historic mountain resort in Banff awaits. After your arrival at Calgary Airport, if you have purchased an airport transfer, your driver will transport you to the hotel. Built in the distinctive Canadian Château style, it is one of the earliest examples of the country's grand railway hotels. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a dinner. **(D)**

Hotel: Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff National Park

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING BANFF

Connect with nature as you join a memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert. Discover First Nations culture, such as how plants and animals like bears hold great significance, over a guided walk in the Boreal Forest. This afternoon, choose to discover the history and culture of the Rocky Mountains of Canada at the Whyte Museum or learn about the history of the Fairmont Banff Springs from knowledgeable ambassadors. **(B)**

DAY 3 | A TRIP TO LAKE LOUISE

The Three Sisters Peak or Mt Assiniboine will impress on this morning's optional helicopter flights (weather dependent). 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 before returning to Banff and enjoying the rest of your day at leisure. This evening, opt for a scenic end to your day by taking Banff Gondola ride. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 4 | LAKES, MOUNTAINS AND GLACIERS

Glaciers, waterfalls, and peaks are revealed on this morning's visit to Yoho National Park. Your journey includes photo opportunities at Emerald Lake (seasonal) before taking the Icefields Parkway, one of the most beautiful drives on the planet. Admire the dramatic scenery of the Rockies with plenty of photo opportunities. 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. **(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 5 | GLACIER ADVENTURE

Before other travellers arrive, venture onto the Athabasca Glacier in a massive Ice Explorer for your special, before-hours visit. Join your Local Expert and walk on the frozen flow of ice. Discover the beauty and immensity of the glacier as you learn about the history and geology of the region. Continue along the magnificent Icefields Parkway further into Jasper National Park with its soothing mineral hot springs, colourful meadows and majestic mountains. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Forest Park Hotel, Jasper National Park



Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. You will have the chance to visit a few of the most significant ones.

ARSEN, TRAVEL DIRECTOR.

DAY 6 | EXPLORING JASPER

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or join the fun and experience an optional easy rafting, scenic float trip down the Athabasca River, a designated Canadian Heritage River. A National Park licensed guide will provide commentary on the human and natural history of Jasper whilst navigating you along the same route used by the "fur traders" over 2 centuries ago. Don't worry, the guides do all the rowing; you sit back and enjoy whilst exploring all the spectacular scenery. There is always a chance of seeing various wildlife including elk, deer, moose, coyotes, wolves, eagles, ospreys, mountain sheep and bears. Later, join your Travel Director on an informative walk on Maligne Canyon,

the deepest gorge in Jasper National Park. As you cruise across the crystal waters of magical Maligne Lake (seasonal), fed by the glaciers of Jasper National Park and glide past the jagged mountain peaks, you'll discover why it's been declared the "Best Boat Cruise in Canada." **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO KANANASKIS

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive down to Kananaskis, often kept as a secret mountain sanctuary for locals, away from the masses that visit neighbouring Banff National Park. Enjoy the late afternoon to yourself to discover the local trails surrounding your upscale hotel nestled in the wilderness, or head to the Nordic Spa located steps away from the lodge. Tonight, come together with your fellow travellers for a festive dinner and toast to your wonderful trip in the Canadian Rockies. **(B) (D)**

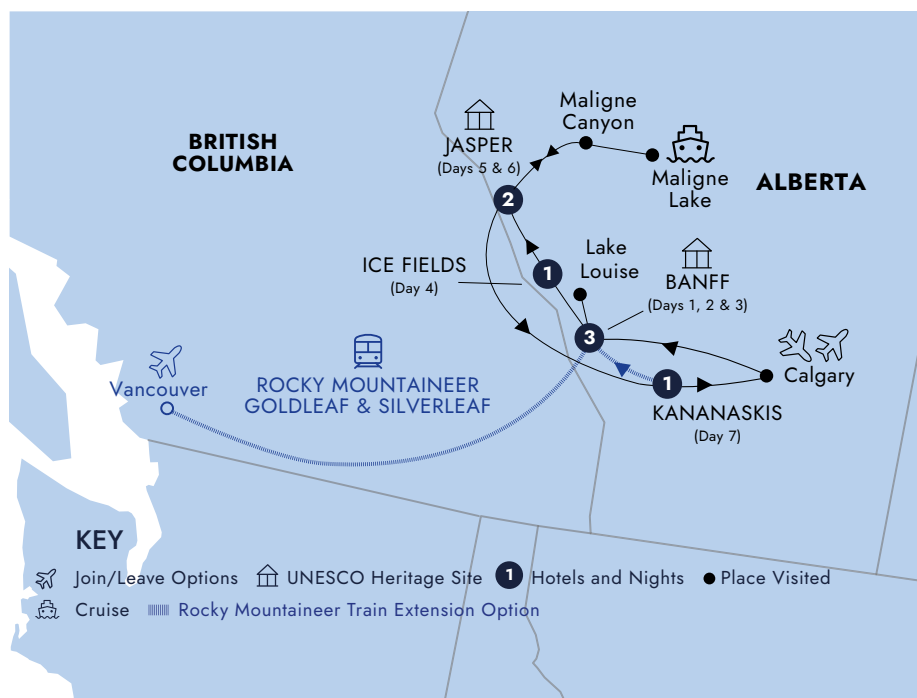
Hotel: Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge, Autograph Collection

DAY 8 | FAREWELL CANADA

After breakfast, you are transferred to Calgary Airport where your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

Rocky Mountaineer Option

Customise your vacation by adding a five-day Rocky Mountaineer post-extension.

