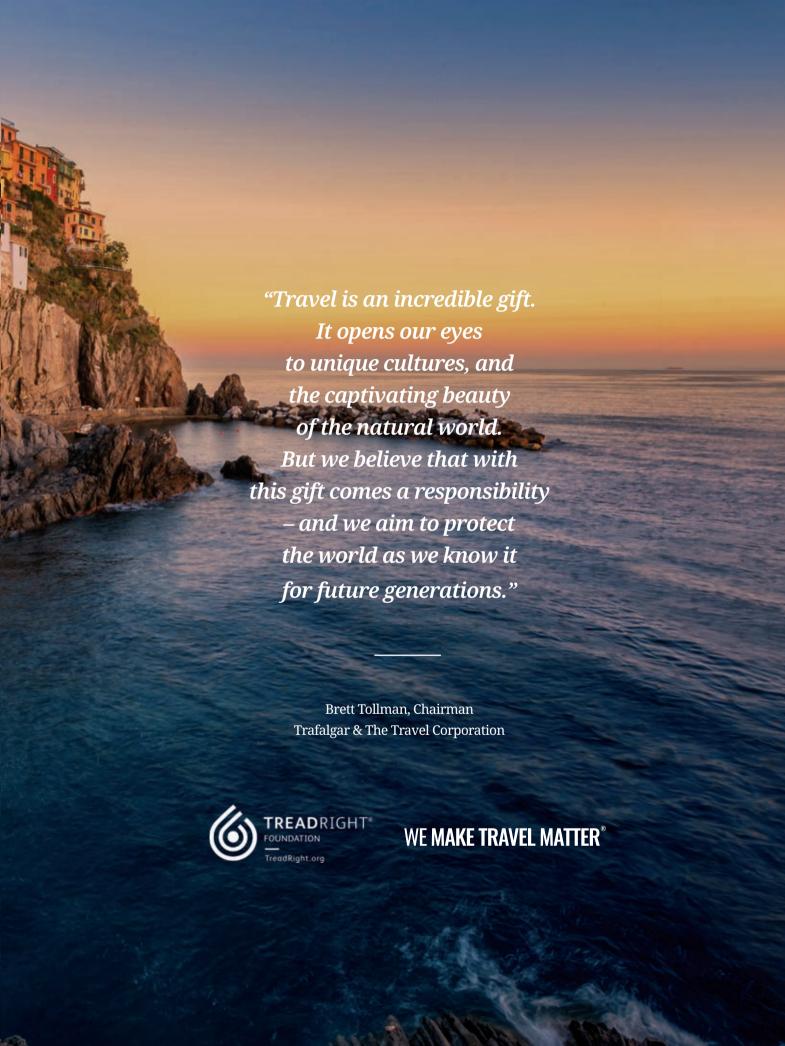


# Tour Differently. **Europe & Britain**





#### Dear traveller.

Leaving a positive lasting legacy is at the heart of what drives us at Trafalgar and all brands *that make up* The Travel Corporation (TTC). As a trusted and respected industry player with a global footprint, we don't shy away from this reality but rather embrace our responsibility to address it. It is a necessity.

As father, traveller and leader, I care deeply about 'leading by example' and I am so proud of how deeply engrained our commitment to MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® is within our DNA, through all our brands and our people.

Our commitment to MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® began fifteen years ago with the inception of the not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation. As a business we pledge to be conscious throughout – from the offices we work in to the trips we deliver, thanks to our 5-year How We Tread Right sustainability strategy.

Alongside this, TreadRight has supported more than 60 sustainable tourism projects to date. The foundation also invests in nature-based solutions to tackle climate change including Trees For Life, Project Vesta, and GreenWave. And, on our tours, our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences are individually chosen for their direct support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. You can read more about what you can look forward to on pages 20-21.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to you. We know you have a lot of choices when it comes to your travels. Know that when you choose Trafalgar, not only are you choosing a trusted travel provider that takes care of every detail, more importantly, you're choosing a company that makes a positive impact.

Happy travels, Brett

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# Your best tour starts here Proud to be the work

Proud to be the world's most loved tour company

Travel is in our blood. It is who we are and what we do. Every Trafalgar tour is carefully crafted so you can experience the places you visit *differently*.

We unlock the very essence of each destination, where you'll get to know the locals and with everything taken care of by us at every step. As the world's most loved and awarded tour company with 90+ awards and counting, since 1947 more than 5 million happy past guests have discovered our difference.

We MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® and ensure that, through travel, the impact on our planet, the people we visit and the wildlife we find is a positive one.

We're proud of our independently rated Feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award, and our 4.6/5 past guest transparent rating. Throughout the following pages, you'll see and hear from our past guests, local friends and On Road Team who share their love of travelling with us in Europe, and why you will too. Tour *Differently*.



# Top 10 guest must-sees

The bucket-list moments

The Trafalgar difference means seeing the not-to-miss man-made and ancient wonders, and discovering some of the best natural phenomena Europe & Britain has to offer. Here are just 10 of our guests' favourite must-sees. You can also get inspired by hundreds of real guest stories from our tours at **trafalgar.com/trafalgarunlockedawards** 



#### Brandenburg Gate Berlin, Germany

This Neoclassical building should be at the top of your German must-sees. Once a symbol of division, today the Brandenburg Gate celebrates unity after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Bohemian Highlights (p.142), Best of Germany (p.128) & 2 other tours.



Olufsvej Copenhagen Denmark

Stroll one of Copenhagen's most colourful streets and grab your perfect pic. Nestled between Fælledparken Park and the neighbourhood's main shopping street, Olufsvej is a photographer's paradise lined with tempting boutiques and cafes. Capitals of Scandinavia (p.156), Scenic Scandinavia and its Fjords (p.158) & 1 other tour.

Eiffel Tower
Paris, France

four guided to de fragissical city of Light takes you to admire the Champs-Élysées, the Place de la Concorde, the Arc de Triomphe built for Napoleon in the 19th century and – of course – the iconic Eiffel Tower. European Highlights (p.38), Best of France (p.106) & 7 other tours.





Marvel at the only remaining wonder of the ancient world. Stand at the base gazing up almost 400 feet as you reflect on the tens of thousands of people who built them over 4,000 years ago. Wonders of Ancient Egypt (p.170) & Best of Egypt (p.176).



Lofoten Islands Norway

With so much natural beauty, the Lofoten Islands are a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Go for a hike or delve into the area's Viking connections at Lofotr Viking Museum. If you're lucky, you might even spot the vibrant spectacle, the unmissable Northern Lights. Nordic Adventure (p.160).



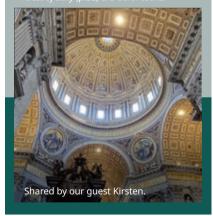
Plaza de España Seville, Spain

The golden Plaza de España (Spainish Square) with its mix of Moorish, Baroque and Renaissance is a sight to behold. Part of the lush Maria Luisa Park, the city is brought to life through the storytelling from your Local Specialist. Best of Spain (p.112), Great Iberian Cities (p.124) & 4 other tours.

Vatican and Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome, Italy

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Team up with a Local Specialist to discover St. Peter's Basilica, the spiritual centre of the Vatican. You'll love the local insight as you gaze upon the work of Italy's great Renaissance artists including Bramante, Raphael and Michelangelo. *Great European (p.36), Best of Italy (p.52) & 3 other tours.* 





Get lost in the narrow lanes of Edinburgh – the Scottish capital that combines heritage with the verve of a modern city. See if you can spot a local piper, ascend Castle Rock and visit Edinburgh Castle which watches over the city from high above. Best of Scotland (p.92), Scotland's Highlands, Islands & Cities (p.94) & 6 other tours.

Wooden
Chapel Bridge
Lucerne,
Switzerland

River to the Old Town, the Chapel Bridge is the world's oldest covered wooden bridge and the city's most iconic landmark Admire the Water Tower and the historical paintings embedded into the architecture. Best of Switzerland (p.132) & 3 other tours.



# Explore from a local's *viewpoint*

Travel like an insider, not a tourist.

"I have worked in the travel industry for most of my career as a Local Guide, in hotels and as a Travel Director, so this has been a natural progression to my current role as Head of Travel Experiences for Trafalgar. Working in travel has allowed me to see parts of the world that I could have previously only dreamed of and I get to live my passion each day". Meet Jen, here to share how she and her team work behind the scenes to curate the special experiences that bring the best of Europe and Britain to life for you.

**Trafalgar delivers the magic differently.** Our tours allow you to enjoy where you are without having to decide what is the best thing to do, as we've done all the hard work and planning. Being able to jump on a coach and have everything explained to you before you get there, getting insight on the history and culture (but not so much that you feel like you are in school!). This means you can just enjoy your surroundings and embrace each new destination fully and know you've got the best out of each place.

#### Every region and trip brings special things to the table.

Be My Guest experiences (on every Trafalgar trip) have all my favourite elements of food, locals and something that the average independent traveller would not have access to. I am a real foodie, and my team and I pride ourselves in the combination of food, hospitality and storytelling that these experiences provide. Each Be My Guest is so heartwarming and really brings a destination to life in a way you just can't with a guidebook. There is an element of surprise and that feeling of it being something our guests would have never been able to do without Trafalgar.

"I'm lucky that my team brings together different ideas and personalities to shape tours that are full of new, different experiences. Knowing I've helped to fulfill guests' dreams is the best part."

- Jen



I love travelling and I'm always seeking new things, new places to get a photo from a new perspective. My team share this passion which is apparent in the way we craft our tours. Eating oysters and washing them down with a nice white wine in Croatia (YUM!) is a personal favourite, going for a wine or olive oil tasting or any type of bike ride or walking tour excite me no matter where I am. I appreciate having my feet on the ground as I listen to a guide and take it all in at the same time, looking through shop windows or taking pictures of a cool stairway or from an interesting new angle. We know our guests share these same passions - and everything we do is with them in mind.







Your one-of-a-kind experiences.

# WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

# Be My Guest

The original local experience, exclusive to Trafalgar.

Delight at the hospitality of locals just like these, who open their homes, wineries and farms to share their stories over the universal language of good food.







#### Meet Arild from Øvre-Eide Farm

Scenic Scandinavia and Its Fjords (p.158) & Best of Norway (p.154)

"Tm happy to host you at our fifthgeneration family farm. Meet our animals including sheep, chickens, rabbits and horses, then we'll sit down for a typical Norwegian dinner of cured meats, smoked salmon and potato salad, finished with ice-cream and almond cookies. We'll complete the experience with music and dancing"

#### Meet Jakov from *Konoba Humac*

Highlights of Austria, Slovenia & Croatia (p.152)

"Our small restaurant is a hidden gem, just 40 mins from Hvar Old Town that you just can't find on your own. Overlooking our vineyards and sipping our wine, you'll taste my secret pika-bell-cooked octopus, lamb and vegetables, and learn about how we operate 'off the grid' in this rustic village where time stands still."

## Meet Alexandra from *L'Etape Gourmande*

Best of France (p.106) & Enchanting Europe (p.38)

"You'll feel like you've stepped into 17th-century France here on our farm near the famous Château de Villandry. Alongside my mother, we'll show you around our garden, property – and perhaps meet a few goats and chickens – before enjoying a traditional threecourse, regional Tourangelle dinner with local wines."

#### Meet the Karembellas Family from Magna Grecia (pictured left)

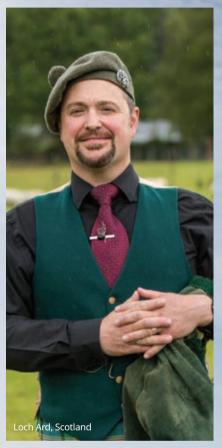
With Greece being the world's oldest producers of olive oil, you'll love an in-depth look at the production of olive oil (and wine) at Magna Grecia Estate, with the Karembellas family on the outskirts of ancient Olympia. Learn about production of oil from seed to press, followed by a tasting session of oil and wine, and a traditional Greek dinner and dancing. *Best of Greece* (p.166)



#### Meet Vera from *Coudelaria Brito Paes*

Best of Portugal (p.114) & Highlights of Spain and Portugal (p.116)

"We can't wait to show you the beautiful Lusitanian horses on our stud farm, founded 1778 when the King of Portugal gave our ancestors the rights to raise horses here. Enjoy a homecooked lunch before watching the horses perform and visiting the tower and old saddle room of the riding school."



Meet Gregor from *Ledard Farm* 

Best of Scotland (p.92)

"Join my family on our historical farm on the shores of Loch Ard for a meal, tales of Rob Roy and a few foottapping Ceilidh tunes. I'll welcome you with a traditional bagpipe before a stroll around the farm – home to 14 sheepdogs - and lunch of Scottish fare followed by our famous father-son singing competition."



Meet Amina from *Riad Arabesque* Best of Morocco (p.124)

"We look forward to welcoming you to our centuries old Riad to meet us and try exquisite Moroccan cuisine. Through our Jewish heritage, we offer you a unique flavourful experience with the perfect view – a spectacular sunset over the Medina".

You'll enjoy a Be My Guest experience on every itinerary. See the trip pages, and visit **trafalgar.com** for more.

# Stays with Stories

#### Take your accommodation to a deeper level

These properties are part of the fabric of the place you're visiting, offering stories that will stay with you long after your tour has ended. Here's a sample of what you can expect at just a few of these special and unique properties across Europe & Britain.

#### Abbeyglen Castle

Connemara, Co. Galway, Ireland

It's not every day you get to stay overnight in a castle. Dating back to 1832, you'll love your time at this 4-star ivy-covered beauty. Learn about its rich history, from a castle to an orphanage, and then a hotel, which is today one of the regions premier overnights. Each room is entirely unique, and surrounded by manicured lawns, gardens and pathways. After the sun goes down, head to the piano bar for a drink and live music. *Castles and Manors* (p. 100)

#### Château de Beauvois

Loire Valley, France

Step back in time at the Château de Beauvois, whose ornate architecture spans the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. Linger on the outdoor terraces, taking in this historic setting, once a favourite destination of King Louis XIII. Enjoy rooms that combine modern comforts with decor reminiscent of royalty for an unforgettable stay in the Loire Valley. Best of France (p.106)

#### **Finland Aurora Cabins**

Ivalo, Finland

Feel immersed in the fairy-tale landscapes of the Arctic as you gaze up at the sky keeping a keen eye out for the Northern Lights in the cosy comfort of your Apukka Resort Aurora Cabin. Within the expansive glass roof, you'll get the best views of the Northern Lights at this resort that has been welcoming guests since 1865. *Scandinavian Northern Lights. (p.180)* 

On our tours, experience a mix of independent properties and trusted accommodation partners including Novotel, Mercure, Hilton & Crowne Plaza.

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# Relax with everything taken care of

Your On Road Team takes care of all the logistics, bookings, transport and insider knowledge of each destination you visit - so you can enjoy your holiday without worry or stress.



"It really does give me a buzz seeing my guests experience incredible sights like the Swiss Alps, the Brandenburg Gate or a German beer hall for the first time. I really enjoy bringing destinations to life for our guests." Meet Michael, one of our Travel Directors who proudly calls the Alpine regions of Europe his home and office, and loves to share it all with you.

For me, being a Travel Director is definitely more fun than being a lawyer. I started working as a Travel Director when I was 23. I finished my law degree in Australia and wanted to take a year off to work and travel in Europe. My initial plan to work overseas for a year then turned into a career and I haven't looked back.

**I work mostly in Germany, Switzerland and Austria.** I love this region because it combines both stunning scenery and fascinating history. In addition, everything is organised and clean, and the Alpine countries are very focussed on sustainable living (and travel) which I love, and so do our guests!

I am often overwhelmed by my guests' appreciation for the work Trafalgar and I do to make their trips a success. From the moment you arrive, you can relax, knowing that your Travel Director will look after your hotel rooms, your meals, your travel and transport and, of course, your sightseeing. You honestly don't have to think about anything and for me, that is a great way to travel!

"I took some of my group to Munich Oktoberfest last year and showed them how to find a table, order beer, and meet the locals. I came back an hour later and heard loud cheering, and discovered several of my group dancing on the tables with a group of Germans. A true local experience that made their trip!"

- Michael

My guests love the local touches I offer, like chocolate in Switzerland, wine from the Rhine Valley in Germany or even a Sound of Music singalong in Salzburg. The most satisfying feedback I receive is when guests tell me that they were not fans of history at school but after a trip through Germany with me, they have a newfound appreciation for it. That really makes me happy – because I firmly believe that those who do not learn history are destined to repeat it.

My guests are all amazing but there are some that have left a profound mark on me. I had a guest on one trip who was losing his sight and wanted to see the Swiss Alps before his vision failed. He was so positive and treated every day as a new adventure and as a gift. It made me realise how lucky I am to see incredible sights every day.

I could visit the Matterhorn mountain in Zermatt,
Switzerland, every day. We travel up the mountain in a series
of different cable cars and from the top you have the most
amazing views over Switzerland and Italy. There is normally snow
at the very top, even in Summer, and it is a true highlight of any
visit to Switzerland.

#### Getting you from A to B with ease

Our trips are crafted with a variety of transport options to ensure the journey is as good as the destination. Our luxury coaches feature reclining seats and large windows to take in the views, WiFi, air-con, filtered air and on-board bathroom facilities, USB chargers and more.

Rest assured your Driver knows how to get you from A to B without worry, while knowing the best places to park to get you where you need to be, and take care of it all.

We also take your luggage from the coach to your hotel door, and bring it back on the coach when it's time to go.



#### Your Local Specialist Guides

Fiercely passionate and incredibly proud, they'll unlock destinations on an even deeper level thanks to their personal lens on the places you visit. Here are a few of the people you can expect to meet across Europe & Britain.

#### Meet Maria, your Local Specialist Guide in *Taormina*, *Sicily, Italy.*

Southern Italy & Sicily (p.58)



"It would be impossible not to love Taormina, perched on a hilltop and surrounded by stunning views of the coast and Mt Etna. Come exploring its ancient streets with me, to find the beauty that inspired so many artists, musicians and writers of the past."

#### Meet Samra, your Local Specialist Guide in *Sarajevo*, *Bosnia & Herzegovina*.

Balkan Adventure (p.150)



"Sarajevo is usually associated with recent history, however, this city has so much more to offer! Ruled by different empires, the Old Town's architecture blends medieval Ottoman and 19th-century Austro-Hungarian styles, creating a melting pot of oriental influences and western flair."

#### Meet Neven, your Local Specialist Guide in *Zagreb*, *Croatia*.

Highlights of Austria Slovenia and Croatia (p.152)



"Best explored on foot, let me share history and highlights of Zagreb including the fascinating story that led to two rival settlements, Kaptol and Gradec. We'll take a walk, and you'll learn from the churches of St. Mark's and St. Catherine's to Parliament, Lotrščak Tower and more."

#### Meet Isabel, your Local Specialist Guide in *Lisbon*, *Portugal*.

Best of Portugal (p.114)



"What can you expect when you explore Lisbon with me? Beautiful monuments, pretty façades with glazed tiles and wrought iron balconies, and more recently interesting urban art and so much more close by. Plus... great weather! It's perfect."

# Travel and make a positive impact

A blueprint to change, our 5-year sustainability strategy

Our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right (HWTR), is our guiding light on how we run our business and how we travel. It is based on 11 measurable goals anchored to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which address the issues of climate change, sustainable food production, waste reduction, travel experiences, wildlife, diversity and inclusion. Here are just 3 of the 11 core focuses:

# On the road to net zero emissions by 2050.

You can travel knowing that our 4-point Climate Action Plan is guiding us towards net zero or near zero emissions by 2050. As the only tour company with an internal carbon fund to transition to low carbon, backed by validated near-term, long-term and net zero targets, we are dedicated to reducing our carbon footprint and restoring nature's ability to respond to the climate crisis.

# Diversity, equity and inclusion - the foundation of meaningful travel.

We don't travel to experience sameness – we explore to meet different people, hear new perspectives and experience new places. To us, DEI is much more than sustainability, it's how we operate as a business. From taking concrete actions to increase diverse representation across our teams to targeted partnerships that directly support underrepresented communities, DEI is ingrained in our day-to-day at all levels of our business and across all countries.

# Every tour has at least one MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience included.

Every one of our tours has at least one immersive impact experience that gets you up close and personal to positive impact by advancing one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). See just a few of the many experiences featured on this page and look out for yours on your preferred itinerary.

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





<sup>♠</sup> Marta Cuccia, Perugia, Italy Meet Marta, a fourthgeneration Renaissance weaver and owner of one of Italy's last remaining wooden frame hand-weaving workshops. They have been teaching weavers for four generations using a 500-yearold traditional loom and techniques that have survived since medieval times. Hear Marta's passion for her craft as you learn how she creates beautifully hand-woven pieces including bed linens. tablecloths and cushion covers. Your visit also directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities. Italy Bellissimo, (p.50)







↑ Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia One of the oldest and largest national parks in Croatia, famous for its lake waters tumbling over limestone rocks, you'll Join a Local Specialist for a tour along the wooden pathways suspended over the blue and green water. Learn how, over thousands of years, these waters made natural dams which have created beautiful lakes, caves and waterfalls that are now protected by law. Your visit also directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Best of Croatia and Slovenia, (p.146)





- ↑ Dundreggan Rewilding Centre, Scotland Contribute to safeguarding one of the most beautiful and ancient landscapes in Europe that is in a critical condition at Dundreggan Rewilding Centre's rewilding programme. Learn from an expert on the reintroduction of native animal species such as the Scottish red squirrel, lynx and beaver into the wild, and the reforestation of the Caledonian pine forest. Your visit also directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land. Best of Scotland, (p.92)
- ◆Traditionally a beekeeping area, Moka Honey, Delphi, Greece has lost most of its beekeeping activity. The decline in bee populations has seen a significant loss of biodiversity. Thanks to their effort, Nikiforos and his family are rebuilding a local activity and directly contributing to regenerating the land. This experience supports Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land. Best of Greece (p.166)



#### Meet Shannon Guihan, Chief Sustainability Officer.

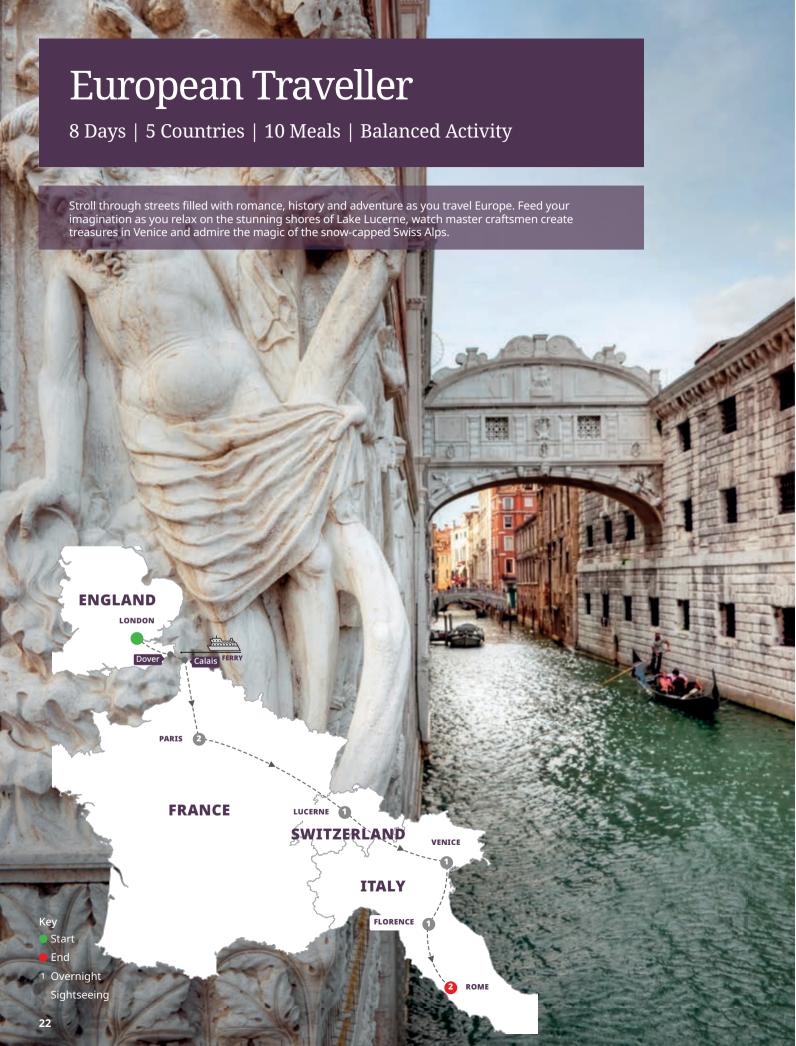
"Something which has really stood out to me throughout the years is the incredible energy and commitment that all of our team members have. Whether it is searching for a new MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, making sure to use the 2 paid volunteer days we offer to all team members, or doing their part in ensuring we achieve our sustainability targets - everyone here is on the same mission".





To learn more about how you can choose to
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® and see how we are
tracking with our most un-to-date Impact Peno

tracking with our most up-to-date Impact Report visit at Trafalgar.com/maketravelmatter



Day 1 Cross the English Channel to Paris Meet your Travel Director and depart London for the White Cliffs of Dover, England's last hurrah before we cross the English Channel. We pass the tragic World War I battlefields before arriving in Paris where we will enjoy dinner, followed by an orientation drive. (D) Hotel: Novotel **Centre Bercy** 

Day 2 Explore the Sights of Paris Embark on a scenic sojourn, with your Local Specialist, along the grand Champs-Élysées to view the Arc de Triomphe, honoring those who fought for France. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Ouarter. This afternoon, you'll have some leisure time to explore the treasures of Paris. Maybe wander through Montmartre in search of beautiful art or relax at a cosy French café and enjoy a glass of wine while watching the world go by. (B)

Day 3 Onwards to Explore Lucerne We wind our way through the sprawling vineyards of Burgundy, journeying south past rolling green farmlands into Switzerland bound for Lucerne. Cross the famous wooden Chapel Bridge with its 17th-century paintings and view the mortally wounded lion hewn from rock. (B, D) **Hotel: Grand Europe** 

Day 4 Journey to the Floating City of Venice The contrast of scenery today is nothing short of remarkable. Traversing the Alps, we travel through the St. Gotthard tunnel and the border at Chiasso into Italy. Catch a glimpse of northern Italy's beautiful lakes, whose scenic retreats have attracted the aristocracy for centuries, before arriving later in Venice. (B) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana



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Learn about the history and ancient skill of Venetian glass-blowing, playing your role in ensuring the survival of this traditional craft through your visit.