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Banff | Insight Choice Discover history and culture at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, or learn about the history of Fairmont Banff Springs, highlights and stories that took place around the iconic hotel.

Moraine Lake | Enjoy a scenic stop at a glacier-fed lake.

Icefields Parkway | Enjoy an after-hours visit to the amazing Glacier Skywalk. Step onto the cliff-edged, glass-floored walkway rising 918 ft (280 metres) above the valley. See glaciers and soaring mountain peaks on one of the most scenic drives in North America.

Enjoy a before-hours visit onto the Athabasca Glacier.

Maligne Canyon | Walk on the trails of the deepest canyon in Jasper National Park.

Jasper | Relax on board a narrated cruise across the serene Maligne Lake.

Banff | Join a First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert and take a walk in the Boreal forest. Learn how their ancestors survived off the land and used the plants as medicines. Listen to amazing stories about First Nations culture and their relationship with local nature and wildlife. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 5 & 11: Gender Equality & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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*Premium Dining*

Banff | Enjoy dinner at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

Icefields Parkway | Dine at the Glacier View Lodge, where a seasonal menu tempts your tastebuds.

Kananaskis | Dine on fresh, regional ingredients at Kananaskis Mountain Lodge.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Eastern Canada Discovery

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Niagara Falls | Experience the awesome power and thundering water from a state of the art eco-catamaran.

Montreal | Discover the first neo-gothic church of Canada, Basilique Notre-Dame. City Tour with Local Expert.

Quebec City | *Insight Choice* Visit a copper art studio for a guided tour, or experience the natural wonders that tower 272 feet (82m) tall over the Saint Lawrence River.

Quebec City | Take an in-depth look during a City Tour with Local Expert.

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

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EXPERIENCE



Premium Dining

Toronto | Delve into Canadian specialities during dinner in the nation's largest city.

Ottawa | Join a cooking demonstration at Just Food Community Farm, nestled within Ottawa's lush 150-acre Greenbelt. Discover the meaning of forest to table as your chef prepares your meal using local foraged ingredients. After learning new skills to take home, savour a 3-course feast paired with wine.

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

Quebec City | Savour the evening as you enjoy a seasonal menu consisting of locally sourced ingredients.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



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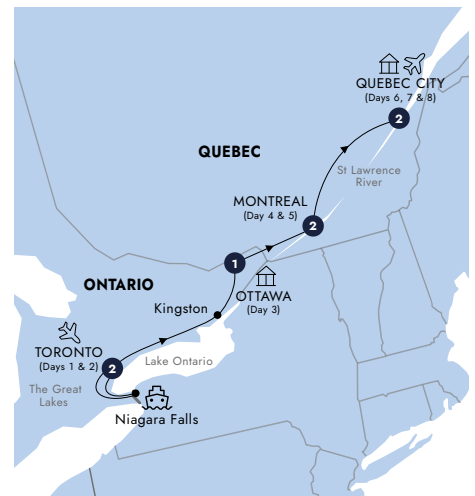
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Discover Eastern Canada's wonders, from multicultural Toronto and majestic Niagara Falls to Ottawa's culinary arts and Quebec's historic charm.

Experience the best of Eastern Canada during this 8-day guided tour. Begin your journey in Toronto with an exploration of the city's top sights. Feel the awe of Niagara Falls as you cruise through the mist and take in the power of this thundering waterfall. In Ottawa, engage in a cooking demonstration at Just Food Community Farm with members from a renowned culinary school. Support the revival of traditional arts at Mādahōki Farm, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Discover Montreal's grand mansions and the neo-gothic Notre-Dame Basilica with a Local Expert. Immerse yourself in an authentic Canadian culinary adventure at a local sugar shack. At Montmorency Falls Park, experience the natural wonder that towers over the Saint Lawrence River. Or, visit a Copper Art Studio. Conclude your adventure in Quebec City, toasting your travels in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Old Quebec. Unforgettable sights and insights await you in Eastern Canada.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- ✈ Join/Leave Options
- 🏠 UNESCO Heritage Site
- 🚢 Cruise
- ① Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited



Trip code: ABECQ

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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Landscapes of the Canadian Maritimes

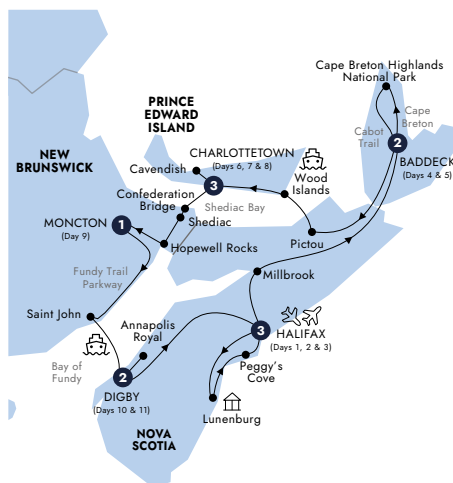
12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | BALANCED



Blend the best of land and sea: watch for bald eagles on the Cabot Trail and see the Prince Edward Island dunes whilst trying the freshest seafood.

Embark on an exploration of Canada's maritime history and traditions. Begin in Halifax at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic with a Local Expert who will share the poignant story of the Titanic's sinking in 1912. Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lunenburg and meet a Local Expert for a walking tour. Visit the charming home that inspired L.M. Montgomery's beloved Anne of Green Gables. Journey along the breathtaking Cabot Trail, keeping an eye out for majestic bald eagles. In New Brunswick, experience a true taste of the Maritimes with an Acadian lobster boil lunch and cocktail class. Conclude your adventure with a thrilling whale-watching cruise on the Bay of Fundy (weather permitting), where humpback, minke, and fin whales make unforgettable appearances.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



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- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Cruise
- Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited



Trip code: ACME

DEPARTURE MONTHS

June - October

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Halifax | Insight Choice Get up close and personal with the Canadian Immigration story, or visit the home and gallery of Maud Kathleen Lewis, or visit Halifax's historic citadel.

Baddeck | Become part of the story as you explore the Celtic Heart of North America with an authentic Ceilidh night of Acadian hospitality and entertainment. You'll be tapping your toes to the fiddle and bagpipes of Celtic music. Take in unparalleled views aboard the Winstar Catamaran.

Cape Breton Island | Experience the spectacular sites along the Cabot Trail.

Prince Edward Island | Discover the islands 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 | Enrich your journey exploring the history and culture of the Mi'kmaq people at the Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 10 & 11: Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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Premium Dining

Charlottetown | Learn about the local seafood from a Maritime fisher before feasting on a delicious lunch.

Moncton | Experience a true taste of the maritimes with an Acadian lobster boil and cocktail class.

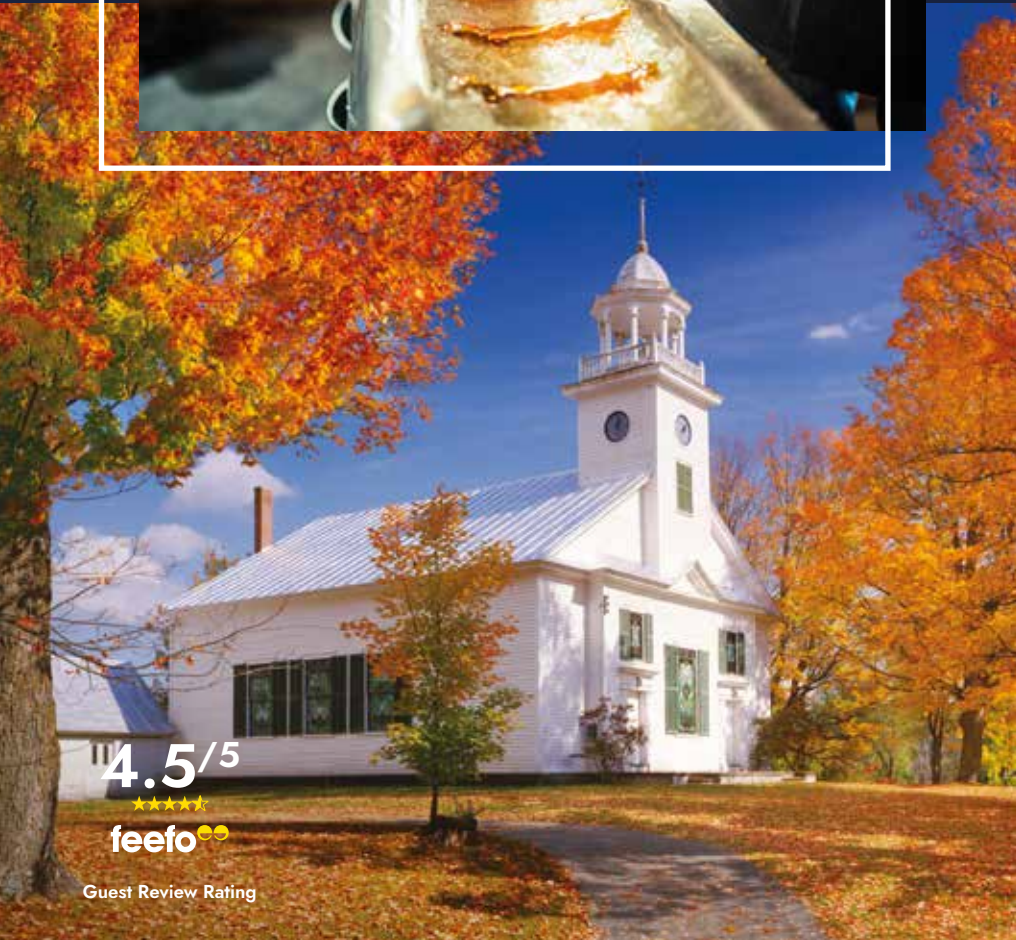
Digby | Celebrate the region's famous scallops with a culinary demonstration before a true Acadian dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