Day 5 On to Florence Take to the water and board a private motor launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. View the Bridge of Sighs and ornate Doge's Palace, then embark on your unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where vou'll witness the centuries-old craft of glassblowing at one of the oldest workshops in Venice. Watch how talented master craftsmen shape the molten glass into the delicate works of art you've come to admire from afar and perhaps be inspired to buy your own souvenir to remind you of this special experience. Later, there's time to explore the hidden calle and campi of Venice to fit in some shopping or soak up the sights and sounds of the Queen of the Adriatic before crossing the Apennine Mountains bound for Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. (B) Hotel: Villa Neroli

Day 6 Journey to Rome The magnificent Renaissance dome of Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and the Baptistery stand imposingly in the centre of Florence and are among the sights we will view during our guided walking tour with a **Local** Specialist. Delve into the city's rich cultural, artistic and architectural heritage, then learn about the quality and workmanship of one of this city's historic industries at a demonstration of Florentine leathercraft. Marvel at the impressive palazzi and art in the Piazza della Signoria, the political hub of the city. Rome is our final stop today. (B) Hotel: TH Roma Hotel Carpegna Palace

Day 7 Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Visit the Vatican for a memorable encounter with the centre of Christianity. A Local Specialist will take you on a tour of St. Peter's Basilica, the home of Michelangelo's Pietà. Consider an Optional Experience to see the magnificent frescoes of the Sistine Chapel, before travelling to Ancient Rome to view the Roman Forum. This evening, at our Farewell Dinner, we Connect With Locals at a **Be My Guest** experience and celebrate the Italian zest for life, food and good company. (B, D)

Day 8 Farewell Rome Our adventure together has come to an end. We say a fond farewell to Rome and our travel companions at the end of our journey. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

#### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

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#### **Special Events & Dates**

Bastille Day is a national holiday in France and celebrations will be taking place throughout the country on 14 July.

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#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore** Paris, Florence and Rome with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Lucerne and Venice

Visit a glass-blowing factory in Venice and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

**View** the White Cliffs of Dover, the Eiffel Tower, the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the Lion Monument and the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and the ancient sites of Rome

**See** the Somme Battlefields and the vineyards of Burgundy in France

Scenic Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

Be My Guest Enjoy an evening with Fabio and his family in a unique setting amongst Roman excavations

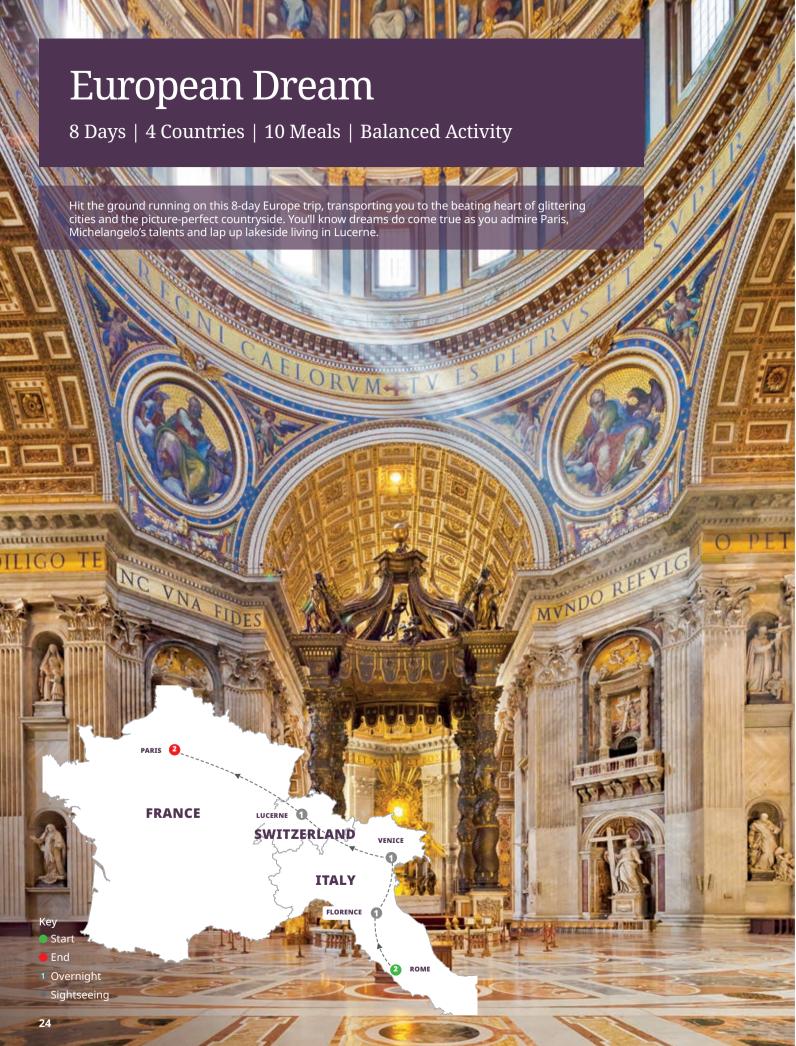


"Seeing the Eiffel Tower, Colosseum and Alps in Switzerland were a few moments from the European Traveller, seeing these was a dream come true Thank you Trafalgar and team"

- Pushpa Voddi

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Day 1 Welcome to Rome Ciao Roma! Welcome to the 'Eternal City' – once home to gods and goddesses, emperors, senators and slaves. Explore the city's bustling boulevards and labyrinthine lanes before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director at a welcome Dinner. This evening, we embark on an orientation drive revealing some of the city's most celebrated sights. (D)

Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

Day 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City The Holy See takes centre stage today as we join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will see us visit the 16th-century St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City and witness Michelangelo's sorrowful Pietà, a masterpiece of Renaissance sculpture. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to see the exquisite frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. We cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to delve into what was once the largest empire in the world and view such ancient sites as the imposing Colosseum where brave gladiators and slaves dueled to their deaths. (B)

Day 3 Onwards to Florence We travel north into the vineyard-clad hills of Tuscany and along the Arno River Valley. Next we'll Connect With Locals over lunch during a Be My Guest experience at a 12th-century castle with Anna, before continuing to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Join a Local Specialist for an enchanting encounter with one of the world's cultural centers, admiring the exquisite architecture and artistry around every turn. View the marble Duomo and Piazza della Signoria, the political hub of Florence, before arriving at your hotel. (B, L) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo



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Learn about the history and ancient skill of Venetian glass-blowing, playing your role in ensuring the survival of this traditional craft through your visit. Day 4 Journey to the Canals of Venice The romantic island city of Venice is our final destination today. We take to San Marco's waters, cruising the canals and admiring views of the imposing St. Mark's Basilica and ornate Doge's Palace. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, we'll witness the centuries-old art of Venetian glass-blowing before enjoying an afternoon at leisure to explore narrow calle in search of a cosy bacaro where you can enjoy delicious Venetian cuisine washed down with a Venetian Spritz, or two. Take some time, venture to the enchanting canal-side setting of St. Mark's Square. The sounds of talented musicians, seagulls and lapping water provide the perfect backdrop for a memorable sunset over the Grand Canal. (B) **Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana** 

Day 5 Across the Alps to Lucerne We depart Venice, travelling north into the picturesque Italian and Swiss Lake Districts via Como and Lugano. Slicing through the Alps, we arrive in Switzerland and the laid-back lakeside city of Lucerne. The city is perhaps most famous for its solid wooden Chapel Bridge and poignant Lion Monument, a memorial to Swiss Guards. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure, amble through the Old Town or consider joining an Optional Experience and ascend one of the surrounding mountain peaks for panoramic views. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Europe

Day 6 Through Burgundy to Paris From Lucerne, we head into France and through the rolling vineyard-clad hills of Burgundy. Arriving in Paris, we enjoy a free evening. Wander up grand boulevards and through quaint squares, or perhaps take a cruise on the Seine followed by a tour of Paris's illuminations. (B) Hotel: Oceania Porte de Versailles Paris

Day 7 Explore Elegant Paris Join a Local Specialist today to delve into the artistic and historic treasures of Paris, including views of the elegant Champs Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This afternoon, amble through the city's stylish gardens, avenues and lanes, admiring the sophisticated atmosphere or consider joining an Optional Experience to the exquisite Palace of Versailles. (B)

Day 8 Au Revoir Paris After breakfast, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell as our memorable holiday comes to a close. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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Year-round

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**Explore** Rome, Florence and Paris with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Venice and Lucerne

**Visit** St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and a glass-blowing factory in Venice

View the Colosseum and other ancient sites in Rome, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Lion Monument and the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, the Champs-Élysées, the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the White Cliffs of Dover, Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament in London

**See** the Tuscan countryside, the vineyards of Burgundy and the Somme Battlefield in France

**Scenic Cruise** by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a traditional Tuscan buffet at the 12thcentury castle of Trebbio



"The untouched beauty of Switzerland helped to heal my spirit. This trip will always have a piece of my heart."

- Sally Wilson

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# European Splendour

11 Days | 4 Countries | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity

When have you ever had the opportunity to dine with an Italian count in Tuscany? That's not all you'll do on this exciting Rome to Paris trip, bringing you the bright lights of the Champs-Élysées, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the epic skyline from Florence's Piazzale Michelangelo.



**WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** 

Day 1 Welcome to Rome Benvenuto a Roma Enjoy some free time to explore before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and orientation drive to kick off your European adventure. (D) Hotel: Barceló Aran Mantegna

Day 2 Explore the Ancient Sights of Rome We venture to the centre of Christianity and the great square that bears the name of the first 'bishop of Rome', St. Peter. Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that includes a visit to St. Peter's Basilica. We cross the Tiber River to see the ancient sites of Rome. This afternoon there is time to explore on your terms or embark on an Optional Experience to visit the Vatican and Forum. (B)

Day 3 Admire Siena on the way to Florence We travel into the scenic Tuscan hills to medieval Siena. View the Piazza del Campo, where the exhilarating Palio horse race takes place, and the 14th-century marble Duomo. Continue to Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance', where we will spend the next two nights. Tonight we Connect With Locals over dinner for a special Be My Guest experience at a magnificent Tuscan villa. (B, D) Hotel: Villa Neroli

Day 4 Discover Renaissance Florence The extraordinary art and architecture of Florence are celebrated during our guided walking tour with a Local Specialist. View the Ponte Vecchio bridge, the only bridge over the River Arno that the fleeing German army did not destroy during World War II, then admire panoramic views of the iconic cityscape from Piazzale Michelangelo. Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring the city on your own. (B)

Day 5 Onwards to Pisa and Venice Travel to Pisa to view the Leaning Tower and the Baptistery. Cross the Apennine hills to Venice. Consider joining an Optional Experience and explore the labyrinthine canals of Venice by gondola before dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Learn about the history and ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing, playing your role in ensuring the survival of this traditional craft through your visit. Day 6 Explore the Canals of Venice Embark on today's unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and witness first-hand the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing. Take to the water and cruise by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. Join your Travel Director to see the iconic and unexpected highlights of the city. The rest of the day is yours at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to the island of Burano. (B)

Day 7 Off to Lucerne We travel through the Italian Lake District bound for Switzerland this morning and enjoy some free time for lunch in the laid-back lakeside town of Como. We continue through alpine landscapes, past Lugano and through the St. Gotthard tunnel into central Switzerland, where we'll spend the next two nights in the medieval lakeside city of Lucerne. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe

Day 8 Uncover Lucerne's Treasures Enjoy an orientation of Lucerne with your Travel Director. You'll see the Lion Monument and pay tribute to the Swiss Guards who lost their lives during the French Revolution, before heading to the picturesque wooden Chapel Bridge. Spend the rest of the day at leisure ambling past the beautifully painted façades in the Old Town. Consider joining an Optional Experience to one of the surrounding mountains to admire panoramic views. (B, D)

**Day 9 Journey to Paris** Cross the French border and what remains of the Maginot Line, journeying through the rolling vineyard-clad hills of Burgundy. Arriving in Paris later this afternoon, we have the evening at leisure. **(B) Hotel: Renaissance La Défense** 

Day 10 Discover Magical Paris Join a Local Specialist this morning for a guided tour along the grand Champs-Élysées and Place de la Concorde. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This evening, we join our fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner celebrating the end of our European adventure. (B, D)

**Day 11 Au Revoir Paris** For now, it's time to say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and Travel Director at the end of an unforgettable journey. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/ freetransfers. **(B)** 

#### Optional Eurostar $^{\scriptscriptstyle{TM}}$ Extension

Consider extending your holiday by spending more time in London. Includes a one-way Eurostar™ train ticket from Paris to London Standard Class, London accommodation at the Park Plaza County Hall hotel and station transfers. See trafalgar.com for details.

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Apr - Sep

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**Be My Guest** Enjoy a Tuscan meal with Count Miari Fulcis on his famous 15th-century olive oil estate



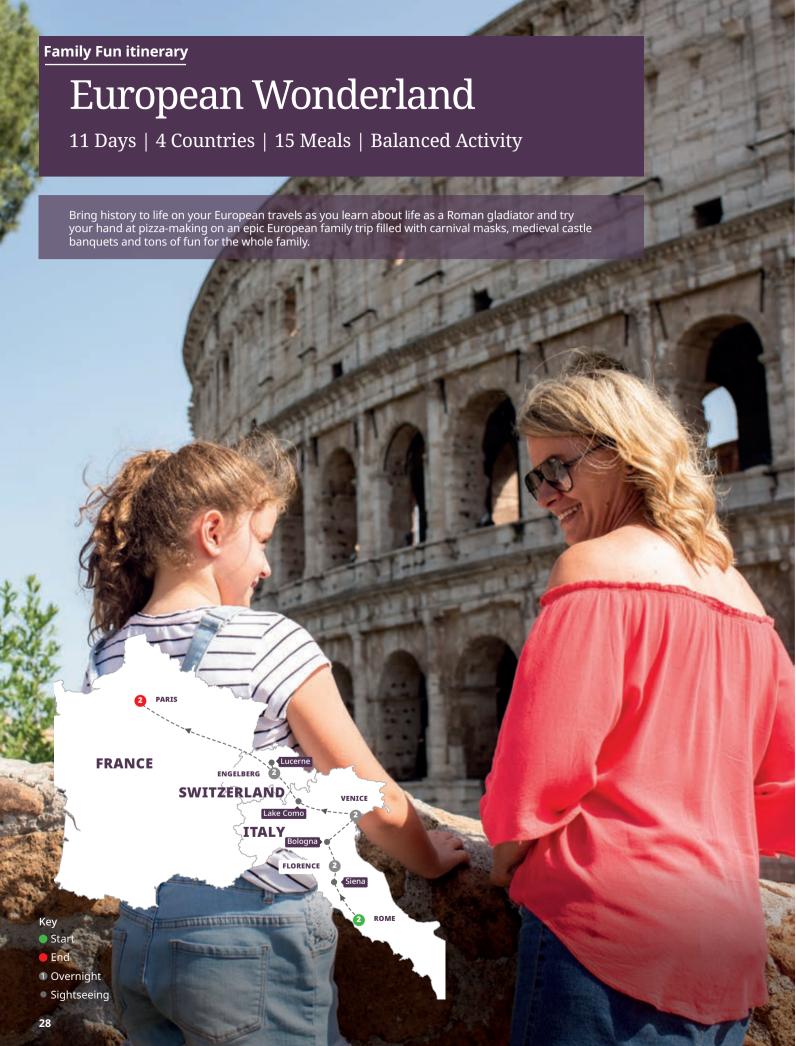
"Trafalgar came through for us and everything about the trip was outstanding. No stress and no headaches."

- James Welsh

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Day 1 Welcome to Rome Buckle up Bambini – we're off on a grand adventure through Europe, launching our Family Experience in the 'Eternal City' of Rome. This evening we enjoy a Kickoff Party where we Dive Into Culture with a Family Fun experience and learn how to make pizza. (KP) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

Day 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour to the Vatican. See Michelangelo's famous Pietà statue in St. Peter's Basilica before crossing the Tiber into Ancient Rome and see Circus Maximus. (B)

Day 3 Admire Siena and Florence Explore the medieval playground of Siena, home to the festive Palio bareback horse race. Arrive in Florence this afternoon where you'll enjoy an exclusive Be My Guest dinner to Connect With Locals in the Chianti countryside. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

**Day 4** Explore Florence Join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour of the city. Visit the Piazza della Signoria, and view the magnificent marble Duomo. Spend the afternoon at leisure pounding the pavements in search of the city's tastiest *qelato*. **(B)** 

Day 5 Journey to Bologna and on to Venice Cross the Apennine Mountains to the city of Bologna where you will join a Local Specialist to view the city's Kissing Towers and *Il Gigante*. Indulge in the delicious flavours of what is widely regarded as the gastronomic capital of Italy. Arrive in the island city of Venice later for some leisure time or enjoy an Optional Experience gondola ride. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana



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Day 6 Discover the Floating City of Venice Enjoy an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness first-hand the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing. Take to the water and cruise by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. Join your Travel Director to see the iconic and unexpected highlights of the city. Then, join a Local Specialist for a Family Fun experience to learn about the great Venetian tradition of Carnival masks, with an opportunity to create your own colourful alter egos. (B)

Day 7 Onwards to Lake Como and Engelberg We travel through the Italian Lake District and enjoy some free time for lunch in the laid-back lakeside town of Como. We continue through alpine landscapes next, past Lugano and through the St. Gotthard tunnel into central Switzerland, before arriving in Engelberg. (B) Hotel: H+ Hotel & Spa

Day 8 Uncover Lucerne's Treasures Walk across the flower-lined 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge and into a land of lakes and lions. Ascend one of the magnificent surrounding mountains during an Optional Experience or spend the afternoon sampling the rich flavours of delicious Swiss chocolate. (B, D)

Day 9 Off to Magical Paris From Switzerland, we cross the mighty Rhine River and into France, travelling through the famous Burgundy wine region en route to the 'City of Lights'. (B) Hotel: Novotel Centre Bercy

Day 10 Explore Paris's Sights Join a Local Specialist on a guided sightseeing tour. Now, take to the water for a leisurely cruise on the Seine River with spectacular views of the city's bridges and life on the river. Enjoy a free afternoon to discover Paris. This evening, celebrate with our travel companions and Travel Director at a special Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

**Day 11 Farewell Paris** For now, it's time to say au revoir to your fellow travellers at the end of an unforgettable experience. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

#### Optional Eurostar™ Extension

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Jun - Jul

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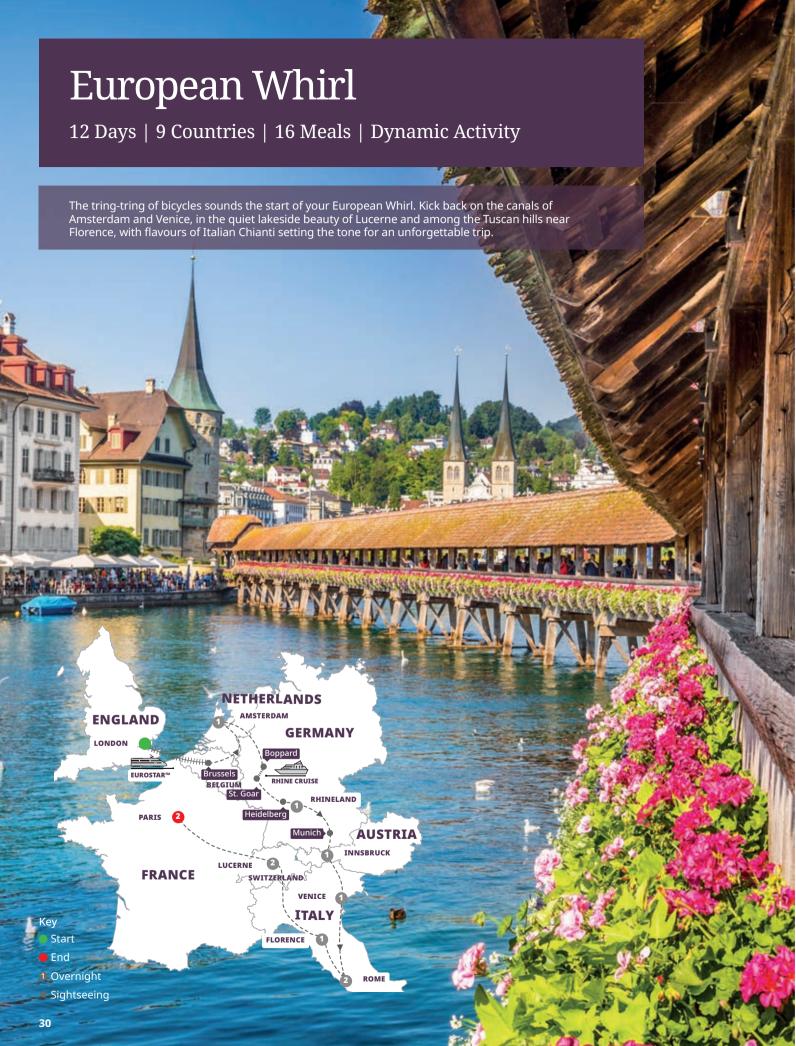
"A mother daughter post-graduation trip, garnered life long memories and new friends including our incredible tour guide. A summer to remember for sure."

- Helen Spitzer

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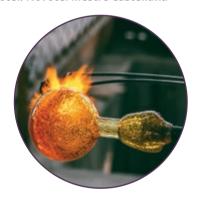


Day 1 Eurostar<sup>™</sup> to Brussels and on to Amsterdam Board the Eurostar<sup>™</sup> for a high-speed train journey to Brussels and a luxury coach journey to Amsterdam. Enjoy an orientation tour before your dinner cruise. (D) Hotel: Mercure City

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

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

Day 4 Onwards to the Canals of Venice Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square, viewing the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where you'll witness the craft of glass-blowing. (B) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana



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Day 5 All Roads Lead to Rome Arrive in Rome, the 'Eternal City'. En route, we Connect With Locals over lunch at a Be My Guest experience and enjoy true Tuscan hospitality with a local family on their private estate in the Chianti countryside. (B, L) Hotel: A.Roma Lifestyle

Day 6 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Discover the divine beauty of the Vatican City. Visit St. Peter's Basilica with a **Local Specialist** to view Michelangelo's Renaissance masterpiece, the Pietà. We continue to Ancient Rome to view Roman Forum, the walls of the iconic Colosseum and Circus Maximus. **(B)** 

Day 7 Continue to Renaissance Florence From Rome, travel through Tuscany to the 'Cradle of the Renaissance', Florence. Delve into the rich Medici heritage with your Local Specialist. Visit the political hub of the city, Piazza della Signoria, with its impressive sculptures and stunning palazzi. View the imposing Duomo, crowned by Brunelleschi's dome, and the Baptistery, renowned for its sculptured bronze doors. (B) Hotel: Hilton Metropole

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

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

**Day 10 On to Captivating Paris** Spend some time this evening strolling the grand boulevards in search of a cosy bistro for fine French cuisine or consider an Optional Experience to a colourful Parisian cabaret. **(B) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel** 

Day 11 Discover the Sights of Paris Join a Local Specialist today for a sightseeing tour of this romantic city. View the sophisticated Champs-Élysées, Place de la Concorde, the Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame Cathedral, then enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. We spend the evening with fellow travellers and our Travel Director, enjoying a Farewell Dinner in a local bistro. (B, D)

**Day 12 Farewell Paris** Today bid adieu to your fellow travellers and Travel Director. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

#### Optional Eurostar™ Extension

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

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

**Be My Guest** Enjoy lunch with the Landi family at their home near Florence, with eight generations of stories to tell



"Our familys first exploration trip in Europe. The breathtaking scenery and wonderful people at Engelberg village made this a wonderful experience. We will definitely come back again. Special thanks to our travel director Bern"

- Ting Luof

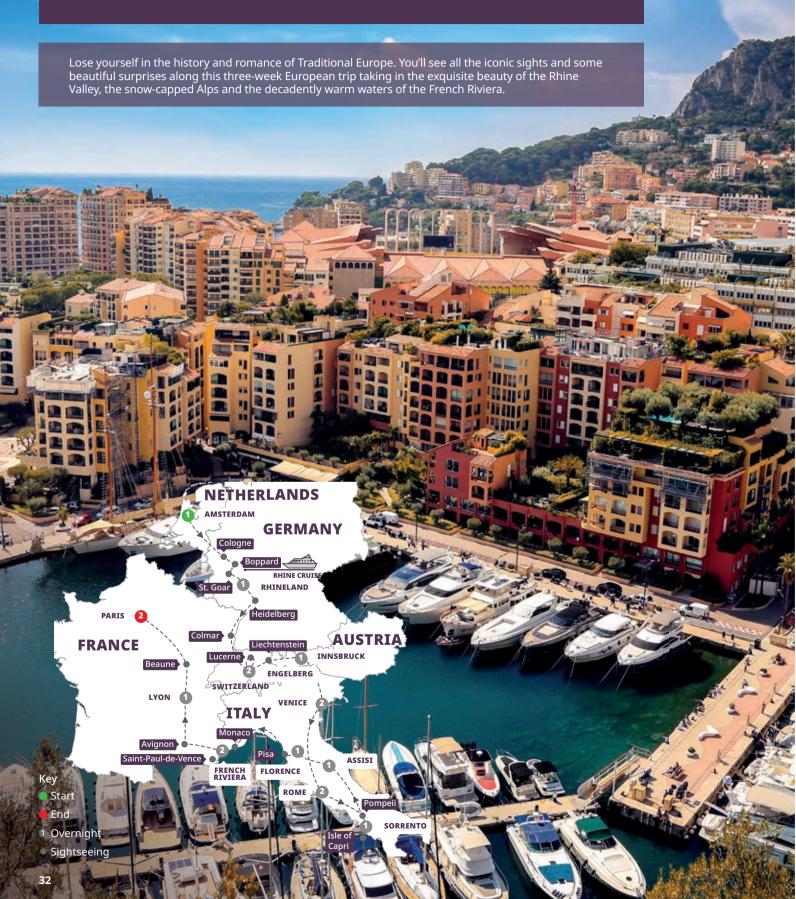
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# Traditional Europe

18 Days | 9 Countries | 24 Meals | Balanced Activity



**WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** 

Day 1 Welcome to Amsterdam Spend the day exploring the city. Later, meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a canal cruise which includes a light dinner and welcome drink. (D) Hotel: Leonardo Amsterdam Rembrandtpark

Day 2 Admire Cologne and Cruise in the Rhineland Stop in Cologne to see its imposing Cathedral, before boarding a river cruise to St. Goar. This evening we stay in the Rhineland. (B, D) Hotel: Maritim Darmstadt

Day 3 Enjoy Heidelberg then drive into the Alps Heidelberg Castle features on our journey to Colmar where we will enjoy an orientation before continuing to the mountain retreat of Engelberg. (B, D) Hotel: Schweizerhof

Day 4 Uncover Lucerne's Treasures Explore the medieval town of Lucerne, then spend the rest of the day at leisure or join an Optional Experience up one of the surrounding peaks. (B)

**Day 5 Journey to Liechtenstein and Innsbruck** Admire alpine scenery as you journey to Liechtenstein. Cross the Austrian border to Innsbruck and see the famous Golden Roof. **(B) Hotel: Grauer Bär** 

Day 6 Onwards to Venice Follow the Brenner Pass to Venice. Spend the evening at leisure or consider an Optional Experience cruise on a traditional gondola. (B) Hotel: Albergo Quattro Fontane Lido



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Day 7 Discover the Floating City of Venice Witness the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassmaking during an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit St. Mark's Square then spend a leisurely afternoon seeing the sights. (B) Day 8 All Roads Lead to Rome Travel over the green and golden landscapes of Tuscany and Umbria bound for Rome. (B) Hotel: Barceló Aran Mantegna

Day 9 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Delve into the treasures of the Vatican City with a Local Specialist. Cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to see the mighty Colosseum and enjoy views of Circus Maximus before free time. (B)

Day 10 The Ruins of Pompeii with Sunny Sorrento Enjoy a scenic drive to the Campania region where you'll meet a Local Specialist who will share the fascinating story of Pompeii. Then it's on to Sorrento. (B, D) Hotel: Johanna Park

Day 11 Sail to Capri then Onwards to Assisi Cross the Bay of Naples to the Isle of Capri, where you'll join your Local Specialist for a walking tour. Travel north to Assisi to view the Basilica of St. Francis with a Local Specialist. (B, D) Hotel: Casa Leonori

Day 12 Through Tuscany to Florence Beautiful Tuscan landscapes follow your journey to Florence. Join a Local Specialist for an included walking tour. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Day 13 Uncover Pisa, Monaco and the French Riviera Journey to Pisa to see the Leaning Tower and its imposing Baptistery. Visit the playground of Monaco before arriving on the French Riviera. (B) Hotel: Novotel Aéroport Cap 3000

Day 14 Discover Artistic Saint-Paul-de-Vence Tread in the footsteps of famous actors and artists in the medieval town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence before enjoying an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 15 Journey through Avignon to Lyon Travel to the papal city of Avignon. Next, we'll enjoy a Provençal-style Be My Guest lunch. Then on to Lyon where you'll embark on an orientation tour. (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Centre Saxe Lafayette

Days 16 - 17 Travel through Burgundy to Paris Visit the walled village of Beaune, then continue north to Paris. Join a Local Specialist to see Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Later, enjoy a Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel

**Day 18 Journey Home** Today bid *adieu* to your fellow travellers and Travel Director. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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**Explore** Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi, Florence and Paris with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Colmar, Lucerne, Vaduz - the capital of Liechtenstein, Innsbruck, Venice, Sorrento, Pisa, Monaco, Nice, Saint-Paul-de-Vence, Avignon, Lyon and Beaune

**Visit** a glassblowing factory in Venice, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and the excavations in Pompeii

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a homehosted lunch in picturesque Provence, with a traditional meal made with local produce



"This trip was a special treat for my daughter 21st and my own 45th birthday, it was so special to share this with the most important person in my life."

- Crisna Nel

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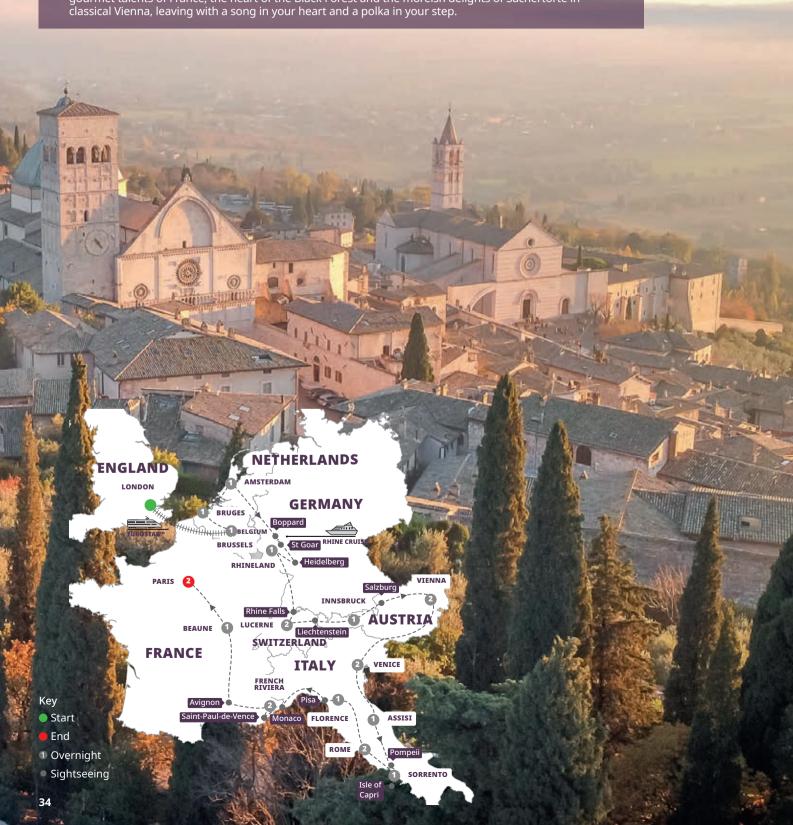
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# Grand European

21 Days | 11 Countries | 27 Meals | Dynamic Activity

This Grand European trip has all the 'musts', but also takes you off the beaten path. Discover the gourmet talents of France, the heart of the Black Forest and the moreish delights of Sachertorte in classical Vienna, leaving with a song in your heart and a polka in your step.



Day 1 Journey to Bruges Meet your Travel Director before departing London for mainland Europe. Journey to Bruges for a Welcome Dinner. Hotel: De Medici (D)

Day 2 Discover Amsterdam's Canals Unlock Amsterdam's iconic sights on today's orientation tour. Enjoy a Be My Guest dinner at the Pauw family dairy farm. Hotel: Mercure City (B, D)

Day 3 Enjoy a Scenic Cruise in the Rhineland We travel to Germany, boarding a Rhine cruise past hilltop castles. See Heidelberg's ruined sandstone castle. Hotel: Mercure Mannheim am Rathaus (B, D)

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

Day 5 Explore Lucerne See Lucerne's Lion Monument and the flower-lined 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge. (B, D)

Day 6 Uncover Liechtenstein and Innsbruck Travel to Liechtenstein then follow Austria's scenic Arlberg Pass through the Tyrol to Innsbruck, where you can admire fascinating crystal installations at Swarovski Crystal World. Hotel: Grauer Bär (B)

Day 7 Take in Salzburg then on to Vienna Join a Local Specialist on a guided walking tour of Salzburg before travelling on to Vienna. Hotel: NH Danube City (B)

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



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

Day 10 Discover the Floating City of Venice Embark on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience witnessing the Venetian tradition of glassblowing. Take a private launch to St. Mark's Square. (B)

Day 11 Journey to Assisi Continue to Assisi and join a Local Specialist to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. See the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and enjoy dinner at your hotel. Hotel: Casa Leonori (B, D)

Day 12 Explore Pompeii's Ruins on the way to Sorrento Pass Monte Cassino en route to Pompeii. Join a Local Specialist who will reveal the story of this tragic ancient settlement. We arrive in Sorrento later. Hotel: Grand Parco del Sole (B)

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

Day 14 Uncover Rome and the Vatican Museums Visit St. Peter's Basilica with a Local Specialist, then cross into Ancient Rome for a sightseeing tour. Gain fast-track access to the Vatican Museums for a guided tour and admire Michelangelo's magnificent ceiling before an exclusive dinner against the backdrop of Vatican City. (B, D)

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

Day 16 Enjoy Pisa, Monaco and the French Riviera Continue to Pisa to see the famous Leaning Tower. Stop in Monaco before continuing to the French Riviera. Hotel: Holiday Inn Nice (B)

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

Day 18 Journey through Papal Avignon to **Burgundy** Travel to Avignon, then continue to Beaune to explore the ancient walls and Old Town. Hotel: Mercure Centre (B)

Day 19 Onwards to Paris Travel through the vineyards of Burgundy to Paris. Hotel: Evergreen Laurel (B)

Day 20 Explore the Sights of Paris Join a **Local Specialist** and see the Champs-Élysées and the Eiffel Tower. Savour a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 21 Farewell Paris Today, bid farewell to your fellow travellers and Travel Director. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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#### **Departure months**

Mar - Oct

#### **Special Events & Dates**

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#### Included highlights and must-sees

Fast-track Admission to the Vatican Museums

Explore Salzburg, Vienna, Assisi, Pompeii, Capri, Rome, Florence and Paris with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Bruges, Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Venice, Pisa, Monaco, Nice and Avignon

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

Be My Guest Dine with the Pauw family on their dairy farm, savouring local cheeses



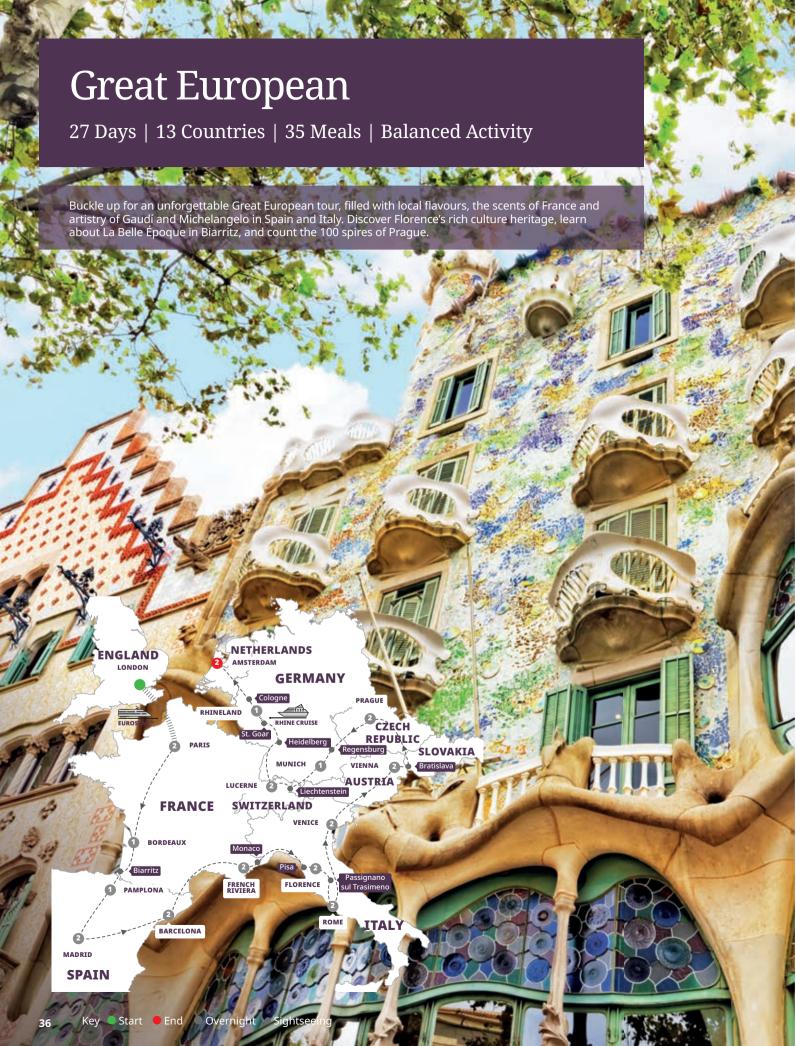
"There are a lot of great moments with Trafalgar my favourite one had to be when I got on stage in Switzerland for a Yodel challenge -I actually won."

- Pushp Naidu

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Day 1 Travel to Paris by Eurostar™ Arrive in Paris by Eurostar™. Later, enjoy a Welcome Reception including dinner and drinks and an evening drive. (D) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel

Day 2 Explore Paris's Sights Join a Local Specialist to unlock the city sights with a drive along the Champs-Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe. View the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral, then stroll through the Latin Quarter. Consider attending a colourful cabaret show. (B)

Days 3 - 8 Journey to Bordeaux, Biarritz, Pamplona, Madrid and Barcelona Visit Bordeaux, Biarritz and Pamplona, before crossing into Spain to explore Madrid and Barcelona.

Day 9 Journey Along the French Riviera Dive Into Culture during a guided visit to Fragonard Perfumery and learn how fragrances are crafted. Later, we arrive in the glamorous French Riviera. (B) Hotel: Indigo Cagnes-sur-Mer

**Day 10 Enjoy French Riviera Your Way** Savour a full day at leisure in the French Riviera, perhaps joining an Optional Experience to Saint-Paul-de-Vence. **(B)** 

Day 11 Explore Monaco and Pisa on the way to Florence Travel to Monaco, where you'll see the Royal Palace and the cathedral where Princess Grace is buried. Head to Pisa to admire its Leaning Tower and Baptistery, arriving later in Florence. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Day 12 Discover Florence Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour featuring views of the marble Duomo, the Baptistery and the Ponte Vecchio bridge. Visit Piazza della Signoria and perhaps join an Optional Experience to San Gimignano. (B)

**Day 13 All Roads Lead to Rome** We head south to Rome stopping in Passignano Sul Trasimeno to admire its medieval centre. **(B, D) Hotel: Barceló Aran Mantegna** 

Day 14 Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Join a Local Specialist to visit St. Peter's Basilica, then enjoy views of the mighty Colosseum and Circus Maximus. After an afternoon of sightseeing on your terms, choose to join your fellow travellers for an optional experience this evening. (B)

Day 15 Onwards to Venice We journey to Venice, but not before we Connect With Locals in Tuscany for a Be My Guest experience that will linger long after you've left. (B, L) Hotel: Viktoria Palace Lido

Day 16 Cruise the Canals of Venice Witness the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassmaking during your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at one of the city's last studios. Take a private launch to St. Mark's Square. (B)



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Learn about the history and ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing, playing your role in ensuring the survival of this traditional craft through your visit.

Day 17 On the Road to Vienna A scenic drive from Italy to Austria takes us through the Carnic Alps to the imperial capital of Vienna, where we'll spend the next two nights exploring a city famous for its musical heritage and elegance. (B) Hotel: Renaissance Wien

**Day 18 Explore Vibrant Vienna** Join your **Local Specialist** this morning to explore the sights, including views of the famous Opera House, Stadtpark, Parliament, Imperial Boulevards and Hofburg Palace. **(B)** 

Days 19 - 24 Journey to Prague, Munich, Liechtenstein, Lucerne and the Rhineland. Continue to Prague, stopping for an orientation in Bratislava with your Travel Director. Join a Local Specialist to explore Prague's Castle District and Old Town. You'll stroll around the Old Town Square and see the 15th-century Astronomical Clock.

Day 25 Onwards to Cologne and Amsterdam Admire the tall twin Gothic spires of Cologne Cathedral, before heading to Amsterdam to bask in its warm glow. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Amsterdam Rembrandtpark

**Day 26 Explore Amsterdam** Enjoy an orientation of Amsterdam and spend the rest of the day exploring the city on foot, by bike or tram. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner on board a glass-top boat. **(B, D) Hotel: Leonardo Royal** 

**Day 27 Farewell Amsterdam** After breakfast, say a fond farewell as you return home. **(B)** 

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#### **Departure months**

Mar - Sep

#### **Special Events & Dates**

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, Florence, Rome, Vienna and Prague with a Local Specialist

Discover Bordeaux, Biarritz, Pamplona, French Riviera, Monaco, Pisa, Passignano sul Trasimeno, Venice, Bratislava, Regensburg, Munich, Vaduz - the capital of Liechtenstein, Lucerne, Heidelberg, Cologne and Amsterdam

Visit the Prado Museum in Madrid, the Fragonard Perfumery in Grasse, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and a glassblowing factory in Venice

**See** the Eiffel Tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Vienna's Opera House and Cologne Cathedral

Be My Guest Dine with the Montferrier family in the Loire Valley and enjoy lunch with the Landi family at their home near Florence, with eight generations of stories to tell



"One of the many spectacular days included an awesome gondola lift up Mount Stanserhorn. The view from the top was breathtaking... standing in the clouds looking down on a mountain top. It just doesn't get any better!"

- Linda Schroeder

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

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#### European Highlights, day 3

Let yourself be truly enchanted in the magical stories and fables of the impenetrable Black Forest as you travel beneath its dense canopy that has inspired writers, artists and poets over the centuries. For that extra dose of enchantment, you'll watch master craftsmen at work making traditional cuckoo clocks, one of the most delightful icons of the Black Forest. You'll be fascinated as you get an up-close insight into this centuries-old art, feeling like you've spent the day in a storybook.

#### **Enchanting Europe, day 5**

Art lovers will adore exploring the Prado Museum in Madrid, featuring the largest collection of European art in the world. As you wander through its grand halls, your *Local Specialist* will reveal all the stories behind the treasured art by great masters spanning the past 500 years. You'll leave with an understanding of the hidden symbolism behind these celebrated works of art, which you've had a rare opportunity to see first-hand and will continue to be preserved for the enjoyment of art-loving generations to come.

#### Majestic Europe, day 3

Journey across the lush and rolling countryside, stopping for a traditional Be My Guest lunch with the Landi family at their home near Florence. Set within a garden of oak trees, admire a picturesque backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. Hear about eight generations of family history as you enjoy a typical meal shared with locals. Walk away with a new understanding of this famous region's culture and its colourful stories.



### European Highlights

7 Days | 4 Countries | 9 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Amsterdam, Rhineland, Lucerne, Paris, plus more

Short on time, but want a jam-packed adventure filled with European Highlights? Cruise down the Rhine River and catch your breath as you see the Eiffel Tower in Paris. You'll return home with more than Swiss chocolate in your luggage.



### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Paris with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Amsterdam and Lucerne

Visit the Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen

**View** the Lion Monument and the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

See the Lorelei Rock and the vineyards of Burgundy

Scenic Cruise along the Rhine River

Be My Guest Visit a family-owned vineyard

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**Departure months**: Year-round

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### Enchanting Europe

15 Days | 6 Countries | 19 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Paris, Bordeaux, Pamplona, Madrid, Barcelona, Florence, Rome, plus more

All the travel highlights and flavours of France, Spain and Italy feature on this enchanting Europe trip. The beauty of the Loire Valley and glitzy Biarritz will be tough to beat, but living life the Italian way is just that dash of issimo that makes this journey extra special.



### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, Florence and Rome with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Bordeaux, Biarritz, Pamplona, French Riviera, Monaco, Pisa and Passignano sul Trasimeno

**Visit** the Prado Museum in Madrid and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

**View** the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the Leaning Tower in Pisa and the ancient sites of Rome

Be My Guest Dine with the Montferrier Family in the Loire Valley

#### Find your tour

Departure months: Mar - Sep

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### Majestic Europe

15 Days | 9 Countries | 19 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Rome, Venice, Vienna, Prague, Munich, Lucerne, Rhineland, Amsterdam, plus more

Travel to the heart of Europe, learning all about the Hapsburgs in Vienna with a side visit to fairy-tale Prague and Vaduz, the little Liechtenstein capital. Your reward for all that epic sightseeing? Soaking up la dolce vita in the picturesque olive groves of Tuscany.



### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Explore Rome, Vienna and Prague with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Venice, Bratislava, Regensburg, Munich, Vaduz, Lucerne, Heidelberg, Cologne and Amsterdam

Visit St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and glass-blowing factory in Venice

**View** the ancient sites of Rome, the Opera House and Hofburg Palace in Vienna, the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne and the ruins of Heidelberg Castle

**See** the Cologne Cathedral

Be My Guest Enjoy lunch at the Landi family home near Florence

#### Find your tour

Departure months: Apr - Sep

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Day 1 Ciao Rome Indulge all your senses in the imperial city of Rome, your introduction to a memorable encounter with Italy which will have you returning for more. Spend your afternoon relaxing after your journey, or explore the ancient city streets before joining your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Dinner. This evening, we take an orientation drive past Rome's most magnificent sights which we will have an opportunity to explore tomorrow. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

Day 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Our encounter with Rome begins in the Holy See as we **Dive** Into Culture with a visit to the Vatican Museums in the company of a Local **Specialist** to admire the masterpieces that have been collected by Popes throughout the centuries. Gaining priority admission, we admire the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and then visit St. Peter's Basilica, the greatest cathedral in Christendom, to see Michelangelo's sorrowful Pietà. Crossing the Tiber, we venture into Ancient Rome to view the Circus Maximus, once the site of thrilling chariot races. Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring Rome. Admire the Spanish Steps or toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain to secure your speedy return. (B)

Day 3 Journey to the Floating City of Venice This morning we venture north through the valley of the Tiber into the green and golden landscapes of Umbria. We pass the hilltop towns of Orte and Orvieto, travelling past Tuscany's terraced olive groves and across the Apennine Mountains bound for Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana



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Day 4 Onwards to Verona Cruise by private launch into the heart of Venice this morning, where we will see the city's most celebrated sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience learning the intricate craft of glass-blowing. Soak up the pageantry and elegance of Venice before continuing to Verona, home of Shakespeare's ill-fated lovers Romeo and Juliet, where we'll spend the night. (B) Hotel: Leopardi

Day 5 Admire Pisa and on to Florence Pisa's UNESCO-listed Square of Miracles is our first stop today, where we will have the opportunity to view the Leaning Tower before travelling on to Florence. Explore the birthplace of the Renaissance and home of the Medici dynasty, whose penchant for beautiful art and architecture created one of the cultural centers of the world. Tonight we Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience set against the backdrop of

Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. (B, D)

Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Day 6 All Roads Lead to Rome We join a Local Specialist today to delve into the rich medieval and Renaissance history of Florence. Our sightseeing tour will take us to Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. We'll wander the narrow streets, passing by the multi-coloured marble Duomo, the famous Baptistery, and the almost 700-yearold Ponte Vecchio. Admire this spectacular feat of engineering dating from the Middle Ages which is today lined with jewellers. Continuing our journey through Umbria and the valley of the Tiber River, we return to Rome where our holiday concludes. Toast to a memorable trip with newfound friends at a Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Tiberio

Day 7 Farewell Rome After breakfast, it's time to say a fond arrivederci to Rome, Italy and your travel companions as you return home with wonderful memories of this magnificent destination. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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Year-round

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#### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Rome and Florence with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Venice, Verona and Pisa

**Visit** St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel in Rome, the Vatican Museums and a glass-blowing factory in Venice

View the ancient sites of Rome, the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence

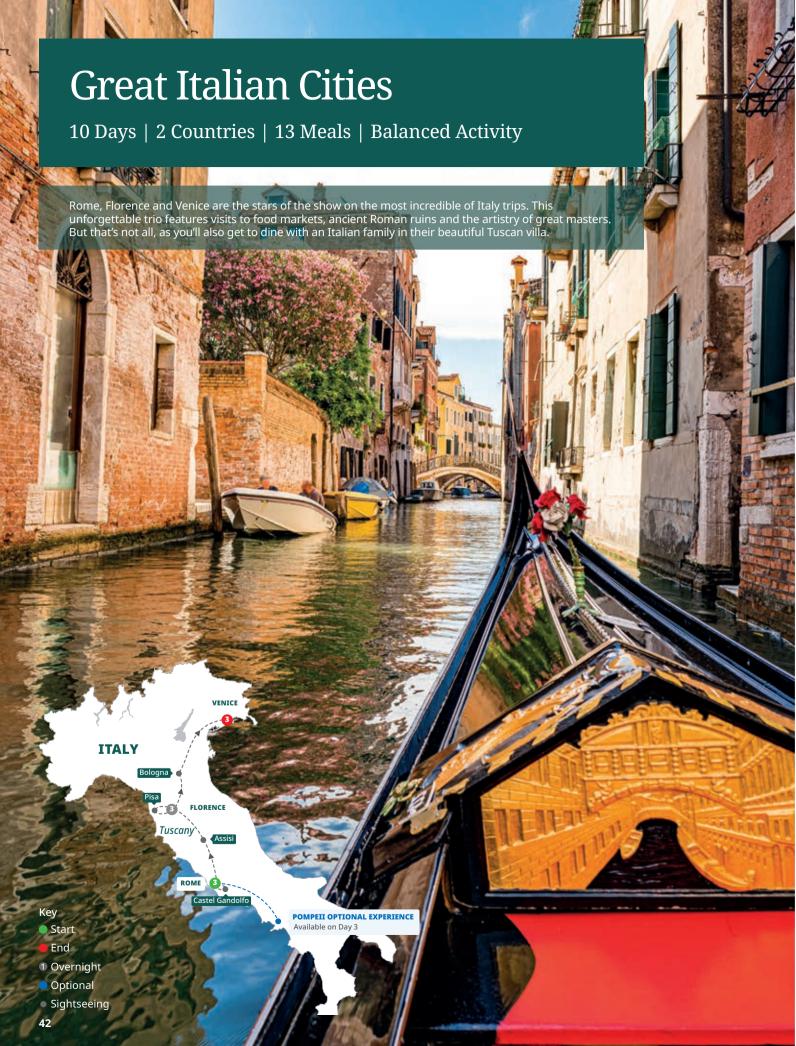
Be My Guest Enjoy a traditional Tuscan buffet at the 12thcentury castle of Trebbio



"The Italian Holiday was the perfect combination. I highly recommend this tour and can't wait to go back!" - Jennifer Lang

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**Day 1 Welcome to Rome** Kick off your bellissimo journey through the cities of Italy in Rome. Join your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. Your introduction to la dolce vita begins with an orientation drive past Rome's most magnificent sights. **(D) Hotel: Grand Palatino** 