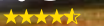
New England's Fall Foliage

Follow Boston's Freedom Trail, visit a maple syrup farm in Montpelier and admire the bronzing leaves of New England's trees.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: AENE

DEPARTURE MONTHS

September - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size call your Travel Advisor 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 Bunker Hill Monument, Boston Common, Boston Public Garden, Trinity Church and Copley Square. This afternoon, explore Stockbridge with an Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Norman Rockwell Museum, home to the largest and most significant collection of original Rockwell art. Alternatively, choose to take a guided tour of Chesterwood, the former summer home and studio of renowned 20th-century sculptor Daniel Chester French, 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

Journey through the bronze fall foliage of Vermont. Visit the Vermont Country Store for a unique shopping experience - you'll step back into history with their nostalgic assortment of products. Explore the Rockefeller's renowned Billings Farm and Museum, a captivating working dairy and farm life museum, followed by a stop in the quintessential Vermont village of Woodstock with its picturesque, covered bridge. Take in the fall foliage from Queechee Gorge and Bridge, a 50-metre-deep gorge offering stunning views of Ottauquechee River. End your day in the northern Vermont town of Stowe, home to the breathtaking alpine setting that attracted the real Von Trapp family of "The Sound of Music." Enjoy Austrian-style lagers over at Von Trapp Brewing Bierhall. (B) (D)

Hotel: Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe

DAY 4 | A TASTE OF VERMONT

Enjoy Vermont's beautiful scenery ablaze with fall's golden red colours. Visit Lake Champlain Chocolates for chocolate and local ice cream tasting. Like their chocolates, the ice cream Enjoy Vermont's beautiful scenery ablaze with fall's golden red colours. Visit Lake Champlain

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

RELAXED STARTS: (RS)

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

Chocolates for chocolate and local ice cream tasting. Like their chocolates, the ice cream is crafted with only the best local ingredients, including fresh cream, maple syrup and honey. Next, you'll travel to a local sugar house and learn how maple syrup is "tapped" from the trees. Taste a Vermont tradition, the unusually named 'sugar on snow', a combination of maple syrup and packed snow. This tasty treat is traditionally served with a doughnut and pickle. Enjoy lunch at Bread & Butter Farm, hosted by Wholesome Foods Kitchen, whilst you learn about regenerative agriculture and organic farming. Return to the enchanting town of Stowe for an afternoon at leisure. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 5 | NORTH CONWAY AND THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Move on to Vermont's picturesque capital, Montpelier. Journey to New Hampshire's White Mountains and enter striking Franconia Notch. Take a scenic ride on the Gondola Sky Ride 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 of untouched natural beauty. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: White Mountain Hotel and Resort, 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 6,288 feet (1,917 metres). Your Travel Director will guide you on a scenic hike to Diana's Baths, which features a series of small cascading waterfalls. Return to your hotel where you can enjoy an evening at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 7 | THE RUGGED MAINE COAST

Cross from New Hampshire into Maine this morning as you travel along the jagged coastline. Head to Fort Williams Park which is home to the iconic Portland Head Lighthouse that has been in operation since 1791. Then spend the rest of your 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 | BACK TO BOSTON

Known for its sandy beaches, Kennebunkport is a year-round coastal destination that houses the rich and famous, even serving as the summer retreat of former President George H.W. Bush. Travel along Ocean Drive with more stunning views of the Maine coastline, before driving back to Boston. Guests departing Boston will arrive at Boston Logan International Airport. Those extending their stay will return to the Hyatt Regency Boston hotel. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:30.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Stockbridge | Insight Choice 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. *or* take a self-guided visit to the Norman Rockwell Museum and grounds, which houses the largest collection of original Rockwell art pieces.

Boston | Unlock the secrets of the American Revolution during a tour of Boston's Historic Freedom Trail.

Woodstock | Explore the Rockefeller's renowned Billings Farm and Museum in Woodstock.

Kancamagus Highway | Enjoy a scenic drive along the Kancamagus Scenic Byway.

Franconia Notch State Park | Take a scenic ride on the Gondola SkyRide (weather permitting).

North Conway | Learn about regional flora and fauna with a Local Expert during an ecological look at autumn in New England. Your experience advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land.

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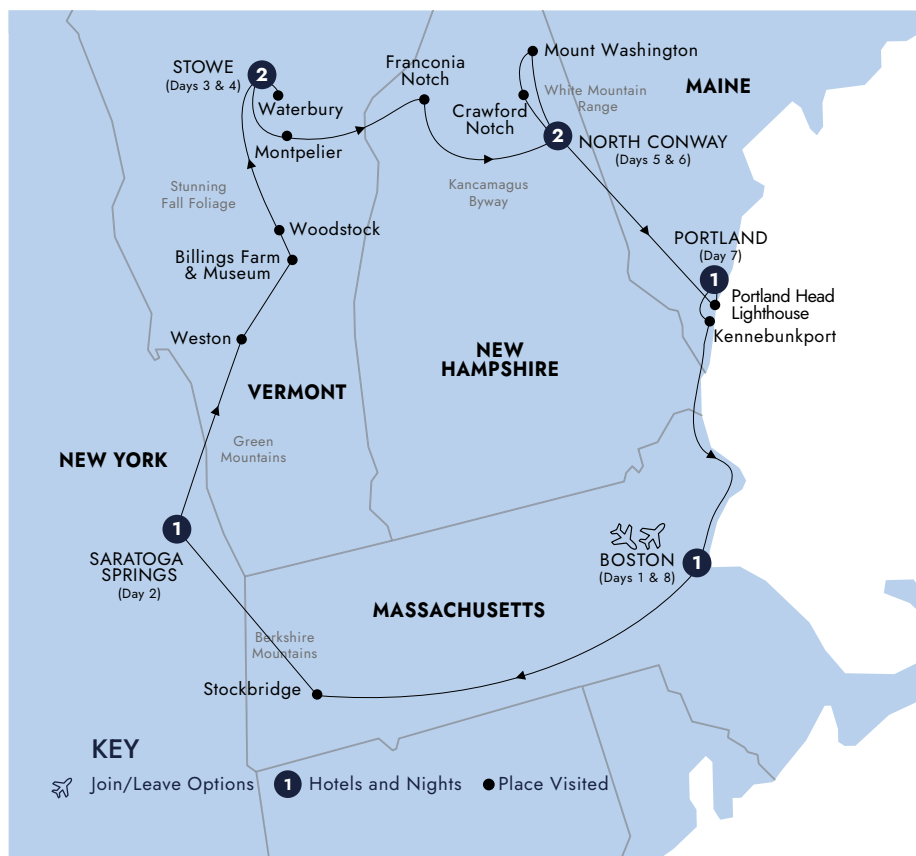
Premium Dining

Boston | Begin your tour savouring local flavours over dinner at your hotel.

Stowe | Enjoy Austrian-style lagers during your dinner at Von Trap Brewing's bierhall.

Portland | Enjoy an authentic Maine lobster dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Luray | Experience Shenandoah National Park and hike along the Appalachian Trail.

New River Gorge National Park | Take in the breathtaking views in New River Gorge National Park.

Asheville | Take a tour of the Citizen Vinyl record pressing factory.
Discover the The Biltmore Estate.

Gatlinburg | Visit the United States' third most-visited park, Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Nashville | Visit the Ryman Auditorium, former home of the Grand Ole Opry.

Clinton | Visit the pioneering Museum of Appalachia. Enjoy a full Southern Appalachian country lunch with traditional bluegrass music.

Nashville | *Insight Choice* Visit the National Museum of African American Music and celebrate the central role African Americans play in creating the American soundtrack, or join a Park Ranger for a tour of the intricate cave system at Mammoth Cave National Park.

Washington, D.C. | Visit the only National Museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture. Your experience advances UN Global Goal 4: Quality Education.

Cherokee | At the Oconaluftee Indian Village, MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® and discover living history and an intriguing glimpse into the past. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 10 & 11 - Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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Premium Dining

Asheville | Enjoy a walking food tour of Asheville's culinary favourites. Taking a seat at acclaimed eateries, enjoy outstanding food and drink pairings.

Smoky Mountains National Park | Indulge in an intimate picnic lunch whilst overlooking the mountains.

Nashville | Dine at one of the locals' favourite restaurants, Puckett's.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Spectacular National Parks of Eastern USA

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | DYNAMIC

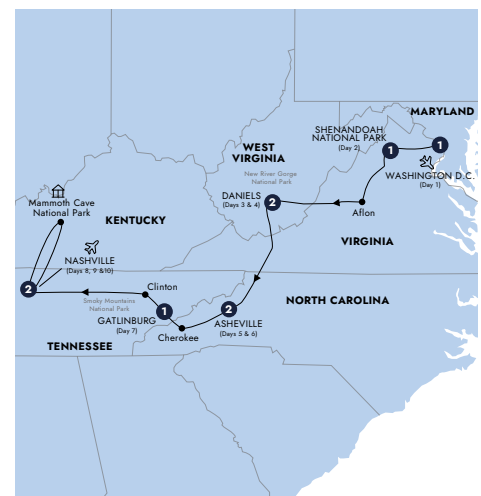


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Revel in the landscapes of the Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah National Parks, taste wine at Veritas Winery, and tour the Biltmore Estate.