Day 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Embark on a very special included Dive Into Culture sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist at the Vatican this morning. Wander through its Museums and the Sistine Chapel, then visit St Peter's Basilica. Continue to the Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo where you'll enjoy a tour of its gardens and lunch in its beautiful surrounds before returning to Rome. (B, L)

Day 3 Rome Your Way Enjoy a full free day to explore Rome your way, or consider an Optional Experience delving into the tragic history of Pompeii when you explore a Roman city frozen in time by the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Your Local Specialist will bring ancient Roman history to life before you return to Rome, passing the Abbey of Montecassino, the site of an epic battle in 1944. (B)

Day 4 Admire Assisi and on to Florence Head to the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi where your Local Specialist will accompany you on a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis to see Giotto's enchanting frescoes. Later, we continue to Florence. (B) Hotel: Grand

#### Day 5 Discover Renaissance Florence

Mediterraneo

Enjoy a leisurely encounter with the artistic and architectural marvels of Florence during your walking tour with a **Local Specialist**. Visit the striking Piazza della Signoria, see the multi-coloured marble Duomo and Baptistery, then view Ponte Vecchio. You'll have the rest of the day to discover Florence your way, perhaps continuing your exploration of its historic centre or admiring the artistic contribution of the Medici family at every turn. Lovers of art may wish to join an Optional Experience to the Academy of Fine Arts to see Michelangelo's collection, including his masterpiece, David. **(B)** 

Day 6 Uncover Pisa's Treasures Cross the Arno Valley to Pisa and join a Local Specialist to visit the Square of Miracles, home to the incredible Leaning Tower and beautifully sculpted marble Cathedral. See the ornate Baptistery and the Camposanto, built on sacred soil brought back from the Holy Land during the Crusades. Later, Connect With Locals over dinner at an exclusive Be My Guest experience, joining the Landi family at their home near Florence, set within a garden of oak trees against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves where they produce olive oil and wine. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Journey to Bologna and Venice

Travel north to Bologna, perhaps best known for the delicious pasta sauce that bears its name. Your sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist** includes views of the Kissing Towers which lean towards each other, seemingly poised to embrace. Then it's off to Venice for an evening at leisure. There's no better way to explore the city than on its canals, and an optional gondola and Grand Canal experience is the perfect end to the evening. **(B) Hotel: Principe** 

Day 8 Cruise Venice's Canals Today, you'll enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience where you'll gain insights into the delicate Venetian art of glass-blowing. Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square to admire the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian churches, Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B)



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#### Day 9 Experience Venice's Food Market

Take a leisurely stroll from our hotel along the canals to the famous Rialto Bridge with a **Local Specialist**. Enjoy a guided sightseeing walking tour, which brings all the flavours of Italy to life at a centuries-old food market. Your love affair with Italy's enchanting cities comes to an end this evening after a Farewell Dinner. **(B, D)** 

**Day 10 Farewell Venice** Say a fond *arrivederci* to Italy and newfound friends. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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Year-round

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Fast Track Admission** to the Vatican Museums

**Explore** Rome, Assisi, Florence, Pisa, Bologna and Venice with a Local Specialist

Visit the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Villa Barberini Gardens in Castel Gandolfo, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and a glass-blowing factory in Venice

View the Colosseum and Forum in Rome, Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice

**Scenic Cruise** by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

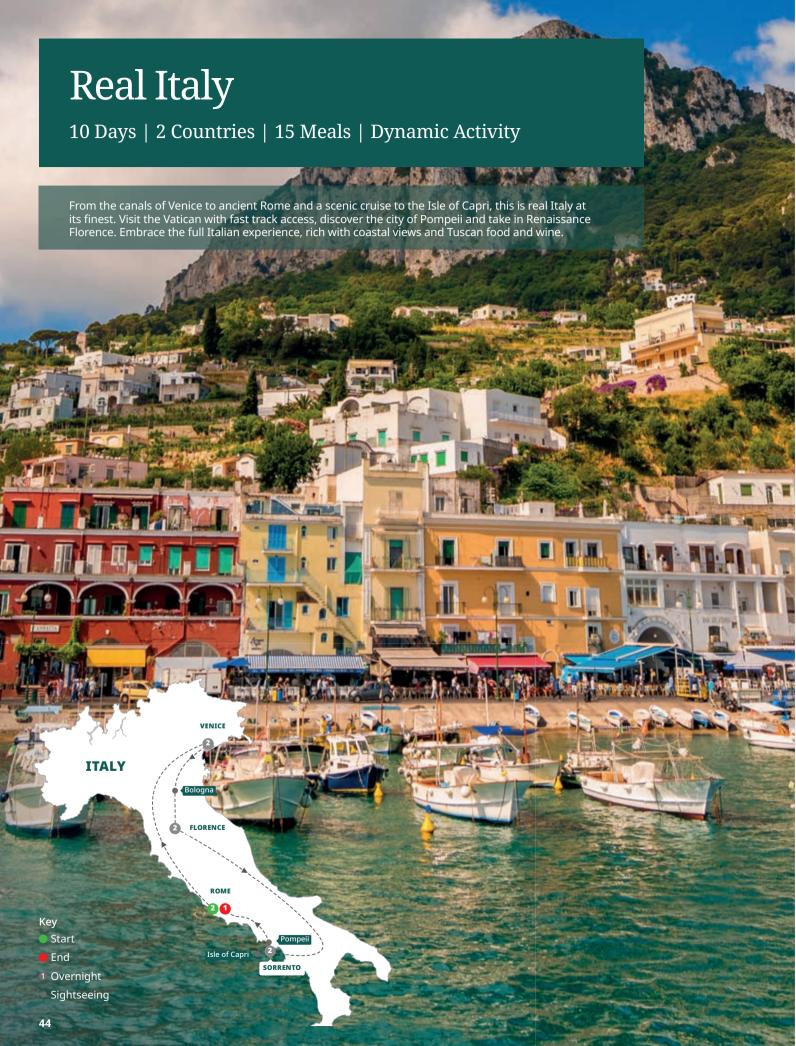
**Be My Guest** Dine with Count Flucis at their home near Florence



"The food was beyond our expectations and we look forward to travelling in good hands again!" - Diane and Jacques Carriere

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**Day 1 Arrive Rome** Your launch pad to an epic Italian tour begins in the Eternal City of Rome. Tread in the footsteps of gods and goddesses, emperors and gladiators as you explore its ancient streets before joining your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and orientation past some of the city's most iconic sights. **(D)** 

#### Day 2 Rome Sightseeing and Free Time

Unlock local secrets on a tour of the Vatican Museums with a **Local Specialist**. Ascend the spiral staircase designed by Donato Bramante and admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel before visiting St. Peter's Basilica to see his sorrowful Pietà. Later, in ancient Rome, explore the historic Circus Maximus. There's time to explore on your own or relax in one of the city's piazzas watching the world go by. **(B)** 

Day 3 Rome to Venice Pass the hilltop towns of Orte and Orvieto as you cross the steep Appenine Mountains. Enjoy a refreshing lunch stop before arriving in Venice. Here in the Queen of the Adriatic, enjoy a three-course Regional Dinner of pasta followed by main course and decedent dessert. (B, RD)

#### Day 4 Venice Orientation and Free Time

The culture of Venice springs to life as you watch the delicate craft of Venetian glass-blowing at a glass-blowing workshop on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square, sharing the city's waterways with ferries, gondolas and yachts. Be dazzled by the Byzantine Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs and the ornate Doges' Palace before spending the rest of the afternoon on your own exploring the labyrinthine calli or enjoying a refreshing spritz. (B)



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**Day 5 Journey to Bologna and Florence** The northern Italian city of Bologna's vibrant, redtiled houses and the combination of medieval and Renaissance structures take centre stage

today as your **Local Specialist** calls out the key features. Tonight, opt for a one-of-a-kind experience in the picturesque Tuscan Hills to dine on delicious food and wine. **(B, D)** 

#### Day 6 Florence Sightseeing and Free Time

Birthplace of the Renaissance, world-class museums and Tuscan cuisine. Florence brings one remarkable sight after the next. Join a Local Specialist ticking off the must-sees of this epic city. See the multi-coloured Duomo with its impressive dome engineered by Brunelleschi and the Baptistery's gilded doors. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore a city that inspired artists, poets and painters to create masterpieces. Consider a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts to see Michelangelo's statue of David, enjoy spectacular views from Piazza Michelangelo or marvel at the Medici legacy at the Palazzo Vecchio. This evening Connect With Locals over dinner at an exclusive Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

Day 7 Journey to the Bay of Naples and Sorrento Travel through the Campanian plains to the Bay of Naples which lies in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. Your home for the next two nights - and introduction to the Amalfi Coast - is the clifftop town of Sorrento. Admire the pastel rainbow of colourful houses stacked upon one another. Perhaps take a stroll overlooking the Mediterranean waters before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Isle of Capri Excursion and Free Time This chic island playground is packed with sights you'll discover with a Local Specialist. Even better, you'll arrive by a scenic ferry ride across the Bay of Naples. Consider an Optional Experience to Anacapri's Villa San Michele for beautiful views of the Tyrrhenian Sea. This villa showcases the Swedish physician and author Axel Munthe's life story and the creation of the villa in The Story of San Michele. View his collection of Roman artefacts and stroll through the stunning garden, recently honoured as Italy's most beautiful private park. Admire Barbarossa Mountain and postcard-worthy views over the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius. (B)

Day 9 Discover Sorrento, Pompeii, Cassino and Rome There's no better place to learn about Italy's ancient history than in Pompeii. Explore the tragic immortalisation or this civilisation preserved by volcanic ash when Vesuvius erupted. Your Local Specialist reveals secrets on a walking tour as you learn about the day-to-day life of the city's former residents. Your Italian tour ends in Rome where you join your Travel Director and fellow travelling companions for a Farewell Dinner celebrating in true Italian style. (B, D)

**Day 10 Depart Rome** It's time to bid Italy a fond *arrivederci*. Transfers are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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#### **Departure months**

Nov - Dec + Mar

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Rome, Venice, Bologna, Florence, Capri and Pompeii with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Venice, Sorrento and the Isle of Capri on a one-day excursion, admiring the Barbarossa Mountain and views over the Bays of Naples and Mount Vesuvius

**Visit** the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, Circus Maximus, and a Venetian glass-blowing workshop

**View** the kissing towers of Bologna, the Duomo in Florence and Monte Cassino

Scenic Cruise to the Isle of Capri

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a traditional Tuscan meal surrounded by vineyards and olive groves



"One of my favourite moments of this mother-daughter trip was walking the streets of Rome right after the sun set by the Trevi Fountain. There was something so magical about being there in that very moment."

- Melanie Yamaguchi

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Days 1 - 3 Welcome to Rome Cigo Roma! Join a Local Specialist to delve into centuries of history and culture. Visit the Vatican Museums and see the Colosseum imagining a time when brave warriors fought to the thunderous roar of thousands. Enjoy Family Fun as you become a gladiator with guidance from an expert. Later, it is time for a cheesy Family Fun affair as we learn how to make authentic Italian pizza. You'll have some free time to explore the city with the family. Perhaps count the Spanish Steps or toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to secure your speedy return to Rome. Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

#### Days 4 - 6 Enjoy Pisa and on to Florence

Stop in Pisa to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site Piazza del Duomo to snap a selfie in front of the famous Leaning Tower. On a walking tour in Florence, see the Duomo and Michelangelo's statue of David. Next, indulge in a refreshing gelato in the city where it was invented and join Count Miari Fulcis and his family for a Be My Guest experience, enjoying delicious specialities against the backdrop of picture-perfect olive groves and vineyards on their 15th-century estate in the Tuscan hills. Salute! There is plenty of free time to explore the city on your own or join an optional experience to San Gimignano. **Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo** 

**Days 7 - 9 Venture to Bologna and Onwards to Venice** Explore medieval
Bologna with a **Local Specialist**. It's just a hop, skip and a jump to Venice. Enjoy

a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to learn about the exquisite tradition of Venetian glassblowing. Time for Family Fun as you learn about crafting Carnival masks and cruise to St. Mark's Square on a private launch. Savour the flavours of Italy during a visit to a traditional food market and a Farewell Lunch at a local restaurant. Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana



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**Day 10 Journey Home** Say a hearty *arrivederci* as you prepare to return home with fantastic shared memories. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Rome, Florence, Bologna and Venice with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Pisa

Visit the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and gladiator school in Rome, the Academy of Fine Arts and a gelateria in Florence and a glassblowing factory in Venice

**Scenic Cruise** by private launch to St. Mark's Square

Be My Guest Enjoy a Tuscan meal with Count Miari Fulcis on his famous 15th-Century olive oil estate in the Tuscan hills

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**4.6**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

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



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Days 1 - 3 Journey from Milan to Lake Maggiore Ease into *la dolce vita* as you journey through Italy's exquisite Lake District, admiring Lake Maggiore, Lake Como and Lake Garda. Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience featuring local fare with the Serenelli family.



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Enjoy a gourmet interlude at Acetaia Fiorini for a tasting of some of the world's best balsamic vinegar. As a pioneer in organic and biodynamic balsamic vinegar, they put sustainable production and presentation of the soils at the heart of what they do. This experience contributes to UN Global Goal 12:

Responsible Production and Consumption.

Days 4 - 7 Explore Verona, Mantua and Modena Romance is in the air as we journey to Verona and Juliet's balcony, the setting for Shakespeare's tragic tale of star-crossed lovers. Our walking tour with a Local Specialist will take us past the Roman arena, still in use today, followed by some free time to explore. See the seven medieval towers of Castelvecchio, relax under the shady trees in Verona's expansive Piazza Bra or clamber up Lamberti's Tower for magnificent views. Then with a **Local Specialist** enjoy an excursion to Mantua, a European 'Capital of Gastronomy'. A **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience takes you to Acetaia Fiorini to taste organic and biodynamic balsamic vinegar. Visit Modena and the Enzo Ferrari Museum where we **Dive Into Culture** and explore the history of this Italian icon.

Day 8 Onwards to Milan In search of spires that reach the sky, we leave our tranquil lakeside setting behind for the chic northern capital of Milan. Admire the extraordinary Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and 19th-century Galleria with its impressive glass and iron-domed roof. This evening we indulge in a Farewell Dinner, joining our fellow travellers to celebrate the end of an exquisite holiday together. (B, D) Hotel: Starhotels Business Palace

**Day 9 Farewell Italy** Our leisurely jaunt through the Italian Lakes has come to an end. We say *arrivederci* to Italy and our newfound friends. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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**Explore** Verona and Modena with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Bergamo and Milan

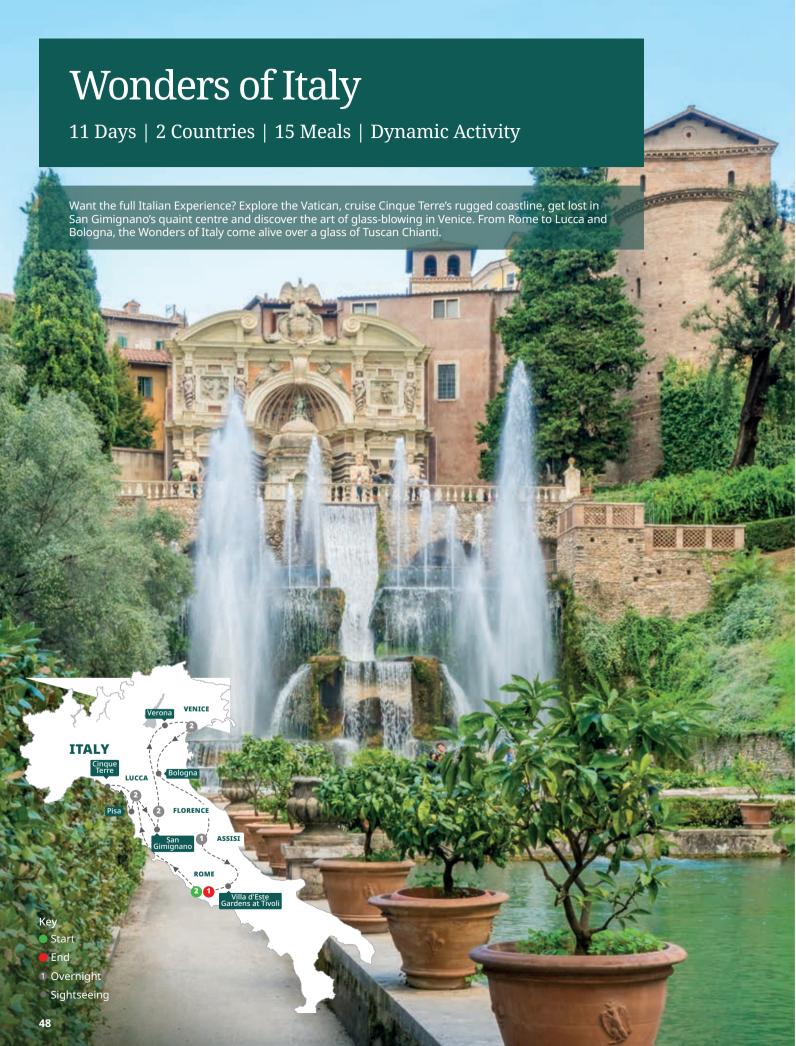
**Visit** Lake Maggiore, Lake Como and Lake Garda, Mantua and the Enzo Ferrari Museum in Modena

**View** Juliet's Balcony and the Roman Arena in Verona, the Duomo and La Scala Opera House in Milan

**Be My Guest** Dine with the Serenelli family at their Didactic farm, featuring home-grown produce

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**Day 1 Buongiorno Rome** Open your heart to the flavours of Italy. Join your travel companions and Travel Director for a light supper and orientation drive to see the bustling cityscape. **(D) Hotel: Il Cantico** 

Day 2 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Dive Into Culture on an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist at the Vatican Museums. Admire the works of great masters – the Bramante Staircase, the Sistine Chapel and the sorrowful Pietà inside St. Peter's Basilica. In Ancient Rome, we explore the Circus Maximus before a free afternoon. (B)

Day 3 Journey to Lucca We travel north to Lucca for a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to admire the 14th-century San Martino Cathedral and Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. Relax in Piazza San Michele or ascend one of the city's ancient towers for panoramic views in your free time. (B) Hotel: Best Western Grand Guiniqi

**Day 4** Explore Cinque Terre and Pisa A sea of pastel pink, yellow and blue houses cling dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in the Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a **Local Specialist** and delve into daily life in these picturesque fishing villages. Later we visit Pisa and its UNESCO-listed 'Square of Miracles' to view the architectural feat that is the Leaning Tower. **(B, D)** 

Day 5 Onwards to San Gimignano and Florence The gentle Tuscan landscape leads us to our next destination, the hilltop town of San Gimignano, famed for its stunning medieval architecture and historic towers. We Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience in a beautiful family-owned vineyard overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills. You will join the Lenzi family for lunch and wine and olive oil tasting on their farm located on the ancient road between Siena and Florence. Later arrive in Florence for an evening at leisure. (B, L) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

#### Day 6 Uncover the Treasures of Florence

We join a **Local Specialist** who will bring the legacy of the influential Medici family to life. View the magnificent marble Duomo and a replica of the David statue in Piazza della Signoria. See the Ponte Vecchio, almost 700 years old, and the spectacular panorama from Piazzale Michelangelo. The rest of the day is yours to explore the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. **(B)** 

#### Day 7 Admire Verona and on to Venice

Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers are remembered today in the romantic city of Verona. Here we'll view Juliet's Balcony and the 1st-century Roman arena, still used today to host spectacular operatic performances. We venture to Venice, our home for the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido

Day 8 Discover the Floating City On this morning's MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

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Experience, we'll witness the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glass-blowing before seeing St. Mark's Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Cruise by private launch to see the city's most iconic attractions before enjoying free time to explore the city on your terms. (B)



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Day 9 Off to Bologna and Assisi Travel through scenic countryside to the mystical town of Assisi, stopping in Bologna to view the city's Kissing Towers. We continue to our hotel in Assisi, where we'll stay at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories – a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery. (B, D) Hotel: Cenacolo

#### Day 10 All Roads Lead to Tivoli and Rome

Discover the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in his home town on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Join our **Local Specialist** for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, with its beautiful frescoes. Continue to Tivoli for a guided visit of the Villa d'Este Gardens with a **Local Specialist**. This evening we enjoy a special Farewell Dinner with our fellow travellers and Travel Director. **(B, D) Hotel: Barceló Aran Mantegna** 

**Day 11 Farewell Rome** It's time to say a fond *arrivederci* to Italy and our newfound friends after a memorable journey. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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**Explore** Rome, Lucca, Cinque Terre, Florence and Assisi with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Pisa, San Gimignano, Verona and Venice

Visit St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, a glass-blowing factory in Venice, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, the Vatican Museums and Villa d'Este Gardens in Tivoli

View the ancient sites of Rome, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Santa Croce Basilica and Duomo in Florence, Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and the Kissing Towers of Bologna

**See** the marble quarries of Carrara

**Scenic Cruise** to Cinque Terre and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

**Be My Guest** Enjoy lunch, and a Chianti and olive oil tasting with the Lenzi family on their wine farm



"My boyfriend proposed to me on this amazing trip! We would not have felt nearly as special had it not been for Trafalgar!"

- Valerie Gutierrez

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### Italy Bellissimo

11 Days | 2 Countries | 15 Meals | Dynamic Activity

If toasting epic Tuscan sunsets, soaking up the sun-kissed sophistication of Italy's most popular cities and olive oil tasting in a real Italian Borgo with new friends sounds like your idea of perfection, this is one of those bellissimo Italy trips that would seduce even the sirens of Capri.



Day 1 Welcome to Rome Spend the day exploring Rome on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a light Welcome Dinner and evening orientation. (D) Hotel: Grand Tiberio

Day 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Our captivating journey through Rome begins with fast track entry to the Vatican Museums where we join a Local Specialist to Dive Into Culture and admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and his Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. We see the enduring symbols of Ancient Rome, including the Circus Maximus, before spending the afternoon at leisure. (B) Please note: On certain departures, the Vatican Museum will be visited upon return to Rome.

#### Day 3 Admire Pompeii and on to Capri

Venture south towards the ancient city of Pompeii. Here we join a **Local Specialist** who will share insights into the city's tragic history. Later, cruise to the captivating isle of Capri. **(B) Hotel: Regina Cristina** 

**Day 4 A Day on the Isle of Capri** Explore the glamor of Capri on a walking tour with a **Local Specialist** that will include views of the marina. Spend free time shopping at elegant boutiques or perhaps join an Optional Experience to explore the rugged coastline and hidden *grottos* by private motor launch. **(B, D)** 

Day 5 Onwards to Assisi We sail back across the Mediterranean to Naples and venture north to Perugia. Here we'll discover Italy's ancient weaving tradition during an impressive MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue to the ancient hilltop town of Assisi, where tonight our hotel overlooks the old town. (B) Hotel: Cenacolo



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Meet Marta at the Alliance for Artisan Enterprise in Perugia. Discover the history of Italian hand-weaving during a private demonstration, and see how your visit helps preserve this traditional art form. Day 6 Journey to Venice Visit the beautiful Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi with a Local Specialist before continuing north to Venice. Enjoy a free evening watching the sunset over the Venetian Lagoon or consider joining an Optional Experience. Tonight's Stays With Stories hotel was once frequented by Romantic poet, Robert Browning. (B, D) Hotel: Albergo Quattro Fontane Lido

Day 7 Cruise the Canals of Venice The Winged Lion of Venice is your constant companion as you cruise by private launch to your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Witness the delicate Venetian tradition of glassmaking before continuing to St. Mark's Square. View the Basilica, the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. (B)

Day 8 Discover Pisa and the Tuscan Hills This morning we travel to Pisa and to its Square of Miracles to view the famous Leaning Tower, before arriving in the sparesort of Montecatini Terme in Tuscany. (B) Hotel: Minerya Palace

Day 9 Off to Renaissance Florence Your Local Specialist shares all the sights of Florence today, including views of the magnificent marble Duomo, Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio. Later, you'll have some free time to explore or shop for high-quality leather goods in Florence's boutiques. This evening, we Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience with the Callistri family at their borgo in the Hamlet of Limonaia for a delicious Italian dinner, olive oil tasting and leisurely walk through their olive groves and lemon orchards. (B, D)

Day 10 Venture to San Gimignano and Rome We admire the medieval beauty of San Gimignano today, strolling to its triangular Piazza della Cisterna. See the hilltop town's extraordinary architecture, shop for local products or relax with a gelato at a pavement café. This evening, we celebrate a magnificent Italian adventure with newfound friends at a Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La

**Day 11 Arrivederci Rome** After breakfast, we say a fond farewell to Italy. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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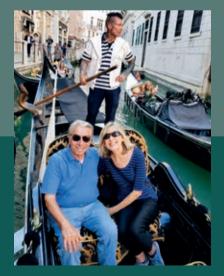
**Discover** Venice, Perugia and San Gimignano

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View the ancient sites of Rome, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Santa Croce Basilica, the Duomo and the Ponte Vecchio in Florence

**Scenic Cruise** to the Isle of Capri and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a delicious Italian dinner with the Callistri family at their Borgo in the hamlet of Limonaia



"Nothing like being in the canals of Venice!" - Lou Brizzolara

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4.7<sup>/5</sup> feefo •••



Day 1 Welcome to Rome Savour free time in Rome before joining your companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and orientation drive. (D) Hotel: Una

Day 2 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour in the Vatican Museums. Dive Into Culture and admire the Bramante Staircase and Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, then see the marble masterpiece of the Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. We venture to Ancient Rome to explore guided visit to the Forum and see Circus Maximus. (B)

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

Day 4 A Day on the Isle of Capri Cross the Bay of Naples by ferry to the Isle of Capri and join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour in Capri town, before returning to the mainland. (B)

Day 5 Onwards to Assisi See the Benedictine Abbey of Cassino. Continue north where you will meet a Local Specialist for a visit of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. Tonight, we'll stay at one of Trafalgar's Stays With **Stories** – a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery. (B, D) Hotel: Cenacolo

Day 6 Discover Venice Travel through Emilia-Romagna, a region famed for its gastronomy. Later we will arrive into Venice, the 'Oueen of the Adriatic' to spend time admiring this unique city. (B) Hotel: Biasutti Lido