Discover the spectacular National Parks and eclectic cities of the Eastern USA on this 10-Day guided tour. Revel in wide open spaces, stunning landscapes, iconic city sights and enjoy a bounty of food, music and art. Starting in Washington D.C., enjoy the spectacular colours of Shenandoah National Park, taste signature wines at the Veritas Winery and reconnect with nature at New River Gorge National Park in West Virginia, America's newest National Park. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of Citizen Vinyl Record's press factory in Asheville, and explore the vast Biltmore Estate, America's largest privately owned home. Uncover the region's fascinating history at the Oconaluftee Indian Village as you join a Cherokee cultural expert for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Picnic in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and explore the intricate caves of Mammoth Cave National Park, ending your trip with a crescendo in Nashville, the toe-tapping home of country music.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

✈ Join/Leave Options

① Hotels and Nights

● Place Visited



Trip code: AENP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - June + September - October

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America's Magnificent National Parks

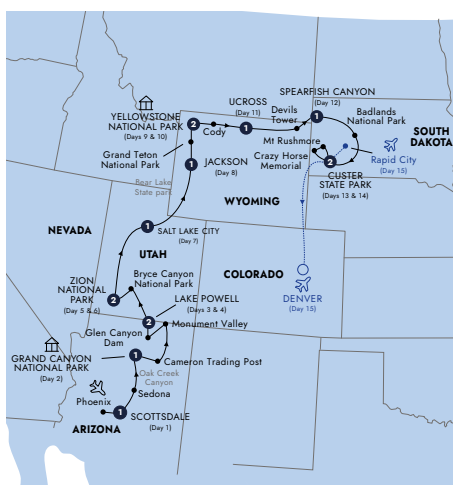
15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 21 MEALS | BALANCED



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

Explore America's top national parks on this 15-day guided tour. After an evening in Scottsdale, start your journey in bohemian Sedona, where spiritual seekers and nature lovers alike will revel in its red-hued mountainous landscape. Take a short jaunt to the Grand Canyon, where a Local Expert will show you the wonders of America's most famed natural beauty. In Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® and board all-terrain vehicles and ride through the desert with your Navajo guide. Glide through Zion National Park on a private shuttle before watching the red cliffs and valleys give way to the Rocky Mountains of Grand Teton and Yellowstone. Finally, scale the 563-foot-tall Crazy Horse Memorial and stand face-to-face with the stone carving of the Lakota warrior.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Trip Options
- Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited



Trip code: AAMC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

Custer State Park | Take in vistas of free-roaming bison and spectacular landscapes.

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

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

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Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Boston, Cape Cod & The Islands

Follow the red-brick Freedom Trail in Boston, watch glassmakers at work at the Sandwich Glass Museum and admire the grand homes of Martha's Vineyard.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: ACAP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - June + September - October

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

DAY 1 | BOSTON, THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY

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 | HISTORIC BOSTON

Explore the city with your Travel Director and learn about its transformative past. You'll follow part of the red-brick Freedom Trail that brings the story of the American Revolution to life. See Bunker Hill Monument, Boston Common, Boston Public Garden, Trinity Church and Copley Square. Later, with Insight Choice choose to visit the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum dedicated to the memory of the nation's thirty-fifth president, or tour Boston's oldest and largest Museum of Fine Arts, which is home to over 500,000 works of art, making it one of the largest art collections in the Americas. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 3 | PILGRIM HERITAGE AND ON TO SANDWICH

This morning, discover Plymouth's history at the first Pilgrim settlement. Visit Pilgrim Hall Museum, the oldest continuously operating public museum in the country and America's museum of Pilgrim possessions. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Plimoth Patuxet museum. This living memorial is dedicated to preserving the histories of the Native and English inhabitants of this region and educating the public on early settlers and the Wampanoag People in an immersive and engaging environment. Later you'll get to know the Cape more intimately as you make your way to the coastal haven of Sandwich. This afternoon, discover the art and science of glass making at Sandwich Glass Museum where you can watch glassblowers in action and explore exhibits spanning over three centuries. Enjoy a dinner back at your hotel later this evening featuring local favourites. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Dan'l Webster Inn and Spa, Sandwich

DAY 4 | EXPLORE CAPE COD

Head out to Salt Pond on Cape Cod's National Seashore and learn about the natural wonder and human history represented on the Cape, from its First People and European settlement to modern lifestyles and communication technology. Perhaps choose an optional guided tour through captivating sand dunes, showcasing the natural beauty and rich history of the area. Roll through the Dune Shacks of Peaked Hill Bars Historic District, catching sight of Pilgrim Lake whilst Local Experts share the history and ecology of these striking and inspiring dunes. The day will be filled with memorable moments from start to finish. **(B)**

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 | MARTHA'S VINEYARD, A PRESIDENTIAL PARADISE

Board a ferry this morning to iconic Martha's Vineyard (seasonal). Home to pristine sandy beaches, outdoor attractions and heavenly harbour towns, this summer hangout is no stranger to presidential visits. After disembarking, make your way to Oak Bluffs, known for its rainbow-coloured, gingerbread-like cottages, with gothic storybook decorations, high-peaked roofs, and dainty verandas. You'll also find the oldest operating platform carousel in America here. Get acquainted with the island accompanied by your Travel Director, before reaching your stay at the Harbour View Hotel, a historic and charming seaside retreat that offers stunning views of the Edgartown Harbour and a blend of timeless elegance with modern comforts. Tonight's dinner at your hotel is sure to delight with the season's freshest offerings from local farms, fishing boats, foragers and markets. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Harbor View, Martha's Vineyard



Nantucket means "Faraway Island" in the language of the Wampanoag people who first lived on the island, 30 miles away from the mainland.

MIRIAM, TRAVEL DIRECTOR.

DAY 6 | NANTUCKET ISLAND

Depart Martha's Vineyard in style on a high-speed catamaran for the picturesque island of Nantucket. Not only has it retained the charm

of a bygone era, it is one of the most exclusive coastal communities in the U.S. Take a guided walking tour through historic Downtown and see the beauty of antique cobblestone streets, lined with high-end boutiques and breathtaking architecture. The homes date back to its whaling days which also influenced much of the culture on the island. Return to the mainland in the evening. **(B)**

Hotel: Viking, Newport

DAY 7 | NEWPORT, THE QUEEN OF SUMMER RESORTS

This morning, you'll enjoy a visit to The Breakers, a Gilded Age mansion and summer residence of Cornelius Vanderbilt II. The 70-room estate is the grandest of Newport's summer cottages. Today, it is a National Historic Landmark that serves as a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial pre-eminence in the Gilded Age. This afternoon, sail around Newport Harbour aboard the Rum Runner II cruising by Newport mansions and former speakeasies, lighthouses, islands, and many other points of interest along the waterfront. Our journey through New England is almost at its end, but not before you join your fellow travellers for dinner at La Forge Casino Restaurant originally established in 1880. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | BACK TO BOSTON

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as you return to Boston. For those heading home, there will be complimentary transfers to Boston Logan International Airport. Alternatively, you may return to the Hyatt Regency Boston if you wish to extend your stay. **(B) (RS)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:00.



KEY

Join/Leave Options **1** Hotels and Nights Place Visited Cruise Optional Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Boston | Insight Choice Visit the Museum of Fine Arts, renowned for its Impressionist paintings, Asian and Egyptian collections and early American art, or visit the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum dedicated to the memory of the nation's youngest president.

Boston | Unlock the secrets of the American Revolution during a tour of Boston's Historic Freedom Trail.

Sandwich | Learn the old glass-making techniques at the Sandwich Glass Museum.

Martha's Vineyard | Visit the port neighbourhood of Oak Bluffs.

Nantucket | Discover the islands' whaling history on a guided walking tour.

Newport | Visit the Breakers Mansion, the former summer cottage of Cornelius Vanderbilt II.

Enjoy a private cruise offering majestic views of Gilded Age mansions, lighthouses, and former speakeasies.

Plymouth | Visit the Plimoth Patuxet (Puh - tux- it) Museum - a living memorial dedicated to the lifestyle of the first English settlers and the Wampanoag Indigenous community. Your experience advances UN Global Goals 10 & 11: Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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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 seafood dinner with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Hawaii with Oahu, Maui & the Big Island

The best of land and sea. Explore Pearl Harbour, pineapple farms and coffee plantations, and sit down for a Farm-to-Table lunch. Reach new heights at Haleakala National Park.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED



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Trip code: APARK

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | ALOHA HAWAII

After your arrival at Honolulu Airport, the traditional lei greeting at your Travel Director's Welcome Desk kicks off your Hawaii holiday. Your hotel during your time on Oahu was the setting for 'Blue Hawaii', Elvis Presley's 1961 movie and it is the birthplace of the legendary cocktail of the same name. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D)

Hotel: Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, Oahu

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | PEARL HARBOUR

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning followed by a visit to the Pearl Harbour National Memorial, commemorating the tragic day of December 7th 1941. Walk through the Visitor Centre and take a short boat ride to the USS Arizona Memorial, the final resting place of 1,102 sailors and marines. USS Arizona tickets are subject to NPS availability not known until the day before visit. Spend time at the superb visitor centre and explore exhibits that recount the events that led the US 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 US Armed Forces and lost their lives during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Return to Waikiki and spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B) (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. 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 partake in 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 whilst enjoying views of the Legacy Forest. Continue to North Shore where in the winter months waves can reach 30ft making it a favourite spot among big wave surfers worldwide. Visit Haleiwa, the social and artistic hub of the North Shore. 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. Visit the awe-inspiring Iao Valley State Park and see the 1,200-foot landmark Iao Needle. As night falls you are invited to choose your own dining experience from a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. Your options include a magical evening at the Waiale Luau for a taste of traditional Polynesian cuisine, dance and storytelling, or one of the resort's other top-rated restaurants. (B) (D)

Hotel: The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali 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.