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Day 7 St. Mark's and More in Venice Your **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience features the Venetian tradition of glass-blowing by master craftsmen. Continue past the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square where we will view the impressive square and Basilica. (B)

Day 8 On to Milan and Scenic Lake Maggiore Travel to Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers, then cross to sophisticated Milan. An orientation tour takes us past the Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the Galleria. Later arrive in the Italian Lakes where we'll enjoy dinner served tonight at our hotel. (B, D) **Hotel: Simplon** 

Day 9 Stroll around Lake Como Indulge in a free day to explore. This evening, we venture by private boat to a secluded island on Lake Maggiore where we'll Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience. Join the Cinque family and hear all about the intriguing history of Villa Toscanini. (B, D)

Day 10 Admire Pisa and on to Florence Tuscany lures us past the marble quarries of Carrara to Pisa and its Square of Miracles where we will view the Leaning Tower. Our next stop is Florence. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Day 11 Experience Art and Architecture in Florence Our Local Specialist unlocks the Medici family history, while we visit Piazza della Signoria. We enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the beautiful skyline of Florence, dominated by the elegant Duomo and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio, from Piazzale Michelangelo. (B)

Day 12 Treasures of San Gimignano and Return to Rome This morning we stop at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial before visiting the Tuscan hill-town of San Gimignano. This evening in Rome, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La

Day 13 Farewell Rome Our discovery of the best of Italy has come to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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

**See** the ancient sites of Rome and the Abbey on Monte Cassino

Scenic Cruise to the Isle of Capri and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

Be My Guest Dine with the Cinque family at Villa Toscanini with lakeside views from the isola dei pescatori

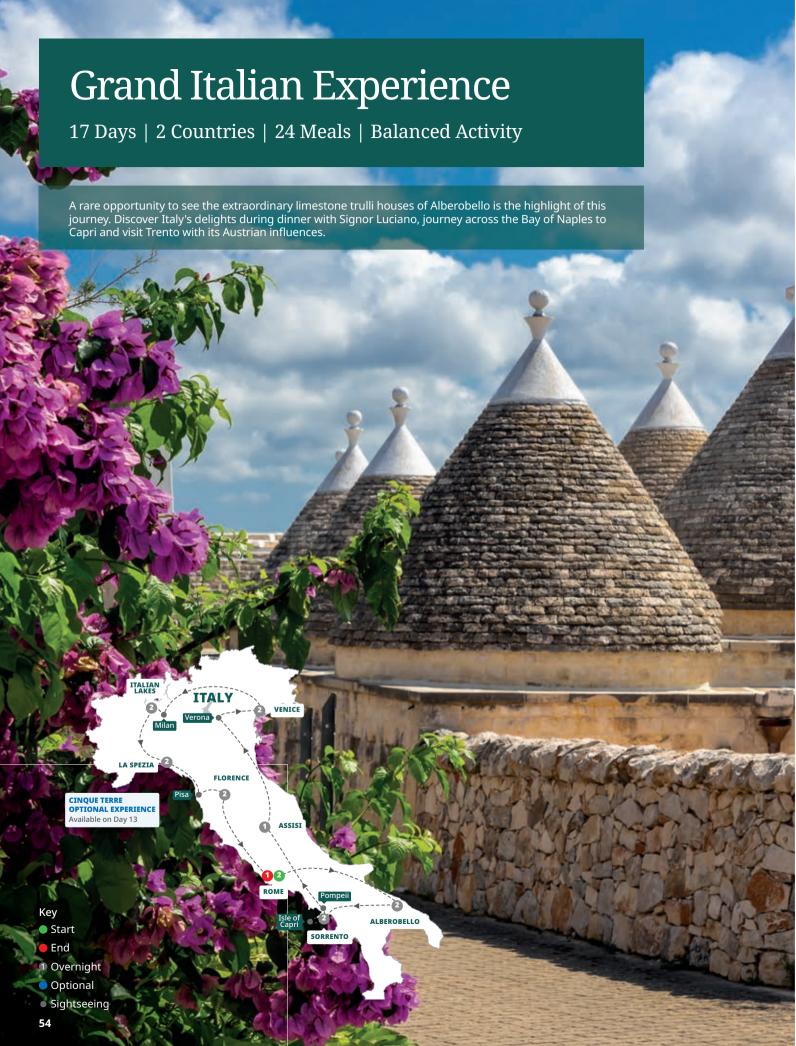


"A trip of a lifetime to see one of the most beautiful countries in the world."

- Alyssa Fountaine

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Day 1 Welcome to Rome Blaze a trail through la bella Italia starting in Rome. Meet your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and orientation drive this evening. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

Day 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Embark on an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to visit St. Peter's Basilica, home to Michelangelo's Pietà. Then, venture to Ancient Rome to see Circus Maximus. (B)

Day 3 Journey to the Alberobello Region We travel east through the mountains of Campania to the orange and olive groves of Puglia on the Adriatic coast, our home for the next two nights. This evening, we enjoy a delicious local dinner at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sierra Silvana

Day 4 Admire Alberobello's Iconic Architecture Consider an Optional Experience or relax with a swim at your hotel. This afternoon, the conical limestone houses of Alberobello take centre stage during our guided tour with a Local Specialist. This evening, we Connect With Locals with a Be My Guest experience at a traditional masseria. (B, D)

Day 5 Onwards to Sunny Sorrento The fresh aroma of lemons is your constant companion in the stunning coastal town of Sorrento, your home for the next two nights. View the bustling Piazza Tasso and Corso Italia before spending the afternoon at leisure. Kick back and sip delicious Limoncello di Sorrento, enjoy lunch in this picture-perfect town or spend the afternoon soaking up la dolce vita. This evening we dine in a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Cesare Augusto

**Day 6 A Day on the Isle of Capri** Cruise the deep blue waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea to the beautiful Isle of Capri and enjoy a guided tour of Capri town. **(B)** 

Day 7 Uncover Pompeii's Ruins and on to Assisi Explore the tragic history of the ancient lost city of Pompeii with a Local Specialist. Continue to the mystical hill-town of Assisi, where you'll join a Local Specialist for a walking tour. We'll stay at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories. (B, D) Hotel: Cenacolo

Day 8 Onwards to Venice We venture to the Adriatic coast bound for Venice. Our home for the next two nights is one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories. (B) Hotel: Hyatt Centric Murano

Day 9 Cruise the Canals of Venice This morning enjoy your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a glassblowing studio where you'll observe the delicate craft first-hand. Glide by private launch to view the Bridge of Sighs, ornate Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica. (B)



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Day 10 Explore Verona and on to the Italian Lakes Celebrate the epic tale of Romeo and Juliet during our visit to Verona. Spend this afternoon on the shores of Lake Maggiore. An Optional Experience takes you to dinner in an iconic setting on Lake Maggiore. (B) Hotel: Grand

**Day 11 Explore Milan** Relax on the shores of Lake Maggiore or take an Optional Experience to visit Lake Como. Later, experience Milan, with free time to explore on your own after an orientation of the city's iconic sights. See the exquisite Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the Galleria. **(B, D) Hotel: Simplon** 

**Day 12 Onwards to La Spezia** Enjoy a relaxed morning in the lakeside resort town of Stresa. Later, travel to La Spezia on the Ligurian Coast. **(B) Hotel: Firenze e Continentale** 

**Day 13 La Spezia Your Way** Indulge in a full free day, or consider joining an Optional Experience where you'll see the cliffside villages of the Cinque Terre. This evening, we dine locally. **(B, D)** 

**Day 14 Uncover Pisa and on to Florence**On to Pisa to view the Leaning Tower before continuing to Florence. This afternoon is yours at leisure. **(B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo** 

**Day 15 Discover Renaissance Florence** Join a **Local Specialist** to view the city's finest masterpieces. Enjoy a free afternoon. **(B)** 

Day 16 All Roads Lead to Rome Journey through the vineyards of Chianti to Rome. This evening enjoy an exclusive farewell dining experience in the Vatican. (B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La

**Day 17 Journey Home** We say *arrivederci* to Rome. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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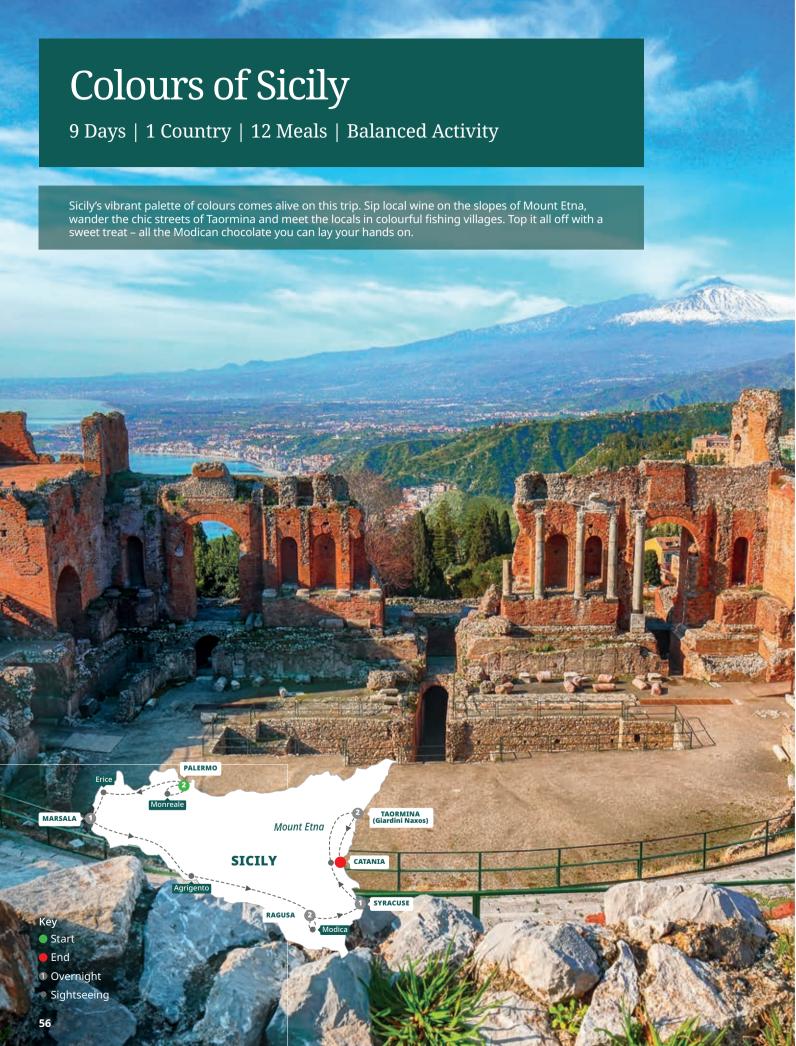
**Be My Guest** Meet Signor Luciano for dinner at traditional Masseria in Alberobello



"This trip was a gift for myself for my 50th birthday. Being a vegetarian food was always arranged. Every city place was better than the last one. Loved the tour so much that it became the loveliest memory." - Yarsha Samji

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Day 1 Welcome to Palermo Start your Sicilian journey in Palermo. Enjoy some free time to relax before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner to kick-start your Sicilian adventure. (D) Hotel: Garibaldi

#### Day 2 Explore the Capital of Sicily

Discover hidden Palermo as you join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, and learn about the civil anti-mafia movement. Head to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo where a Local Specialist will guide you through one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture, the 12th-century Cattedrale di Monreale. This evening there's an opportunity to feast on Palermitano specialities, perfectly paired with delicious Sicilian wine on an Optional Experience to the beautiful fishing village of Sferracavallo, at the foot of Mount Capo Gallo. (B)



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On a one-of-a-kind experience, team up with a local to learn about the civil anti-mafia movement as vou discover the lesser-known history of the ancient city of Palermo.

Day 3 Journey to Ancient Marsala Leaving Palermo behind we head to Erice, the hilltop 'Town of a Hundred Churches'. You'll have some free time for lunch before continuing to Marsala, home to the wine which shares its name. Dive Into Culture along the way, stopping at the salt pans to visit the Infersa Mill to learn about the ancient 'culture of salt', an industry which has shaped this region. You'll be thrilled with an evening at leisure in picture-perfect Marsala filled with colourful restaurants. (B) Hotel: Seawater

including the seven sandstone Doric temples very different souls – the lower and older Ragusa Ibla and higher Ragusa Superiore

are separated dramatically by a deep ravine, the Valle dei Ponti. (B, D) Hotel: Poggio del Sole

#### Day 5 Explore Beautiful Baroque Modica

This morning we pay a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Modica. Your Travel Director will show you the sights on an orientation of this Baroque beauty before we **Dive Into Culture** and learn the secrets of Modican chocolate. Later we return to Ragusa to learn about the rebuilding of the city following a 17th-century earthquake. Your Local Specialist will reveal how this devastating seismic event led to the development of an entirely new city, while some of its brave residents remained to rebuild what was lost. This evening is yours to enjoy at leisure, or perhaps consider joining an Optional Experience to a unique local farm restaurant. (B)

Day 6 Off to Historic Syracuse Once a major Mediterranean power and the birthplace of Archimedes, the historic city of Syracuse takes centre stage as you join your **Local Specialist** for in-depth insights into its colourful past. You'll see some of its treasures at the Archaeological Museum, then visit the island of Ortygia. Your afternoon is open to spend as you wish. This evening you'll join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) **Hotel: Mercure** 

Day 7 Venture Past Mount Etna to Taormina Continue up the coast to Catania, the city that lies in Mount Etna's shadow. You'll have some free time to explore on your own and perhaps sample arancini, a favourite Catania snack. Later join a Local Specialist to delve into the history and culture of the ancient town of Taormina. A particular highlight will be a visit to the beautifully preserved ruins of the Teatro di Taormina. You'll have an evening on your own to spend as you wish or consider joining an Optional Experience evening enjoying Sicilian specialities. (B) **Hotel: Caesar Palace Giardini Naxos** 

Day 8 Taormina Free Day Taormina is yours for the taking today. You could choose to visit the 10th-century Palazzo Corvaja with its Islamic-style tower or explore the elegant boutiques along Corso Umberto. Work up an appetite and stop for some of the city's signature cannoli or cool down with a famous Sicilian granita. Movie buffs will delight in an Optional Experience to Mount Etna and Savoca, the hilltop village of 'The Godfather'. Later this evening, learn the art of Sicilian cuisine on a charming Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

Day 9 Farewell Sicily So ends your journey through Sicily. All that's left is to say a fond farewell to new friends and take your airport transfer for your return journey home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

Day 4 Onwards to Agrigento and Ragusa Today's first stop is Agrigento where you'll join a Local Specialist for a visit to the UNESCO-listed Valley of the Temples. You'll explore one of the world's most treasured centers of Greek art and architecture, overlooking the city. There's time for lunch before we head to Ragusa, a city with two

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Explore Palermo, Monreale, Valley of the Temples, Ragusa, Syracuse and Taormina with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Modica and Catania

Visit Monreale Norman Cathedral, Erice, Infersa Mill in Marsala, Valley of the Temples, the Syracuse Archaeological Museum, Ortygia and the Greek Theatre in Taormina

**View** Mount Etna

Be My Guest Enjoy a local meal and learn how to make macaroni with the locals of Castiglione Di Sicilia, a Jewish village



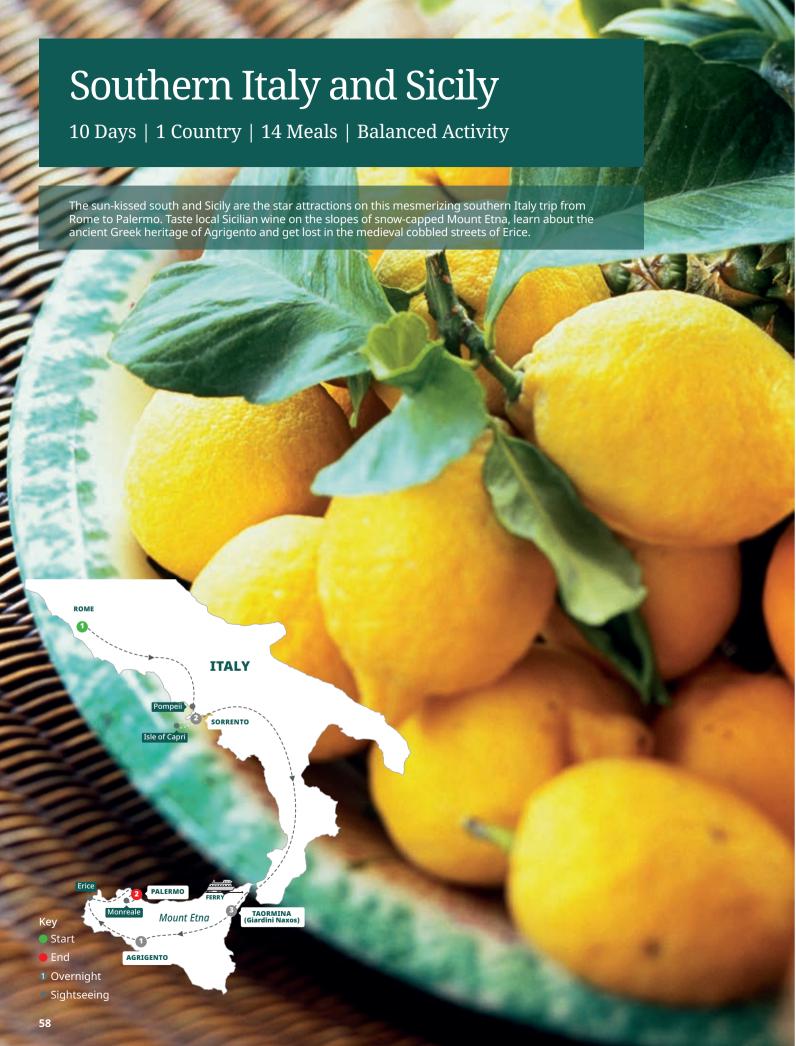
"Trafalgar had a great itinerary of places I otherwise would have missed as a solo female traveller. An abundance of Sicilian food and culture!"

- Martha Bailey

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Day 1 Welcome to Rome Ciao Roma, the 'Eternal City', is yours to explore on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner this evening. Enjoy an orientation drive – a perfect introduction to this beautiful city, the centre of which has been proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its ruins, imposing monuments, statues and fountains. (D) Hotel: Cicerone

Day 2 Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and Sorrento From Rome, journey south to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii. Your Local Specialist will take you on a walking tour of the excavations buried for centuries under a layer of volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted. See such sites as the Gymnasium, the Temple of Apollo and the impressive Basilica before arriving later at your hotel in Sorrento. (B, D) Hotel: Johanna Park

Day 3 A Day on the Isle of Capri Take a ferry to Capri, the isle of sirens according to Greek mythology. You'll ascend to Capri town by funicular railway and see the famous Piazzetta during your guided walking tour with a Local Specialist. Spend some free time people-watching at one of the local cafés before returning to the mainland where you can enjoy free time in Sorrento. (B)

Day 4 Cross the Strait to Taormina Drive south via Salerno and through Calabria, crossing the straits of Messina to Sicily and the beachside resort town of Giardini Naxos below Taormina. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sant Alphio Garden Giardini Naxos

#### Day 5 Gardens and More in Taormina

Your **Local Specialist** will take you on a walking tour of Taormina on the slopes of Monte Tauro, overlooking the sea. Visit the Greek theatre and see the terraced botanical gardens. Then, stroll along the elegant Corso Umberto with a gelsi gelato and on to the piazza for splendid panoramic views across the bay. Later, there's free time for shopping for souvenirs and handmade ceramics on the Corso. **(B)** 

Day 6 Taormina Your Way Enjoy a full day to do as you please in this beautiful resort town. Shop, relax, see the sights of your choice, or consider an Optional Experience. Whatever you decide, your Travel Director will be on hand to help you get the most out of your day. Tonight, Connect With Locals during a Be My Guest experience hosted at a beautiful family owned Sicilian lemon farm overlooking Mount Etna. (B, D)

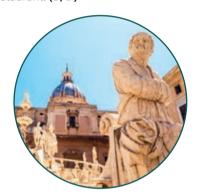
#### Day 7 Journey to Ancient Agrigento

Enjoy views of Enna on the way to Agrigento, where your **Local Specialist** will take you to the Valley of the Temples - the finest Greek sanctuary in Sicily. See the Temple of Concord and the Temple of Juno overlooking the sea. **(B) Hotel: Dioscuri Bay Palace** 

Day 8 Explore Sicilian Towns and on to Palermo Travel to Erice and discover this famous hilltop medieval town in western Sicily with its cobbled streets, Norman castles and stunning views of the sea, salt pans and wooded hillsides. Perhaps take a walk to the ruins of Venus Castle with its Balio Gardens. (B) Hotel: Garibaldi

#### Day 9 Enjoy the Views in Monreale

Discover hidden Palermo as you join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, and learn about the civil anti-mafia movement. Travel to Monreale for views of La Conca d'Oro and explore the magnificent 12th century Norman Cathedral. Later, join your companions and celebrate your journey with a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)



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On a one-of-a-kind experience, team up with a local to learn about the civil anti-mafia movement as you discover the lesser-known history of the ancient city of Palermo.

**Day 10 Journey Home** Say *arrivederci* to Sicily and your newfound friends at the end of a memorable holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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**Departure months** 

Apr - Oct

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Pompeii, Capri, Taormina, Agrigento and Palermo with a Local Specialist

**Visit** the excavations at Pompeii, the ruins of the ancient Greek theatre at Taormina, the Valley of the Temples at Agrigento, Erice, Monreale Cathedral

**View** the fortress town of Enna and Palermo Cathedral

See St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

Scenic Cruise to the Isle of Capri

**Be My Guest** Dine on a family owned lemon farm overlooking Mount Etna



"Gazing out towards the cost of Amalfi with the beauty created by Italian artisans is cast in my memory forever."

- Margaret Willms

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### Best of Italy and Sicily

15 Days | 2 Countries | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

Ancient history and fabulous food are the cornerstones of this colourful Italy and Sicily trip. You'll enjoy local seafood in Sicily, follow the shadow of Mount Etna and admire the Leaning Tower in Pisa's Square



Day 1 Welcome to Palermo The multicultural capital of Palermo is the launchpad for your journey across Sicily and Italy. You'll have some free time before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner and orientation of the city's attractions. (D) Hotel: Mercure Centro

**Day 2 Enjoy the Views in Monreale** Join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour, which includes the Teatro Massimo and old 'La Cala' harbour. Later, travel to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo overlooking the almond, olive and orange groves of La Conca d'Oro. **(B)** 

#### Day 3 Journey to Ancient Agrigento

Journey to Agrigento to tour the impressive Greek Valley of the Temples, with a **Local Specialist**. This evening, dinner is served at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Dioscuri Bay Palace** 

Day 4 Onwards to Scenic Taormina Travel to the seaside resort of Taormina. Enjoy spectacular vistas and a taste of la dolce vita in this hillside town, with free time on arrival. (B) Hotel: Caesar Palace Giardini Naxos

Day 5 Taormina Your Way Spend the day relaxing at your chic Sicilian resort. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Savoca, the village made famous by 'The Godfather', and Europe's most active volcano - Mount Etna. This evening, Connect With Locals during a Be My Guest experience hosted at a beautiful family owned Sicilian lemon farm. (B, D)

**Day 6 Travel to Sorrento** Today we cross the Strait of Messina to mainland Italy by ferry, driving north through rustic Calabria and past Salerno to our hotel in Sorrento where we'll spend the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: Grand Cesare Augusto** 

**Day 7 A Day on the Isle of Capri** We cruise to the Isle of Capri where we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Capri town with a **Local Specialist**. Once back in Sorrento, enjoy the evening at leisure to indulge in a little *limoncello* in one of the town's many cafés. **(B)** 

#### Day 8 Explore Pompeii's Ruins and Rome

This morning we visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed ruins of Pompeii where a **Local Specialist** will take you on a walking tour. Later, admire the dramatic coastline as we drive north from Pompeii to the 'Eternal City' of Rome. This evening **Dive Into Culture** and enjoy a visit to the extraordinary Vatican Museums including the famous frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, followed by a special dinner inside the Anima Mundi Museum. **(B, D) Hotel: Grand Tiberio** 

**Day 9** Explore Ancient Rome and the **Vatican City** Join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour to the Vatican and

see Michelangelo's Pietà. Your next stop is Ancient Rome to see Circus Maximus and experience an in depth walking experience around the walls of the Colosseum. (B)

Day 10 Off to Historic Assisi Today we drive north to the mystical medieval hilltop town of Assisi. Join a Local Specialist for a tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Assisi

#### Day 11 Admire Pisa and on to La Spezia

Venture to Pisa to visit the Square of Miracles and view the Leaning Tower that bears this city's name. A short drive north takes us to La Spezia. (B) Hotel: Firenze e Continentale

Day 12 Enjoy Colourful Cinque Terre and Florence Join a Local Specialist to visit Cinque Terre, a series of centuries-old seaside villages clinging to rugged cliffs that plunge into the Ligurian Sea. Continue later to Florence. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Day 13 Journey to Venice Enjoy a walking tour through Florence with a Local Specialist. Later, head north to Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. (B) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido

#### Day 14 Cruise the Canals of Venice

Embark on an orientation cruise by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. Witness the centuries-old craft of glassblowing - a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner and toast to shared memories. **(B, D)** 



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Learn about the history and ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing, playing your role in ensuring the survival of this traditional craft through your visit.

**Day 15 Farewell Venice** For now, it's a fond ciao Venezia as you prepare to depart for your journey home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/ freetransfers. **(B)** 

#### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Palermo, Agrigento, Pompeii, Capri, Rome, Assisi, Cinque Terre and Florence with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Taormina, Sorrento and Venice

Visit the Norman Cathedral at Monreale, the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, the Isle of Capri, the excavations at Pompeii, the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and a glassblowing factory in Venice

**Be My Guest** Dine on a family owned lemon farm overlooking Mount Etna



"My wife is of Italian origin. What a fantastic experience, Trafalgar not only just showed us places we would never be able to see if we went alone but their presentation of history culture cuisine and the never-ending stories made this trip a memory for a lifetime."

- Roman Switenko

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There's even more to love in the land of La Dolce Vita. Read the full itineraries at trafalgar.com.