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 Haleakala 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, get together with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(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 speciality that only grows on the slopes of two local active volcanoes. See native plants, fruits and the organic coffee fields on your tour around the plantation. Continue to your luxurious resort accommodation and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. **(B)**

Hotel: Hilton Waikoloa Village, Island of Hawai'i

DAY 8 | THE VOLCANOES OF HAWAII

After a relaxed start, 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) (RS)**



Make your way through the world's tallest mountains from base to summit en route to UNESCO-listed Volcanoes National Park. Here you'll stand in front of the fire goddess, Pele, on Kilauea caldera's rim.

ANDREW, TRAVEL DIRECTOR.

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. Tonight, come together at an oceanfront 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)**

**HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS***Premium Experiences*

Honolulu | See the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Visit Pearl Harbour and step aboard the USS Arizona Memorial.

Oahu | Enjoy epic views from Pali Lookout and see various sites around the island.

Maui | See the 1,200-foot (366 metre) landmark Iao Needle.

Visit one of the last working pineapple farms with a Local Expert. Discover how these plantations impacted the islands and sample some of the extra sweet Maui Gold variant.

Maui | *Insight Choice* Watch for dolphins as you cruise to the scenic coastline of Lana'i island and snorkel a dazzling coral reef, or choose to visit the Haleakala National Park offering an astonishing volcanic landscape.

Island of Hawai'i | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Oahu | **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** as you join an eco-tour with your Local Expert in a Hawaiian Legacy Forest and plant a native tree contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem. Your experience advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land.

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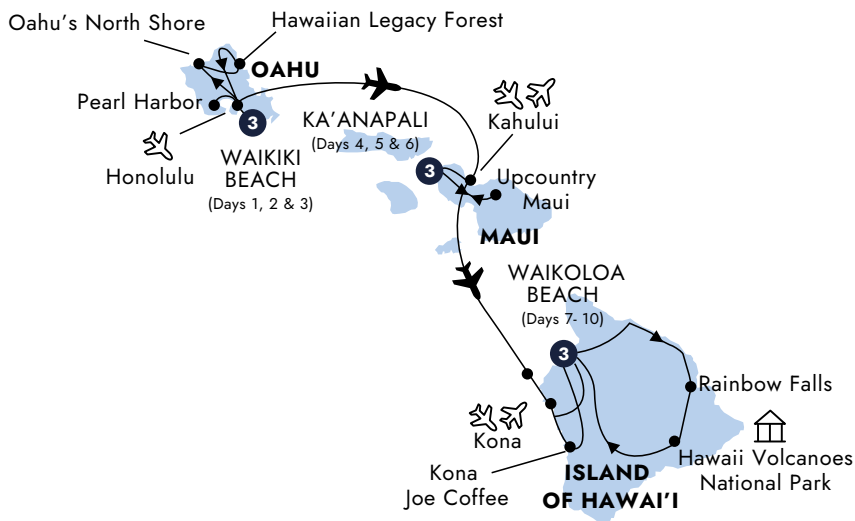
*Premium Dining*

Oahu | Dive into an al fresco, sustainably sourced lunch whilst enjoying epic views.

Maui | Choose to dine at the Waiale Luau or one of your resort's other Top-rated Restaurants during your Dine-Around evening.

Enjoy lunch at Hali'imaile General Store, Maui's original Farm-to-Table restaurant.

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**KEY**

- Join/Leave Options
 Included Flights
 UNESCO Heritage Site
 1 Hotels and Nights
 Place Visited

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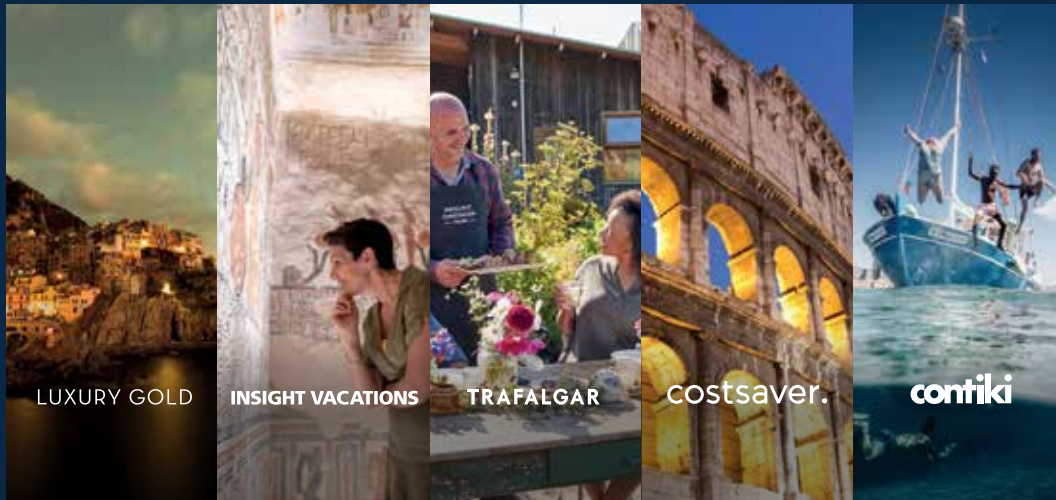
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