#### Guest favourite: Explore after hours at the Vatican

It's a very rare privilege to be able to say you've dined in the Vatican and you'll have an opportunity to enjoy this special event first-hand on this after-hours tour. Go behind the scenes with a *Local Specialist* who'll bring to life the treasures of the Holy See, and spend some time gazing in awe at Michelangelo's exquisite, frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Sit down to a dinner within the Vatican itself, dining amidst the world's cultural, artistic and spiritual symbols which have been housed in the Ethnological Museum for almost a century, a story you'll tell for years to come.



## Northern Italy including Cinque Terre

8 Days | 1 Country | 10 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Milan, Parma, La Spezia, Lake Maggiore, Genoa, plus more

The Italian Riviera meets Italy's beautiful Lake District on a gourmet-filled encounter with the north and its many treasures. All you need to do is live the high life on this most epic of Northern Italy trips, filled with the flavours of prosciutto and parmigiano.



### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Milan, Parma, Cinque Terre and Genoa with a Local Specialist

**Visit** a prosciutto factory near Langhirano, cheese factory in Montechiarugolo and Cinque Terre

**View** the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan and the Renaissance Palaces in Genoa

Scenic Cruise to Cinque Terre

**Be My Guest** Dine with the Cinque family at Villa Toscanini with lakeside views from the isola dei pescatori

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Departure months: Apr - Sep

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# **WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

### Rome and Tuscan Highlights

9 Days | 2 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Rome, Florence, Pisa, Siena, San Gimignano, plus more

An idyllic Italian retreat, bringing all your Tuscan dreams to life. When you're not spending time with sisters Sandra and Antonella on their agriturismo overlooking vineyards, you'll get to delve into the life of Leonardo da Vinci and soak up the healing waters of Montecatini spa.



### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Rome, Vinci, Florence and Pisa with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Siena and San Gimignano

**Visit** St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel in Rome, the Vatican Museums and the Leonardiano Museum in Vinci

**View** the Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence and the Leaning Tower of Pisa

**Be My Guest** Enjoy an exclusive lunch at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia in the Tuscan hills

#### Find your tour

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## Contrasts of Italy

10 Days | 2 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Rome, Florence, Venice, Pisa, plus more

All aboard this exhilarating journey by high-speed train through Italy's iconic cities of Rome, Florence and Venice. Conjure up gladiators and chariots in Rome, shop until you drop on Florence's ancient Ponte Vecchio, strike a pose in Pisa and discover the secrets of Venice.



### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Fast Track Admission to the Vatican Museums

**Explore** Rome, Florence, Pisa and Venice with a Local Specialist

**Visit** St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel in Rome and a glass-blowing factory in Venice

**View** the ancient sites in Rome, the Duomo in Florence, the Leaning Tower of Pisa

Scenic Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

**Be My Guest** Enjoy an exclusive lunch at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia in the Tuscan hills

#### Find your tour

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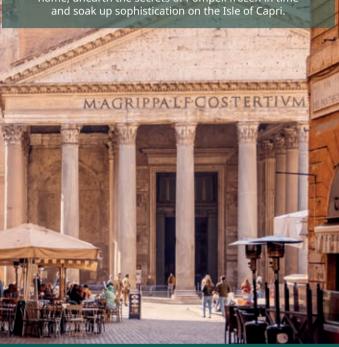
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### Italian Concerto

11 Days | 2 Countries | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Rome, Amalfi Coast, Florence, Venice, Isle of Capri, plus more

Experience the Italian way of life on this trip featuring all the highlights and some surprises. Enjoy a sunset feast in the shadow of olive groves in a local family's home, unearth the secrets of Pompeii frozen in time and soak up sophistication on the Isle of Capri.



### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore Rome, Pompeii, Capri and Florence with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Amalfi Town and Venice

**Visit** St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the ruins of Pompeii, the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino and a glass-blowing factory in Venice

**Scenic Cruise** to the Isle of Capri and by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a traditional meal at Count Flucis' home set amidst Tuscan vineyards and olive groves

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### Italian Glory

13 Days | 2 Countries | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Milan, Rome, Amalfi Coast, Florence, Venice, plus more

Get set for one of our most glorious Italy trips, from the well-heeled streets of Milan to what was once the 'Eternal City' of Rome. Base yourself on the beautiful Italian Lake District for a few days of stunning scenery before the colourful Amalfi coast with its pretty cliffside villages.



### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Milan, Florence, Pompeii and Rome with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Verona, the Amalfi Coast and Venice

**Visit** Amalfi Town, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and a glass-blowing factory in Venice

See the Abbey at Cassino

Scenic Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a traditional meal at Count Flucis' home set amidst Tuscan vineyards and olive groves

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Departure months: Year-round

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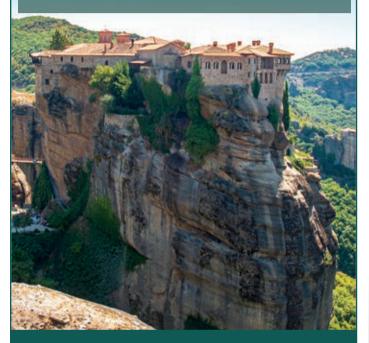
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## Best of Italy and Greece

10 Days | 3 Countries | 13 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Cities: Rome, Florence, Venice, Kalambaka, Delphi, Athens, plus more

Admire the art and architecture of Rome and the rich cultural heritage of Florence. Visit the monasteries of Meteora and see the site of the most important oracle in the classical world.



### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Rome, Florence, Delphi and Athens with a Local Specialist

**Visit** the Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, Piazzale Michelangelo in Florence, a glass-blowing factory in Venice, the Temple of Apollo in Delphi and the Acropolis in Athens

**View** ancient sites of Rome, the Duomo in Florence, the Doge's Palace in Venice and the Parthenon in Athens

Be My Guest Enjoy a Tuscan meal with Count Miari Fulcis

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### Real Britain

6 Days | 3 Countries | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity

Medieval castles and the inspiring beauty of the Lake District are highlights on this exciting England, Scotland and Wales trip. Learn about the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green and Tudor history in Ludlow before you ascend to lofty Castle Rock for spellbinding views of Edinburgh.



Day 1 Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Cardiff Meet your Travel Director before embarking on a journey to discover what's 'great' about Great Britain, on this mesmerising sojourn past the rolling hills and farmlands of England to Wales, the land of Castles. Head west to visit Stonehenge's stone monoliths, whose centuries-old myths have yet to be fully revealed. The elegant Georgian architecture of Bath takes centre stage during our visit to this famous spa town. Here, we'll see the Abbey and visit the Roman baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, before crossing the Severn Estuary to Cardiff. Embark on an orientation of the city to see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle. Tonight, we celebrate the beginning of an epic adventure through Great Britain at a Welcome Dinner. (D)



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

Day 2 Through the Scenic Countryside to Liverpool Delve into the proud culture and heritage of the Welsh as you embark on an orientation of the city to see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle, in the heart of the city. The half-timbered Tudor houses of Ludlow feature today on our exploration of this market town with its medieval walls and historic castle. We journey north through the Shropshire Hills and Cheshire landscapes to the bold British city of Liverpool, hometown of the 'Fab Four'. Saunter through its edgy 'Scouse' streets and perhaps visit The Cavern Club, where the Beatles once played, during your evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Mercure **Atlantic Tower** 

Day 3 Venture to the Romantic Lake District and on to Edinburgh The enchanting views of Britain's Lake District provide a scenic backdrop for our drive north to Scotland. Skirt the shores of Lake Windermere and enjoy views that inspired literary greats like William Wordsworth. We stop at the runaway wedding capital that is Gretna Green where 'Blacksmith Priests' would marry couples over the Marriage Anvil. Later, we arrive in enchanting Edinburgh – our home for the next two nights. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn

Day 4 Discover Edinburgh's Treasures Ramble up the Royal Mile in the mesmerising medieval city of Edinburgh, where you'll join a Local Specialist on an included city sightseeing tour. Stroll through the Old Town and view Arthur's Seat and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, for centuries the seat of the kings and queens of the Scots. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city. Spend the rest of the day exploring Auld Reekie's medieval relics and elegant Georgian and Gothic façades on your own, or join your Travel Director on an Optional Experience to visit Rosslyn Chapel. This evening, consider attending a lively Scottish banquet with traditional haggis and baggipes. (B)

Day 5 Explore Hadrian's Wall and Onwards to York Trace the northern frontier of the Roman Empire at Hadrian's Wall before crossing the River Tyne and venturing south to the ancient cathedral city of York, whose origins hark back to Roman times. Walk along the famous Shambles and view York Minster, one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. This evening we Connect With Locals, joining a family at their stately home in York for a home-cooked Be My Guest Farewell Dinner and some hearty British hospitality. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Centre

Day 6 Admire Stratford-upon-Avon and return to London Delve into the story of Shakespeare's life at his Birthplace and Visitor Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon, and view Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage. We return to London this afternoon. (B)

#### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Year-round

#### **Special Events & Dates**

Edinburgh Tattoo 4 - 26 August: We've included Tattoo tickets when you're in Edinburgh during these dates.

Special departures will celebrate Hogmanay in Edinburgh on 31 December.

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Bath, Cardiff, Liverpool and York

Visit Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, the Tudor town of Ludlow, Gretna Green, Edinburgh Castle, and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

**See** the Principality Stadium in Cardiff, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh

**Tickets** for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates

**Be My Guest** Dine with a local family in the Vale of York



"We stopped at William
Shakespeare's family home & garden,
a special moment for us as we have
each read many of his books and
enjoyed many of his plays. So special
to see where he grew up."

- Ray Trusik

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

### Best of Devon and Cornwall

6 Days | 1 Country | 8 Meals | Balanced Activity

Sign up for a whirlwind adventure on this popular England trip through Devon and Cornwall. Discover the legend of King Arthur at Tintagel Castle and learn how the monks of Buckfast Abbey have lived for centuries, before indulging in a traditional cream tea or a Cornish pasty.



Day 1 Explore Windsor, Bath and Bideford Leave the bright lights of the British capital behind and journey through lush landscapes to the historic market town of Windsor. It's home to Windsor Castle, a residence of the British Royal Family. Journeying west, we arrive in the stately Georgian town of Bath, whose beautiful Pulteney Bridge and 15th century Gothic Abbey provide a picturesque backdrop for the Roman Baths from which the city takes its name. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, and see the steamy thermal pool of the 'Great Bath'. During your visit to these incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths, discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Its school educational programme actively supports local schools and students to learn about the cultural heritage of the region. Next, your travels take you to Bideford, where we'll enjoy an orientation of the city. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

**Hotel: Durant House** 



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

Day 2 Enjoy Scenic Somerset Stop in the town of Lynmouth to admire the town's typical white-faced homes next to riverside walks. Next, journey to the medieval village of Dunster and glimpse the impressive Dunster Castle perched atop a hill. Continue to Buckfast Abbey where you'll **Dive Into Culture** and gain insights into how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed for nearly 1,000 years. Venture to Plymouth, Britain's Ocean City known for its maritime heritage next, where pilgrims once left English shores for an unknown new world. (B) Hotel: Moxy

Day 3 St Ives and Port Isaac Explore the lovely St. Ives, one of the most picturesque towns in Cornwall and a popular retreat for artists, surfers and sun-worshippers. Travel to Port Isaac, a pretty fishing village and popular filming location for British television programmes, such as Doc Martin. (B)

Day 4 Enjoy a Dartmoor Scenic Drive and a visit to Exeter Cathedral Enjoy Dartmoor National Park on a scenic drive across the mysterious moors, passing the region's famous tors and rivers en route to the "City of a Thousand Trades." Next, visit the 15th-century Cathedral Church of Saint Peter in Exeter, marvel at the complexity of the building's architectural design and decoration before journeying on to Bristol England's urban art capital, home to graffiti artist, Banksy. (B, L) Hotel: Hilton Garden **Inn City Centre** 

Day 5 Experience a Stately Home and British Village Life Today we embark on a scenic drive through the English countryside, arriving at Longleat Stately Home where we'll Dive Into Culture and gain insights into centuries of British tradition. Embark on an included guided tour one of the country's finest stately homes, home to the former 7th Marguess of Bath. Wander through its grand rooms featuring priceless collections of art, antiques and tapestries collected by 15 generations and admire the exquisite Capability Brown landscaped parkland. Later, we stop in the picturesque village of Lacock - its honey-coloured stone cottages and 15th century inns have served as an iconic backdrop for such famous films as 'Pride & Prejudice', 'Harry Potter' and 'Downton Abbey'. This evening we'll enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 6 Onwards to Prehistoric Stonehenge and London This morning, visit a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ancient monoliths at Stonehenge, which rise imposingly on Salisbury Plain, imagining a time when pagans and druids would gather in their mysterious midst, before returning to London where our memorable journey through Devon and Cornwall comes to an end. (B)

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#### **Departure months**

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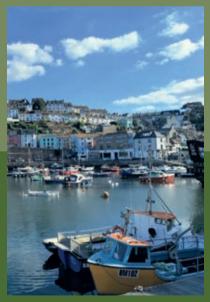


#### Included highlights and must-sees

Discover Bristol, Plymouth, Dunster, Lynmouth, Exeter and Windsor

Visit Royal Windsor, Longleat House Buckfast Abbey, the artists' colony of St. Ives, Exeter Cathedral, the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge

View Windsor Castle, the Capability Brown landscaped parkland at Longleat, Tintagel Castle in Cornwall, the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth and St. Michael's Mount



"This is Brixham Harbour a picturesque town in Devon. I haven't been there in 40 years, and was pleasantly surprised to find it as pretty as ever."

- Linda Gagnon

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### **Amazing Britain**

8 Days | 2 Countries | 11 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Discover Amazing Britain on this unforgettable trip. From Shakespeare's theatrical roots and mystical Stonehenge to the fresh air and rugged outdoors of the Scottish Highlands, where you'll learn all about the locals' favourite drink at a traditional whisky distillery.



Day 1 Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to York This morning, we travel to Stratford-upon-Avon, made famous by William Shakespeare. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre. Continue to the cathedral city of York where we will enjoy an orientation walk. Join your fellow travel companions this evening for a Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: Clayton Leeds

Day 2 Cross Hadrian's Wall and onwards to Edinburgh We venture north to the medieval riverside town of Durham, whose 11th-century cathedral sits imposingly alongside Durham Castle. Cross Hadrian's Wall before enjoying a drive through Northumberland National Park. Admire views of the windswept Cheviot Hills as you cross the Scottish border, stopping to admire the 12th-century ruins of Jedburgh Abbey en-route to Edinburgh. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn

Day 3 Discover Enchanting Edinburgh Autumn in love with the enchanting city of Edinburgh as you join a Local Specialist. Ramble up the Royal Mile and enjoy views of the Palace of Holyroodhouse and the Scottish Parliament. Visit Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B)

Day 4 Venture into the Scottish Highlands Cross the Firth of Forth to the ancient Kingdom of Fife and St. Andrews. This famous golf course is renowned for its 18th hole and 700-year-old Swilcan Bridge. We continue our journey into the dramatic Scottish Highlands. Visit picture-perfect Pitlochry before arriving at your hotel in the Scottish Highlands. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

Day 5 Onwards to Loch Lomond and Glasgow's Rich Legacy The arresting beauty of the Scottish Highlands provides a stunning backdrop for today's drive to Glasgow. View the World War II Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge and admire views of Britain's highest mountain – Ben Nevis. See Glencoe and travel Loch Lomond. We arrive in Glasgow this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Novotel

Day 6 Explore the Lake District and Journey to Liverpool Today's first stop is in the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green, where eloping couples would exchange their vows over the Marriage Anvil. Returning to England, join Christine for lunch at a Be My Guest experience in the company of Highland cows. See beautiful Lake District landscapes and skirt

the romantic shores of Lake Windermere, arriving in edgy Liverpool of 'Fab Four' fame. (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Atlantic Tower

Day 7 Through the Beautiful Welsh Countryside to Discover Bristol This morning, traverse the pretty Welsh countryside before we visit the Shropshire market town of Ludlow. Later, arrive in Bristol for an orientation drive. As the curtain comes down on a memorable journey, enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Holland House



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Day 8 Soak up Bath and Stonehenge then off to London Journeying back to London, we visit the UNESCO-listed city of Bath to admire its elegant Georgian façades and the Roman baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Emerging from the Salisbury Plain, the imposing monoliths of Stonehenge are our final stop before continuing to London. (B)

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**Departure months** 

Mar - Oct

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** York, Durham, Glasgow, Bristol and Bath

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle, a whisky distillery, Gretna Green, Ludlow, Wye Valley, the Roman Baths in Bath and the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge

**View** Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage, York Minster, Hadrian's Wall and Jedburgh Abbey

**See** the 18th green on the Old Course at St. Andrews and the Lake District

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a lunch with Christine at her Cumbrian farm



"Our first visit to Great Britain was unforgettable! It was our fourth trip with Trafalgar and each trip gets better."

- Judy Gee

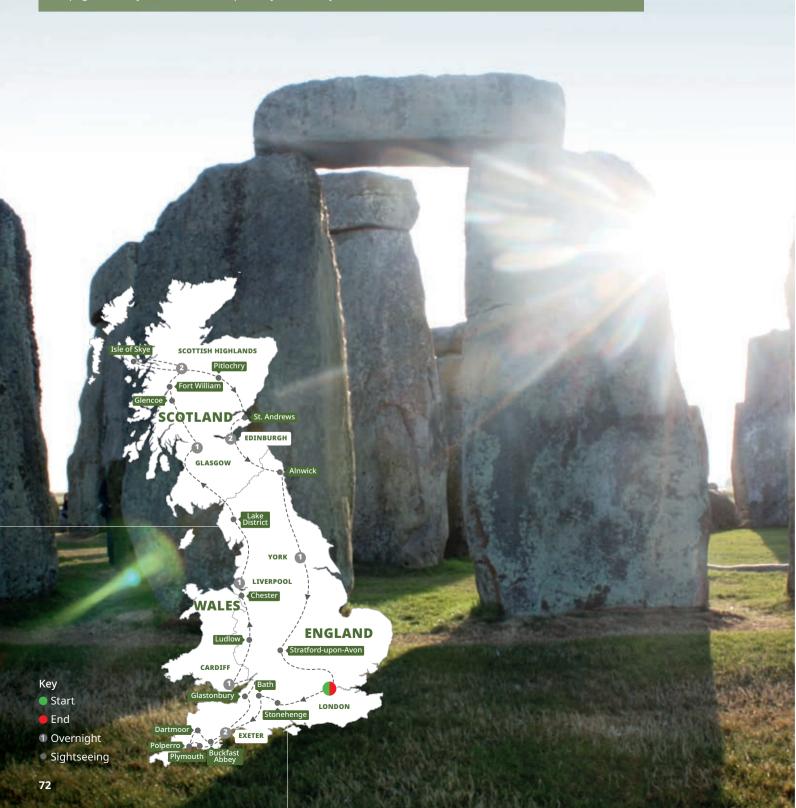
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### Best of Britain

11 Days | 3 Countries | 16 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Explore the Best of Britain on this incredible trip across England, Scotland and Wales, and travel over the sea to the Isle of Skye. Imagine life as a Benedictine monk at Buckfast Abbey, feel the hope of brave pilgrims in Plymouth and be inspired by the beauty of Lake Windermere.



Day 1 Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Exeter Meet your Travel Director to begin your journey through the rolling landscapes of Wiltshire to Stonehenge. Continue to UNESCO-listed Bath and enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the historic Roman baths before arriving in the city of Exeter for a memorable Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: Mercure Southgate



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Day 2 Plymouth and More in the Southwest Today, see the Royal Citadel overlooking Plymouth Sound and consider an optional cruise. Continue to the village of Polperro, then journey along the moorland of Dartmoor. Dive Into Culture at Buckfast Abbey and gain insights into the lives of Benedictine monks. (B)

Day 3 Onwards to Glastonbury and Cardiff Enjoy a scenic drive and visit the ruined Glastonbury Abbey. Head to Somerset for an unforgettable experience with the Dyer family who are your warm Be My Guest hosts on their modern-day dairy farm where you'll Connect With Locals over lunch. Our final stop today is Cardiff, where we'll enjoy an orientation tour. (B, L) Hotel: Leonardo Cardiff

Day 4 Explore Tudor History and on to Liverpool We explore Tudor history in Ludlow and Chester this morning, enjoying views of Chester's medieval city walls and red sandstone Cathedral. Join a Local Specialist later in Liverpool to gain insight into the city's Beatles' history. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Liverpool

Day 5 Venture to the Romantic Lake
District and on to Glasgow Travel along the
shores of Windermere toward Gretna Green.
We arrive in Glasgow for an orientation
tour, including views of the Cathedral,
George Square and the River Clyde. This

evening, enjoy a Regional Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Glasgow/Novotel Glasgow

Day 6 On to Fort William and the Scottish Highlands Journey along Loch Lomond to Glencoe. At the World War II Commando Memorial near Fort William, admire views of Britain's highest mountain Ben Nevis. Our day comes to an end with a cosy dinner at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Laggan/Craiglynne Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

Day 7 Discover the Isle of Skye Join a Local Specialist on the Isle of Skye and admire the remarkable Cuillin Mountains. Later, cross back to the mainland to view scenic Eilean Donan Castle. Travel through the Scottish Highlands to your Highland hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Journey to Enchanting Edinburgh We stop in Pitlochry before heading to St. Andrews. See its famous 18th hole before crossing the Firth of Forth to Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B) Hotel: Delta Hotels by Marriott

Day 9 Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures
Ramble up the Royal Mile today and see the
city's iconic sights. The elegant Palace of
Holyroodhouse and the Scottish Parliament
feature on our sightseeing tour with a
Local Specialist. Visit Edinburgh Castle
perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the
city. Consider an Optional Experience this
evening, including traditional song, dance
and Scottish fare. (B)

Day 10 Continue to York We travel to the medieval market town of Alnwick this morning. Then it's on to Northumberland and York, where we will enjoy an orientation walk past its cobblestone Shambles and see the Minster with its 'heart of Yorkshire'. We enjoy a final Farewell Dinner together to bring our memorable journey to a close. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Centre

Day 11 Onwards to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon and London Shakespeare's legacy and life are celebrated during our visit to Stratford-upon-Avon. Later, we travel back to London. (B)

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#### **Departure months**

Apr - Oct

#### **Special Events & Dates**

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Liverpool, the Isle of Skye and Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Bath, Plymouth, Cardiff, Chester, Glasgow and York

Visit the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, Polperro, Buckfast Abbey, Glastonbury Abbey, the town of Ludlow, the Isle of Skye, Edinburgh Castle, Alnwick and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

**View** Eilean Donan Castle, Alnwick Castle used as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films, York Minster and Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage

**Be My Guest** Lunch with the Dyer family on their 15th-Century dairy farm in Somerset



"After listening to ancestral stories and visiting the castle associated I captured this beautiful double rainbow. My Granny was there with me after all!"

-Tara Keith

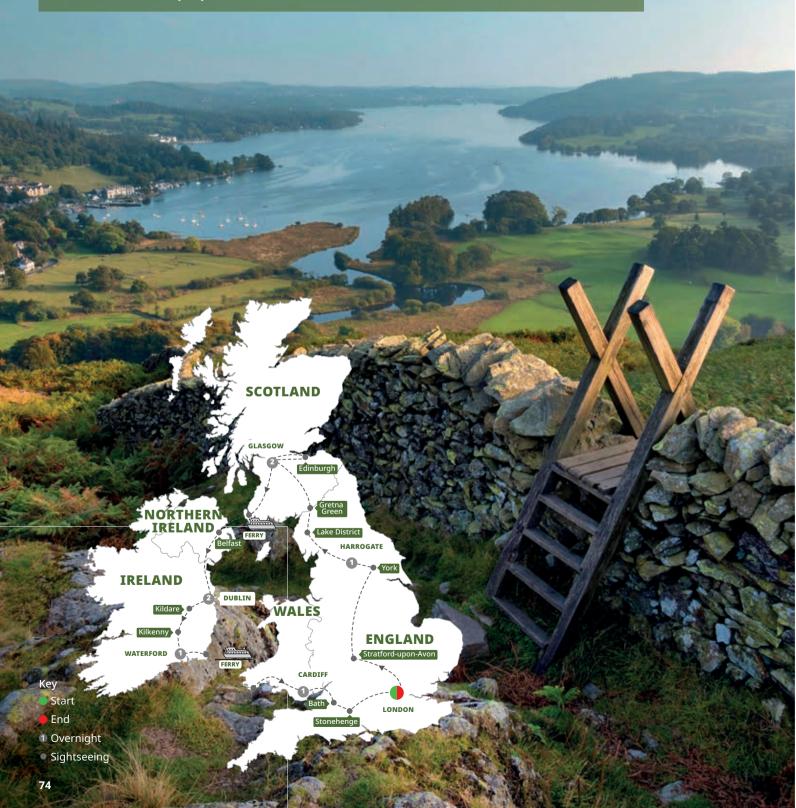
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## Britain and Ireland Highlights

8 Days | 5 Countries | 10 Meals | Balanced Activity

Short on travel time but want to see all the Britain and Ireland highlights? This trip delivers the genius of Shakespeare, Waterford crystal creations in Ireland and a hearty Welsh dinner at a local vineyard, with a side of ancient history, in just over one week.



Day 1 Stratford-upon-Avon, York and on to Harrogate Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon and follow in the footsteps of Shakespeare. Visit his Birthplace and the Visitor Centre, before embarking on a scenic drive north to the Viking city of York, where we'll enjoy an orientation walk around its historic streets. View the cobbled Shambles, see the ancient city walls and the magnificent York Minster. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner in the Victorian spa town of Harrogate. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

Day 2 Through the Scenic Lake District to Glasgow Journey through the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the beautiful Lake District. A highlight on our journey is England's pretty Lake Windermere, which we'll pass as we continue through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. We'll cross the border, into Scotland, to the runaway wedding capital of Gretna Green. Here eloping couples would tie the knot over the Marriage Anvil. We drive through the Southern Uplands to Glasgow where our orientation will take us past Glasgow Cathedral and George Square. (B)

**Hotel: Novotel** 

Day 3 Explore Enchanting Edinburgh
From Glasgow to enchanting Edinburgh,
with its exquisite medieval façades, our
encounter with Scotland will see us join
a Local Specialist for a memorable
sightseeing tour. We'll visit Edinburgh
Castle, perched atop Castle Rock
overlooking the city, and see the Royal
Mile, the elegant Palace of Holyroodhouse
and the new Scottish Parliament. Admire
the elegant Georgian architecture in the
New Town before returning to Glasgow
this evening for a delicious meal at a local
restaurant. (B, D)

Day 4 Cross the Irish Sea to Belfast and Dublin Board the ferry to Northern Ireland, then join a Local Specialist to explore the crossroads of British and Irish culture in Belfast. We'll view City Hall and the dock where the Titanic was built. This evening, we arrive in the vibrant capital of Ireland where we'll spend the next two nights. (B) Hotel: The Address Hotel Connolly/ Clayton Ballsbridge

Day 5 Discover Diverse Dublin Dive
Into Culture and discover the fascinating
250-year-old story of Guinness at its
original home, the Guinness Storehouse.
Drive through the pretty streets of Dublin
with a Local Specialist to admire the
stately Georgian Squares, Trinity College
and St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest
church in Ireland. This evening, consider
joining an Optional Experience to a rousing
Irish cabaret performance. (B)

Day 6 Journey to Kilkenny and on to Waterford We Dive Into Culture this morning and gain insights into rearing world-class thoroughbreds at the Irish

National Stud established in 1946. Enjoy a guided walk through the farm and take some time to stroll through its tranquil Japanese Gardens, regarded as the best in Europe. Next, stop in Kilkenny before continuing to Waterford. **Dive Into Culture** to witness the delicate craft of Waterford Crystal. We'll watch master crafters at work during a tour of the workshop and see the exquisitely crafted pieces in the showroom. **(B) Hotel: Marina** 

Day 7 Ferry Across to Cultural Cardiff
An early start to our sightseeing sees us
cross the Irish Sea to Wales by ferry and
continue our journey to the Welsh capital
of Cardiff to view the Wales Millennium
Centre, National Assembly and historic
Cardiff Castle, in the heart of the city. Visit
the oldest and largest vineyard in Wales as
we Connect With Locals, joining a local
family for a Farewell Dinner Be My Guest
experience. (B, D) Hotel: Park Inn by
Radisson City Centre



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Day 8 Soak up Bath and Stonehenge then off to London Traversing the Severn Estuary into England, we arrive in the glorious UNESCO-listed city of Bath, with its elegant Georgian façades and visit the world-famous Roman Baths from which the city derives its name for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Journey across the scenic landscapes of Wiltshire, paying a visit to the mysterious monolithic stone circle at Stonehenge, then return to London. (B)

### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Mar - Oct

#### **Special Events & Dates**

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Ireland on 17 March.

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin with a Local Specialist

**Discover** York, Glasgow, Cardiff and Bath

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Gretna Green, Edinburgh Castle, Guinness Storehouse, the Irish National Stud and Japanese Garden, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, the Roman Baths in Bath and the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge

**View** York Minster, Glasgow Cathedral and George Square, City Hall in Belfast

See the Principality Stadium in Cardiff

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a Welsh dinner in the beautiful award-winning vineyards of Wales with a farming family



"From London, the castles in Scotland or spending time with locals in Ireland - they all hold a special place in our hearts forever!" - Lisa Macneil

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



Day 1 Stonehenge and Bath and on to Cardfiff Meet your Travel Director this morning and stop to ponder the mysteries of the ancient megaliths of Stonehenge, before driving to Bath. Visit the Roman baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Cross the Severn Estuary to Cardiff. Enjoy traditional Welsh pub fare and drinks at a Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: Leonardo Hotel Cardiff



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Day 2 Onwards to Waterford View the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle during our orientation of Cardiff. Cross the Irish Sea by ferry and travel to historic Waterford. (B, D) Hotel: Waterford Marina Hotel/Fitzwilton

Day 3 Admire Blarney Castle and Journey to Killarney Dive Into Culture and watch the master crafters of the renowned House of Waterford Crystal. Then, kiss the Blarney Stone to acquire the 'gift of the gab' before travelling to Killarney. (B) Hotel: Killarney

Day 4 A Day on the Ring of Kerry
Experience the enduring beauty of Ireland's
most scenic coastal drive. Connect With
Locals at Molly Gallivan's 200-year-old
cottage, sharing a memorable Be My
Guest experience with the O'Sullivan family
and their Kerry cows. (B, D)

Day 5 Journey to Cultural Dublin Visit the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary, the seat of Irish kings for centuries. Travel to Dublin, joining a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour to see Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. (B) Hotel: Hampton by Hilton Dublin City Centre

**Day 6 Dublin Your Way** Beat the crowds and **Dive Into Culture** when you explore the Guinness Brewery, including a tasting in their gravity bar. **(B)** 

Day 7 The Sights of Chester and Liverpool Board the ferry to Wales. Admire the landscapes of Snowdonia National Park bound for Chester. Arrive later in Liverpool, joining our companions for a tasty Regional Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo Liverpool

Day 8 Through the Lake District to Edinburgh Skirt the shores of Windermere, as we travel through countryside made famous by poet William Wordsworth. Cross the Scottish border and visit the runaway wedding capital of Gretna Green. This evening, we arrive in Edinburgh. (B) Hotel: Apex City

Day 9 Discover Remarkable Edinburgh
Join a Local Specialist for a visit to
Edinburgh Castle. See Auld Reekie's
Royal Mile and the elegant Palace of
Holyroodhouse in the shadow of Arthur's
Seat, then admire the Georgian façades
in Edinburgh's New Town. Tickets to see
the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are
included on departures that coincide with
performance dates. (B)

Day 10 Venture to York Journey south to the medieval market town of Alnwick. Travel to York where you'll walk through the cobblestone Shambles, and see the medieval walls and the York Minster. (B) Hotel: Novotel Centre

Day 11 On to Shakespeare's Stratfordupon-Avon Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon to see where the 'Avon Bard' was born and raised. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage. This evening we join our fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Warwickshire Walton Hall Hotel & Spa/Stratford Manor

Day 12 Journey through the Cotswolds to Oxford and London Journey to the Cotswolds and visit the little churchyard at Bladon where Sir Winston Churchill is buried. Arriving in Oxford, we'll enjoy an orientation tour of the city. We return to London this afternoon. (B)

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Apr - Sep

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Dublin and Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Bath, Cardiff, Chester, York and Oxford

**Visit** Stonehenge, the Roman Baths, Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney Castle, the Rock of Cashel, Edinburgh Castle and Stratford-upon-Avon

**View** the Principality Stadium in Cardiff, Alnwick Castle, York Minster, Anne Hathaway's cottage and Sir Winston Churchill's grave at Bladon

**Scenic Drive** of the Ring of Kerry

Be My Guest Join the O'Sullivan family and their Kerry cows for a dinner of Irish stew at Molly Gallivan's 200-year old cottage



"Other than the wonderful experiences and sights we were able to visit in our tour, making lifelong friends was the best part of the experience."

- James Martin

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## Britain and Ireland Panorama

16 Days | 4 Countries | 21 Meals | Balanced Activity



Day 1 Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to York Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace, Anne Hathaway's cottage, and York Minster. This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a delicious Yorkshire dinner. (D)

**Hotel: Leonardo Leeds** 

Days 2 - 3 Continue through
Northumberland to Edinburgh Journey
through Northumberland National Park
to Jedburgh Abbey and Edinburgh. Join a
Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of
Edinburgh's New Town, Princes Street and
the Royal Mile. Join your Local Specialist
in the morning for a sightseeing tour. (B)
Hotel: Holiday Inn

Day 4 Venture into the Scottish Highlands
Today, we travel across the Firth of Forth to
St. Andrews to view its celebrated ancient
university and explore centuries of golf
heritage. Our next stop is Pitlochry on
the banks of the Tummel River. You could
choose to join an Optional Experience to
visit Blair Castle, the ancestral home to
the Dukes of Atholl. We continue to the
Scottish Highlands, our home for two
nights. (B, D) Hotel: Laggan Hotels in the
Scottish Highlands are generally simpler
establishments typical of the region.

Days 5 - 6 Explore the Isle of Skye See Eilean Donan Castle, then cross to the Isle of Skye. Admire the remarkable Cuillin Mountains with a **Local Specialist**. View the mysterious Loch Ness, monumental Ben Nevis and the 'Glen of Weeping'. In Glasgow, visit the Necropolis, one of Europe's most important 19th-century burial grounds.

Day 7 Through the Lake District to
Liverpool Cross the border into England
and Connect With Locals, joining Christine
on her Cumbrian working farm for a Be My
Guest experience. Learn about traditional
farming methods and enjoy lunch before
continuing your journey through the
beautiful Lake District. See Lake Windermere,
England's largest lake, before travelling
to Liverpool, the haunt of Britain's 'Fab
Four'. (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Atlantic Tower

Days 8 - 9 Across the Irish Sea to Dublin
The half-timbered Tudor Rows in Chester are
our first stop today as we travel to Holyhead
to catch our ferry to Dublin. Dive Into
Culture and visit the Guinness Storehouse
to learn about Ireland's famous brew, before
delving into Dublin's iconic sights with a
Local Specialist. (B, D) Hotel: Clayton
Ballsbridge

Day 10 On to Galway and Limerick Journey to Galway, where you will have an opportunity to see Galway Cathedral and Eyre Square before continuing to Limerick. (B) Hotel: Greenhills Day 11 Circle the Ring of Kerry and on to Cork Admire Ireland's enduring scenic beauty on one of the most beautiful drives in the world, circling the spectacular Ring of Kerry. (B) Hotel: Vienna Woods

Day 12 The Sights of Blarney, Waterford and Wexford We visit Blarney Castle where you might kiss the famous Blarney Stone, before stopping in Cobh for a walking tour with a Local Specialist. This afternoon we Dive Into Culture during a visit to the House of Waterford Crystal. (B) Hotel: Maldron

Day 13 Ferry across to Cardiff We cross the Irish Sea to Wales and its capital, Cardiff, where we will see the Principality Stadium and view the Millennium Centre, National Assembly and Cardiff Castle. (B) Hotel: Clayton

Day 14 Enjoy Bath, Glastonbury and Plymouth Cross the Severn Estuary to Bath and visit its Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, before spending some time on your own. We wind our way to mystical Glastonbury next to visit the 7th-century Abbey. (B) Hotel: Copthorne/Mercure Rougemont



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Day 15 A Day Exploring Coastal Villages View the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth, then visit the fishing village of Polperro. This evening, we join our travel companions and Travel Director for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

Day 16 Journey to Prehistoric Stonehenge and return to London Visit the ancient mystical monoliths of Stonehenge before returning to London this afternoon where our journey comes to an end. (B)

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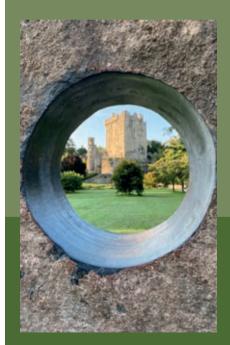
## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Edinburgh, the Isle of Skye, Dublin and Cobh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** York, Glasgow, Chester, Galway, Cork, Cardiff, Bath and Plymouth

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle, Isle of Skye, the Guinness Storehouse, Blarney Castle, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, the Roman Baths in Bath, Glastonbury Abbey and Stonehenge

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a lunch with Christine at her Cumbrian farm



"Everything from castles breath taking night shots special bodies of water and kissing the Blarney Stone...What more could a person ask for?"

Debra Nelson

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## Britain and Ireland Grandeur

20 Days | 5 Countries | 27 Meals | Dynamic Activity

There's more to most UK and Ireland trips than the iconic sights. On this journey, you'll trace the footsteps of giants and feel the salty spray of the Cliffs of Moher, smell the mossy walls of medieval castles and enjoy a toe-tapping, heart-stirring Gaelic song along the way.



Day 1 Journey to Stonehenge and on to Plymouth Stop at Stonehenge before travelling to the historic naval port of Plymouth. (D) Hotel: Copthorne

Day 2 Discover the Cornish Peninsula Embark on an orientation tour and see the Royal Citadel and Mayflower Steps. Explore the Cornish peninsula and visit the seaside villages of Looe and Polperro. (B)

Day 3 Soak up Bath and off to Cardiff Admire Bath's elegant Georgian façades before continuing to Cardiff. (B) Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson City Centre

Day 4 Cross the Irish Sea to Waterford See Cardiff's iconic sights, then cross the Irish Sea to Waterford. (B, D) Hotel: Fitzwilton

Days 5 - 7 Onwards to Blarney and Killarney Visit the House of Waterford Crystal, then kiss the Blarney Stone. Explore Killarney and spend a day on the Ring of Kerry. Continue to Limerick, the Majestic Cliffs of Moher and Galway.

**Day 8 Venture into County Donegal** Admire Galway Cathedral and stroll through Eyre Square. Then, enjoy an orientation in Sligo on your way to Donegal to see its 15th-century castle. **(B, D) Hotel: Central** 

Day 9 Explore Londonderry, the Giant's Causeway and Belfast We join a Local Specialist in Londonderry, then visit the Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Our visit will help to conserve this iconic natural landmark. We proceed to Belfast where we'll enjoy an orientation tour. (B) Hotel: AC by Marriott



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In Northern Ireland you'll discover the legend of the Giant's Causeway as you explore with an expert, who'll explain how your visit helps conserve this iconic natural landmark. Days 10 - 11 On the road to Dublin A Local Specialist 'Cabbie' takes us on a journey through the recent history of Belfast in their taxi. In Dublin, we join a Local Specialist to see St. Patrick's Cathedral and other iconic sights. Dive Into Culture and gain entry to the Guinness Storehouse before general admission. Hotel: The Address Connolly

Day 12 Ferry across to Historic Chester and Liverpool Cross the Irish Sea to Wales and continue to the ancient town of Chester, where your orientation tour will take you past its Roman walls and famous halftimbered Tudor Rows. Later, we head to the haunt of the 'Fab Four', edgy Liverpool. (B) Hotel: Leonardo

Day 13 Continue to the Beautiful Lake District Heading north to the idyllic Lake District, we see Lake Windermere and admire its spectacular scenery. (B, D) Hotel: North Lakes/Castle Green

Day 14 Journey North to Glasgow Stop in the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green before arriving in Glasgow. Dive into Culture at the Falkirk Wheel and experience the world's only rotating boat lift. (B) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn City Centre

Day 15 Over the Sea to Skye Journey past the site of the tragic 1692 massacre at Glencoe and see Britain's highest mountain – Ben Nevis. View Eilean Donan Castle before visiting the Isle of Skye. (B, D) Hotel: Kings Arms Typical hotels in the Scottish Highlands and on the Isle of Skye are simple. Should accommodation on the Isle of Skye be substituted with a hotel on the mainland, sightseeing will remain unchanged.

Day 16 The Sights of Loch Ness and Culloden in the Scottish Highlands Travel through the scenic Scottish Highlands via Glen Shiel and along the banks of Loch Ness. View the site of the bloody Battle of Culloden. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander

**Days 17 - 18 Onwards to Edinburgh** We stop in Pitlochry before travelling to St. Andrews and then Edinburgh. Join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour.

Day 19 Uncover York's Treasures Visit Alnwick before stopping in York for an orientation walk. Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience in Yorkshire. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Centre

Day 20 Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to London Travel to Stratford-upon-Avon to view Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre before returning to London. (B)

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#### **Departure months**

Mar - Sep

#### Special Events & Dates

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Ireland on 17 March.

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Londonderry, Belfast, Dublin and Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Plymouth, Bath, Cardiff, Limerick, Galway, Sligo, Chester, Glasgow and York

Visit the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney Castle, the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, the Giant's Causeway, Guinness Storehouse, Falkirk Wheel, Isle of Skye, Edinburgh Castle, Alnwick and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

**Be My Guest** Dine with a local family in the Vale of York



"One picture does not tell the entire story. Along with the natural beauty in the countryside we saw beautiful historical buildings that took our breath away."

Linda Hessler

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## Irish Highlights

7 Days | 1 Country | 9 Meals | Balanced Activity



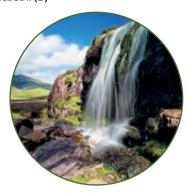
Day 1 Welcome to the Emerald Isle Tread in the footsteps of James Joyce and Oscar Wilde, through the lyrical streets of Dublin – your launch pad to a memorable encounter with Ireland's iconic highlights. After a leisurely morning, meet a local specialist for a sightseeing tour with views of Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. Indulge in a little Irish craic this evening, joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge/ Clayton Cardiff Lane

Day 2 Onwards to Galway and Limerick We journey to Galway, the 'City of Tribes', where we'll see its stone cathedral on the banks of the Corrib and spend some free time exploring its stone façades. Irish traditions and heritage are explored next, during a visit to Bunratty Castle and its Folk Park, a living history museum that reveals insights into life in Ireland during the 18th and 19th-centuries. Continue to Limerick, for an orientation tour and view the 13th-century King John's Castle overlooking the Shannon. Consider joining an optional dinner at the world-famous Durty Nelly's. Enjoy an excellent choice menu in this storied establishment that's almost 400 years old. (B) **Hotel: Greenhills** 

Day 3 Experience the Iconic Cliffs of Moher and on to Killarney We leave Limerick and stop at the spectacular Cliffs of Moher where we visit the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition. After a scenic drive, we take a short ferry journey across the Shannon Estuary. Join an optional experience for a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. During your journey, your Local Specialist will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland. Or join an optional embracing the folklore and spirit of old Ireland's life and times, when even the most everyday chore would be celebrated. Siamsa Tire players will cast a charm you'll remember forever. Beforehand, enjoy a hearty Irish meal in a local restaurant. Ending your day, your home for the next two nights is the colourful little town of Killarney. (B) Hotel: International/Hotel Killarney/ **Killarney Avenue** 

Day 4 A Scenic Day on the Ring of Kerry Circle the spectacular Ring of Kerry – its emerald, green hills and vivid blue seascapes provide a soul-stirring backdrop. We'll see Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, renowned for being the last place in Ireland to get electricity and telephone networks. In the village of Waterville, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience walking tour to explore the natural environment of the Irish coastline. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Muckross House and its beautiful gardens. With a backdrop of oak-clad mountains, enjoy taking in the towering azaleas and rhododendrons, alongside the shores of the lake. The 19th-century house contains

some wonderful examples of furniture and paintings, including a portrait of King James VI, for whom Shakespeare wrote Macbeth. (B)



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Join Natasha, a passionate ecologist, on a walking tour to explore the Irish coastline in a meaningful way and discover the rich environmental heritage of the Wild Atlantic Way.

Day 5 Explore Blarney and Journey to Waterford Cross the rugged Kerry Mountains and travel to Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Continue to Waterford, where we will have dinner at our hotel. Perhaps join a magical entertainment experience, where you'll get the chance to see Irish hospitality in the best folk tradition. Enjoy a drink while locals sing and play music for you. (B, D) Hotel: Fitzwilton/Waterford Marina Hotel

Day 6 Through County Wicklow's Countryside to Dublin Dive into Culture and witness the centuries-old tradition of crafting fine glass at the House of Waterford Crystal. Our next stop is in the town of New Ross, where we'll see the monument to John F. Kennedy who travelled to his ancestral family hometown in 1963. We'll visit the three-masted famine ship Dunbrody and Dive into Culture yet again, gaining insights into the tragic plight of the Irish emigrants. Continuing through County Wexford and the lush countryside of County Wicklow, we journey to Dublin stopping enroute at Glenealy Farmhouse. We'll Connect with Locals over a Be My Guest Farewell Dinner and meet the Fulvio family. (B, D) Hotel: Radisson Blu Dublin Airport

Day 7 Farewell Ireland For now, it's time to say a fond slán abhaile to your fellow travellers as you close the curtain on an unforgettable journey through the 'Emerald Isle'. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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#### **Departure months**

Year-round

#### **Special Events & Dates**

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated in Ireland on 17 March.

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Dublin with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Galway, Limerick and Waterford

Visit Bunratty Folk Park, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney to kiss the stone and gain the 'gift of the gab', the Crystal Showroom at Waterford and the famine ship in New Ross

**View** St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin and King John's Castle in Limerick

**See** the Cathedral of Galway and St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick

**Scenic Cruise** across the Shannon Estuary

**Scenic Drive** of the Ring of Kerry

**Be My Guest** Join the Fulvio family at Glenealy House to enjoy traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist



"The favourite was the time spent in a local pub, it's all about the people you are with and the people you meet!"

- Jay Draisin

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

## Irish Experience

11 Days | 2 Countries | 16 Meals | Balanced Activity

Explore the Emerald Isle on this most in-depth of Irish experience trips, filled with tales of mythical creatures and the troubled history of an island split in two. Beyond soul-stirring landscapes, there's time with a local 'Cabbie' who'll guide you through Belfast.



Day 1 Welcome to Ireland Discover the lively Irish capital before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers this afternoon for a sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist. See the stately Georgian Squares and Trinity College before enjoying a Whiskey Tasting at a local Distillery (D) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge

Day 2 Journey to Colourful Belfast Travel to Belfast, where we'll have some free time for lunch. Later, we meet our Local Specialist 'Cabbie' for an insider view of the city's living history on a journey through its vibrant streets in a real taxi. (B) Hotel: AC by Marriott

Day 3 Venture to the Giant's Causeway and on to Londonderry Dive Into Culture during a visit to the award-winning Titanic Belfast Experience. We leave the city behind us, travelling to the Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as we walk in the footsteps of Finn MacCool. Our visit will help to conserve this iconic natural landmark. Continue to Londonderry. Dine at your hotel this evening (B, D) Hotel: City



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In Northern Ireland you'll discover the legend of the Giant's Causeway as you explore with an expert, who'll explain how your visit helps conserve this iconic natural landmark.

**Day 4 Discover Londonderry's Past** Join your **Local Specialist** for a walk along the 17th-century city walls and see the formerly turbulent Bogside neighbourhood, with its street murals. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Inishowen Peninsula. **(B) Hotel: City** 

Day 5 Onwards to Scenic Galway We journey through the lush countryside to Belleek, where we'll Dive Into Culture and witness talented pottery craftsmen create the exquisite collectables. Arrive in Galway. (B, D) Hotel: Maldron Oranmore

Day 6 Connemara Excursion The rugged beauty of Connemara was captured in the film 'The Quiet Man' with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Its loughs and mountains are yours to explore today during a scenic drive. We arrive at Kylemore Abbey to visit the country's most romantic castle and ramble through the hidden nooks of its Victorian walled garden. (B)

Day 7 Explore the Cliffs of Moher and Killarney See the imposing UNESCO-listed Cliffs of Moher, you'll visit the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition and see this extraordinary natural phenomenon in a way that only the wildlife of the area get to see. We Connect With Locals and join Oonagh to forage before our Be My Guest visit to Barrtra Seafood restaurant where she will reveal the importance of buying local produce. Board a ferry across the tranquil Shannon Estuary river and continue through County Kerry, where we'll have an evening at leisure or join in the craic at an optional Irish ceilidh. (B, L) Hotel: Killarney Towers

**Day 8 A Day on the Ring of Kerry** The soulstirring landscapes of Iveragh Peninsula feature on our scenic coastal drive around the Ring of Kerry. **(B, D)** 

Day 9 Off to Blarney, Waterford and Kilkenny Today you might acquire the 'gift of the gab', bending over backwards to kiss the Blarney Stone before we travel to Waterford. Admire the delicate creations of fine crystal during a visit to the House of Waterford Crystal where we will Dive Into Culture and witness a demonstration by master craftsmen. This evening, we arrive in Kilkenny. (B) Hotel: Kilkenny

Day 10 Through County Wicklow's Countryside to Dublin After a morning exploration of Kilkenny, we depart for New Ross where we'll see the monument to John F. Kennedy, who visited his ancestral family hometown in 1963. We Dive Into **Culture** and gain insights into the tragic plight of Irish emigrants during the potato famine of the 1800s on our visit to Dunbrody Famine Ship. Journey through the lush Irish countryside of County Wicklow, the 'Garden of Ireland', and back to Dublin later. Here we'll spend our final evening at a Farewell Dinner with our travel companions sharing stories of a memorable journey through Ireland. (B, D) Hotel: Fitzpatrick Castle

Day 11 Farewell Dublin It's time to say a fond farewell to Ireland and new found friends as you prepare to end your wonderful Irish experience. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

Apr - Oct

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Dublin, Belfast and <u>Londonderry</u> with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Galway and Waterford

Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, the Titanic Experience in Belfast, the UNESCO World Heritage site at the Giant's Causeway, Belleek to see how the famous pottery is made, Kylemore Abbey, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and gain the 'gift of the gab', the Crystal Showroom at Waterford and the Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross

**View** the City Walls and Murals of Londonderry

**See** Galway Cathedral

**Scenic Cruise** across the Shannon Estuary

**Scenic Drive** through Connemara and along the Ring of Kerry

**Be My Guest** Lunch at the O'Briens Barrtra seafood restaurant overlooking Liscannor Bay



"From the Giant's Causeway to Blarney Castle, my ancestral home Ireland was a joy to behold!"

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



Day 1 Welcome to the Emerald Isle Dublin is our first stop on this epic journey, which begins as you join your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

**Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street** 

Day 2 Onwards to Beautiful Belfast Belfast beckons today. Join a Local Specialist to view the historic murals and see the City Hall. Dive Into Culture at the Titanic Belfast Experience, gaining insights into the world's most famous ship and the tragedy that befell it. This evening, we dine in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Radisson Blu Hotel Belfast

Day 3 A Day at the Giant's Causeway Visit the Giant's Causeway for a memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Your visit will help to conserve this iconic landmark, the result of ancient volcanic activity. (B)



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In Northern Ireland you'll discover the legend of the Giant's Causeway as you explore with an expert, who'll explain how your visit helps conserve this iconic natural landmark.

Day 4 Journey to Londonderry and County Donegal Traversing Northern Ireland, we arrive at the old walled city of Londonderry, where we join a Local Specialist who will reveal the former struggles of the region, during a visit of the People's Gallery in Bogside. (B, D) Hotel: Kee's

**Day 5 Admire Belleek's Famous Pottery** Explore the town of Donegal. This afternoon, we visit Belleek where we'll **Dive Into Culture** and learn about the locally made Irish pottery. **(B)** 

Day 6 Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Galway Continuing to the pilgrimage town of Knock, we visit the beautiful Marian Shrine. (B) Hotel: Maldron Oranmore

**Day 7 Admire Stunning Connemara** The untamed landscapes of Connemara provide a soul-stirring backdrop for your drive to Kylemore Abbey. **(B, D)** 

Day 8 Explore the Cliffs of Moher and Killarney Our encounter with the rugged beauty of Ireland continues as we see the spectacular Cliffs of Moher plunging into the wild Atlantic. Cross the serene Shannon Estuary by ferry to Killarney. This evening is yours to spend as you wish, perhaps we can tempt you with a bit of craic at a traditional Irish ceilidh. (B) Hotel: International

Day 9 A Day on the Ring of Kerry Circle the mystical Ring of Kerry. View the island's stunning scenery as you journey through Moll's Gap and take a moment to capture the marvellous natural scenery at Ladies View. (B)

Day 10 See the Sights in Blarney, Cork and Waterford Your 'gift of the gab' secured after kissing the Blarney Stone, we venture to Cork. Our final stop today is in medieval Waterford. (B) Hotel: Marina

Day 11 Uncover the Treasures of
Kilkenny A leisurely start to your morning
could see you amble along Meagher's Quay,
before you visit the House of Waterford,
where you'll Dive Into Culture and witness
the art of creating the exquisite crystal.
Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny. The
ancient Celtic sport of hurling is over 3,000
years old and Ireland's national sport. Meet
an experienced player who will share his
passion, as you test your skills during a
lesson. We spend the rest of the afternoon
on our own in Waterford. (B)

Day 12 Venture to Wexford and Return to Dublin Traverse beautiful County Wexford to the John F. Kennedy Arboretum. We take a step back in time to the 1800s as we visit the three-masted Dunbrody Famine Ship, where we'll Dive Into Culture. We join the Fulvio family and Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience, savoring Irish fare with an Italian twist served at their Glenealy Farmhouse near Dublin. (B, D) Hotel: Maldron Kevin Street

Day 13 Discover Diverse Dublin We wander through Dublin this morning, joining a Local Specialist for a superb sightseeing tour that will see us view Trinity College and the magnificent Georgian Squares. This evening, let the rousing sounds of a traditional Irish cabaret tempt you for an Optional Experience that will have you dancing your way through the Dublin streets. (B)

Day 14 Farewell Ireland Our memorable journey through Ireland is at its end. All that's left to say is *slán abhaile* to newfound friends as you prepare to depart for home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

Apr - Sep

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Belfast, Londonderry and Dublin with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Donegal, Galway, Cork and Waterford

Visit the Titanic Experience in Belfast, the Giant's Causeway, Belleek Pottery Visitor Centre, Kylemore Abbey, Connemara, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, the John F. Kennedy Arboretum and the Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross and Waterford Crystal

**View** the Antrim Coast and the Marian Shrine in Knock

**See** City Hall in Belfast, the Cathedral of Galway and Trinity College and the Georgian Squares in Dublin

**Scenic Cruise** across the Shannon Estuary

**Scenic Drive** of the Ring of Kerry

**Be My Guest** Join the Fulvio family at Glenealy House to enjoy traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist



"Our tour guide Betty was so knowledgeable of Irish history, had great bus ride music and made our trip so special!"

- Tara Fleckner

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

## Best of Ireland

10 Days | 1 Country | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity

An in-depth encounter with the Best of Ireland awaits, from spectacular sights like the Cliffs of Moher and Ring of Kerry to the past and present showcased in Dublin, Galway and pretty Adare. You'll learn all about Irish famine history, former kings and how to embrace the craic.



See full detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Day 1 Welcome to Ireland We begin our iourney in the capital of Dublin, joining a Local Specialist to see the sights. A Welcome Dinner this evening sees you visiting EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum. (D) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge/Sandymount

Day 2 Through the Scenic County Wicklow and Waterford to Kilkenny Journey through the scenic countryside of County Wicklow, and on to New Ross. Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the plight of the emigrants who boarded the Dunbrody Famine Ship to flee the potato famine. Celebrate the centuries-old craft of flint glass creations as we **Dive Into** Culture in Waterford and visit the House of Waterford Crystal. Next, continue to Kilkenny. (B, D) Hotel: Kilkenny

Days 3 - 4 Journey to Blarney and the Ring of Kerry Today, pursue the 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle, where you'll have a chance to kiss the famous stone. Ireland's soul-stirring Ring of Kerry takes centre stage on a scenic drive past its mountains and lakes. (B, D) Hotel: Killarney Towers/Hotel Killarney

Day 5 Onwards to Lively Limerick Continue through the countryside to Adare. Then explore Limerick's highlights during an orientation tour. Discover Irish life in the 18th and 19th centuries on your included visit to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. (B) Hotel: Greenhills/The Inn at Dromoland

Day 6 Admire the Cliffs of Moher and Onwards to Galway We journey to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher. This UNESCOlisted highlight along the Wild Atlantic Way is one you will never forget. Later, we arrive in Galway with some time at leisure to see its beautiful stone Cathedral or stroll through Eyre Square. (B) Hotel: Connacht

Day 7 A Day Exploring Stunning Connemara Connemara's 'savage beauty' is yours to explore today. Stop at Brigit's Garden, a Celtic heritage garden, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Admire the views on a scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey, where we will embark on a visit to the country's most romantic castle. (B, D)

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Brigit's Garden offers a peaceful journey through Ireland's Celtic heritage. With your Celtic heritage expert guide, explore the colourful gardens, native woodlands and wildflower meadows.

Days 8 - 9 A Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Sligo and Dublin Our journey takes us to Westport House where we will **Connect** with Locals and indulge in a Be My Guest experience. Heading north, we stop in the pilgrimage town of Knock to view the Marian Shrine of Our Lady. Then on to Sligo and south to Dublin, with free time. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner to end this epic Irish journey.

Day 10 Farewell Ireland After a hearty Irish breakfast, we bid our fellow travellers a fond farewell as our Irish holiday ends. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)

#### **Departure months**

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Apr - Oct

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Dublin with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Waterford, Killarney, Limerick and Galway

**Visit** the Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross, the crystal showroom at Waterford, Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and gain the 'gift of the gab', Adare, Bunratty Folk Park, Cliffs of Moher, Connemara and Kylemore Abbey

Be My Guest Enjoy a traditional high tea hosted in the drawing room of a stately 18th-Century home near Westport

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



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Day 1 Hello Dublin You're in for a lyrical love affair with Ireland's whimsical capital. Join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: Hampton by Hilton Dublin **City Centre** 

Day 2 Journey to Harborside Galway Join a Local Specialist to delve into the city's iconic sights. Then, journey to Galway. (B) **Hotel: Maldron Sandy Road** 

**Day 3 Admire Stunning Connemara** Connemara takes centre stage on your full-day excursion. Visit Kylemore Abbey, built as a family home and now inhabited by Benedictine nuns. Visit the Celtic Crystal Factory where you'll Dive Into Culture and witness how their designs are made. (B)

Day 4 Onwards to Donegal See why the rugged beauty of Cong was chosen as the backdrop of John Wayne's award winning 'The Quiet Man'. Connect With Locals at Glen Keen Farm for a heart-warming **Be My Guest** experience with your hosts. Enjoy a traditional tea of scones. Then, continue to Donegal, the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way. (B, L) **Hotel: Central/Abbey** 

Days 5 - 6 Venture to Londonderry and Belfast Visit Londonderry with a Local Specialist. Follow the scenic Causeway Coastal Route to the Giant's Causeway for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. At the Visitor's Centre, then venture to the causeway to witness first-hand the remarkable natural phenomenon. Your visit will help to conserve this iconic landmark. Explore Northern Ireland's capital with a Local Specialist. Visit the Titanic Belfast Experience. Enjoy a whiskey tasting at the Titanic Distillery.

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In Northern Ireland you'll discover the legend of the Giant's Causeway as you explore with an expert, who'll explain how your visit helps conserve this iconic natural landmark.

Day 7 Cross the Irish Sea to Glasgow Bid Ireland farewell as you board your ferry to Scotland. Follow the rugged Ayrshire coast past Ailsa Craig, then continue to Glasgow, where you'll enjoy an orientation of the city. (B) Hotel: Maldron

Day 8 Uncover Loch Ness and the Highlands Journey through the Scottish Highlands. Loch Lomond sets the tone with views over the water to Ben Lomond. Learn Glencoe's history, stroll Fort William's street before arriving in Loch Ness, keep an eye out for the elusive monster. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.

Days 9 - 10 Continue to Elegant Edinburgh View St. Andrews' famous 18th hole before continuing to Edinburgh. Tickets to see the Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour before a Farewell Dinner. (D) Hotel: Novotel **Edinburgh Park** 

Day 11 Journey Home Imbued with Gaelic spirit, your holiday has come to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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#### **Departure months**

Mar - Oct

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore Dublin, Londonderry, Belfast and Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Galway and Glasgow

Visit Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory, Kylemore Abbey, Westport, Donegal, Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience in Belfast, Loch Lomond, Glencoe, Fort William, Loch Ness, a whisky distillery and Edinburgh Castle

View the 18th hole at St. Andrews

Be My Guest Enjoy a traditional scone tea as you explore Catherine and Jim Power's Glen Keen farm

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## Best of Ireland and Scotland

15 Days | 3 Countries | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

Travel to see the very Best of Ireland and Scotland, from delicate Waterford Crystal to the golfing greats of St. Andrews. Kiss the Blarney Stone and you'll be sharing tales from Giant's Causeway, the Ring of Kerry and the Scottish Highlands for years to come.



Day 1 Welcome to Dublin Delve into the Irish capital. Join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: The Address Hotel Connolly/Clayton Ballsbridge

Day 2 Discover Diverse Dublin Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour past the stately Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Enjoy a leisurely day exploring. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience to enjoy the lively sounds of Irish music at an Irish cabaret. (B)

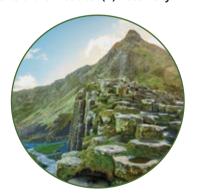
Day 3 Journey to Waterford Dive Into Culture at the Irish National Stud in Kildare. Next, travel to the House of Waterford Crystal and view talented master crafters during your workshop tour(B) Hotel: Fitzwilton

Day 4 Onwards to Blarney and Killarney Kiss the Blarney Stone to acquire the 'gift of the gab' before crossing the mountains to County Kerry. Visit the working farms of Muckross and connect with local over dinner at a Be My Guest visit to Quilles Farmhouse. (B, D) Hotel: Killarney

Day 5 A Day on the Ring of Kerry The beauty of the Iveragh Peninsula accompanies us on our journey around the Ring of Kerry. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, the Black Valley and Moll's Gap with the Macgillycuddy's Reeks peaks in the distance. (B)

**Day 6 Continue to Galway and Ballina** Drive to Adare, one of Ireland's prettiest villages, then see the stone cathedral and Eyre Square in Galway. **(B, D) Hotel: Great National** 

Day 7 Off to Donegal and on to Londonderry Head north to Donegal with its 'Diamond' then join a Local Specialist in Londonderry. See the neighbourhood of the Bogside, known for its murals that depict events of the 'Troubles'. (B) Hotel: City



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In Northern Ireland you'll discover the legend of the Giant's Causeway as you explore with an expert, who'll explain how your visit helps conserve this iconic natural landmark. Day 8 Admire the Giant's Causeway and on to Belfast Tread in the footsteps of Finn McCool during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Arrive in Belfast and visit the Titanic Belfast Experience. (B) Hotel: AC by Marriott Belfast/Stormont

Day 9 Cross the Irish Sea to Glasgow Join your Local Specialist in Belfast and tour Queen's University and City Hall. Cross by ferry to Cairnryan in Scotland. (B) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn City Centre/ Maldron Glasgow

Day 10 Discover Glasgow's Rich Legacy Delve into Scotland's cultural capital. Dive Into Culture at a whisky distillery with a chance to sample a wee dram. (B)

Day 11 Continue Over the Sea to Skye Journey to the tragic site of the Glen of Weeping. Continue to Fort William and cross to the Isle of Skye. (B, D) Hotel: Dunollie Hotels in the Scottish Highlands and on the Isle of Skye are generally simpler establishments typical of the region. Accommodation on the Isle of Skye may be substituted with Accommodation on the mainland. All sightseeing will remain the same as per the itinerary.

Day 12 Venture to Loch Ness and Culloden in the Scottish Highlands Leave the rugged beauty of Skye behind and view Eilean Donan Castle en route to Loch Ness. The battlefield of Culloden is our next stop. Reflect on those who lost their lives in the brief but brutal battle between the Redcoats and Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobites. This evening dine at our hotel in the Scottish Highlands. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander

Day 13 Journey to Enchanting Edinburgh
Traverse the Scottish Highlands to St.
Andrews. Cross the Firth of Forth to
Edinburgh. Tickets to see the Edinburgh
Tattoo are included on departures that
coincide with performance dates. (B)
Hotel: Novotel Centre/Delta Hotels by
Marriott

Day 14 Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures
Join your Local Specialist for a guided
sightseeing tour, including a visit to
Edinburgh Castle. See the Royal Mile, the
Palace of Holyrood and the new Scottish
Parliament building. Later, reminisce
over shared experiences with your Travel
Director and fellow travellers over a Farewell
Dinner. (B, D)

**Day 15 Farewell Edinburgh** For now it's time to say a fond farewell to Scotland. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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#### **Departure months**

Apr - Oct

#### **Special Events & Dates**

Edinburgh Tattoo 2 - 24 August: We've included Tattoo tickets when you're in Edinburgh during these dates.

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Dublin, Londonderry, Belfast and Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Waterford, Adare, Galway and Glasgow

Visit the Irish National Stud in Kildare, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney Castle, Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience in Belfast, a whisky distillery and Edinburgh Castle

**View** Eilean Donan Castle, the battlefield of Culloden and the 18th green at St. Andrews

**See** St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Galway Cathedral and Loch Lomond

**Scenic Drive** of the Ring of Kerry

**Tickets** for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates

> Be My Guest Visit the working farms of Muckross and learn how to churn butter, then dine in the Quilles farmhouse

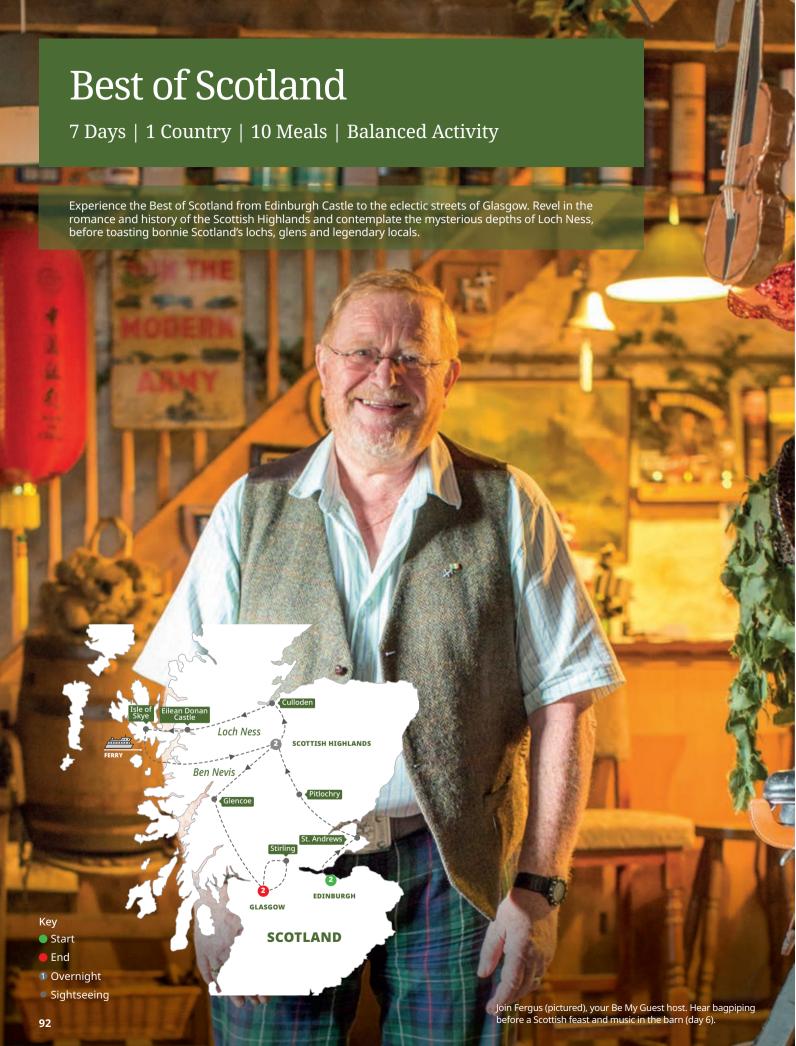


"The best moment was watching the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. My Mother and I will always treasure those memories."

- Stephanie Tobey

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Day 1 Welcome to Edinburgh Get lost in the narrow lanes of Edinburgh before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for a light meal and drinks. (D) Hotel: Novotel Centre/Delta by Marriott

Day 2 Discover Enchanting Edinburgh Join your Local Specialist this morning for an intriguing sightseeing tour of the city. Ascend Castle Rock and visit Edinburgh Castle, which watches over the surrounding city from its elevated vantage point. Stroll through the Old Town along the Royal Mile and see the stunning Palace of Holyroodhouse before enjoying time at leisure to soak up the city's festive atmosphere. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B)

Day 3 Venture into the Scottish Highlands Tread in the footsteps of the world's golfing greats and head to St. Andrews en route to the glorious Scottish Highlands. A scenic drive takes us north and across the Firth of Tay, past the city of Dundee to Pitlochry. After lunch, enjoy some free time to explore its riverside setting or join an Optional Experience to Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Murray. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end with a cosy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands. (B, D) Hotel: Laggan/ Craiglynne Hotels in the Scottish Highlands are generally simpler establishments typical of the region.



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Learn from a rewilding expert on the reintroduction of native animal species such as the Scottish red squirrel, lynx and beaver into the wild, and the reforestation of the Caledonian pine forest. This experience advances the United Nation's Global Goal 15: Life on Land. Visitors to the rewilding centre directly contribute to safeguarding one of the most beautiful and ancient landscape in Europe, that is in a critical condition.

Day 4 Explore Culloden, Loch Ness and the Isle of Skye Continue your journey to the tragic battlefield of Culloden. Pay tribute to the brave men who lost their lives in the Jacobite Uprising, then travel past Scotland's infamous Loch Ness. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Dundreggan Rewilding Centre, to learn about the preservation of the fragile Caledonian pine forest and rare animal species. The solitary beauty of Eilean Donan Castle will leave you speechless before you continue to the coast and cross to the Isle of Skve. Heatherclad peaks provide a stunning backdrop for our scenic drive across the Sleat Peninsula. Indulge in some free time before boarding your ferry in Armadale and crossing to Mallaig, back on the mainland. (B, D)

Day 5 Journey to Thriving Glasgow Our first stop today sees us commemorate World War II history at the Commando Memorial near Fort William, from which we admire spectacular views of Britain's highest peak, Ben Nevis. We journey through the volcanic ruins and precipitous mountains that lie just beyond Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. Here we remember the MacDonald clansmen who were massacred in 1692. Join a wildlife cruise on Loch Lomond. Continuing towards the River Clyde, we arrive at our final stop for the day – Glasgow. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

Day 6 Walk the Walls of Stirling Castle
Enjoy views of the Necropolis, the regal
George Square and River Clyde. Continue
to Stirling, to see its hilltop fortress, which
stands as a symbol of national pride. View
the Wallace Monument from the castle walls,
paying tribute to the Scottish hero who
fought for Scotland's independence. Later,
Dive Into Culture at a whisky distillery and
enjoy a wee dram before joining the Wood
family at their 15th-century farm on the
shores of Loch Ard to Connect With Locals
over a home-cooked Be My Guest Farewell
Dinner, amidst tales of Rob Roy and a few
foot-tapping ceilidh tunes. (B, D)

Day 7 Farewell Glasgow Looking back on a week exploring Scotland's enchanting countryside and its historic cities, enjoy one last hearty breakfast with your travel companions before wishing them and your Travel Director a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Year-round

#### **Special Events & Dates**

Edinburgh Tattoo 2 - 24 August: We've included Tattoo tickets when you're in Edinburgh during these dates.

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Glasgow and Stirling

**Visit** Edinburgh Castle, Pitlochry, the Isle of Skye, Glasgow Cathedral, Culloden Battlefield, Stirling Castle and a whisky distillery.

View the 18th green at St. Andrews, the Glenfinnan Monument, Eilean Donan Castle, Loch Ness, Glencoe, Necropolis and George Square in Glasgow

**Be My Guest** Dine with the Wood family at their 15th-Century farm on the shores of Loch Ard



"This is Scotland at its best with blue skies, lush highlands and of course sheep! What a memory." - Jerry Kindy

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**4.5**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

## Scotland's Highlands, Islands and Cities

13 Days | 1 Country | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity

This unforgettable Scottish Highlands trip travels into the far-reaches of Scotland's rugged countryside. Keep your eyes peeled for Nessie, delve into the history of the kings and warriors and join the Wood family for a ceilidh and lunch in the 'presence' of Rob Roy.



Day 1 Welcome to Edinburgh Enjoy your day at leisure before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner to kick-start your tour through an unimaginably beautiful part of the world. (D) Hotel: Voco Haymarket/Delta by Marriott

Day 2 Discover Enchanting Edinburgh Let your Local Specialist take you on an informative sightseeing tour of Edinburgh, before visiting Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Tickets to see the Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B)

Day 3 A Day of Abbeys, Landscapes and History A scenic day's excursion brings us to the ruins of the 12th-century Augustinian Jedburgh Abbey, which we will have an opportunity to view. Continue to nearby Melrose Abbey, said to be the final resting place of the embalmed heart of Robert the Bruce. We take the scenic route back to Edinburgh this afternoon, following the lush green landscapes along the Tweed River. (B)

Day 4 Explore Glamis Castle and on to Creative Dundee Cross the Firth of Forth to the celebrated home of golf, St. Andrews. Enjoy a guided tour of Glamis Castle, once the home of the beloved Queen Mother and birthplace of Princess Margaret, then travel to the waterfront city of Dundee. (B) Hotel: Apex City Quay

Day 5 Venture to Culloden and Inverness Today we wind our way to the tragic battlefield and Visitor Centre at Culloden. Visit the site where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was defeated. Our final stop for the night is Inverness, the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands, where we'll overnight. (B) Hotel: Columba Hotels in the Scottish Highlands and on the Isle of Skye are generally simpler establishments typical of the region. Accommodation on the Isle of Skye may be substituted with Accommodation on the mainland. All sightseeing will remain the same as per the itinerary.

Day 6 Journey to Loch Ness and Thurso Stop at the mystical Loch Ness en route to Dunrobin Castle. Spend your afternoon exploring its château-like structure and surrounds. Dive Into Culture at a whisky distillery. Learn about and taste Scotland's much-loved golden nectar. Arriving in Thurso, enjoy dinner at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Pentland/Norseman

Day 7 A Day on the Orkney Islands After stopping at John O'Groats, we board a ferry to South Ronaldsay in the Orkney Islands. Visit the ornate Italian Chapel. See the prehistoric free-standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar, before visiting Skara Brae and delving into the stories of the Neolithic village. (B, D)

Day 8 Over the Sea to Skye Dramatic landscapes accompany our scenic drive along the rugged northern coastline of the Scottish Highlands to remote Ullapool on the shores of Loch Broom. We journey to Eilean Donan Castle, then continue to the Isle of Skye where we'll stay overnight and enjoy a dinner in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Kings Arms

Day 9 Onwards to Oban We return to the mainland, following a beautiful route that takes us past the Glenfinnan Viaduct which Harry Potter's Hogwarts Express once crossed to his beloved school of magic, before continuing to Oban. (B) Hotel: Royal

Day 10 Sail to the Isles of Mull and Iona Set sail from Oban to the Isle of Mull. Cross the pretty island countryside to catch a ferry from Fionnphort to the island of Iona. Before our journey back to Oban, we'll have the chance to view Rèilig Odhrain, the final resting place of many Scottish kings. (B, D)

Day 11 Off to Glasgow A solemn visit to the 'Glen of Weeping' marks our journey south to Glasgow. Join an expert guide to unlock Glasgow's sustainable secrets on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Glasgow/Courtyard by Marriott SEC



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From wind powered murals to historic sites, tenements to the Clyde - discover the real impact of climate change on Glasgow, and learn more about Scotland's role in the climate crisis on this fun and educative guided tour.

Day 12 Uncover Stirling Castle's Secrets
Visit Stirling Castle's grounds and the Royal
Palace of King James V before embarking on
an excursion to Bannockburn. This afternoon,
join the Wood family for a memorable Be My
Guest experience at their 15th-century farm,
on the shores of Loch Ard. (B, L)

**Day 13 Farewell Glasgow** Today, our memorable journey comes to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

#### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Apr - Oct

#### **Special Events & Dates**

Edinburgh Tattoo 2 - 24 August: We've included Tattoo tickets when you're in Edinburgh during these dates.

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Dundee, Orkney Islands, Stirling and Glasgow

Visit Edinburgh Castle, Glamis Castle, a whisky distillery, the battlefield and Visitor Centre of Culloden, Dunrobin Castle, John O'Groats, The Italian Chapel in Orkney Islands, Skara Brae, Ullapool, Isle of Skye, Isle of Mull, Isle of Iona, St. Mungo's Cathedral in Glasgow and Stirling Castle

**View** Jedburgh Abbey, the 18th green at St. Andrews, Inverness Castle, Eilean Donan Castle and Glencoe

**Be My Guest** Lunch with the Wood family at their 15th-Century farm on the shores of Loch Ard



"Having done the virtual walk from Land's End to John O'Groats, to be there in person was the cherry on top!"

- Nancy Sootheran

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**4.6**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

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

## Highland Trail inspired by Outlander

13 Days | 1 Country | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity

Travel with Claire and Jamie on a blockbuster trip inspired by the award-winning drama about their love affair through the ages. Visit some of the notable film locations and other highlights of Scotland, including the Scottish Highlands, Orkney Islands and the Isle of Skye.



Day 1 Welcome to Edinburgh We begin our journey in the enchanting capital of Edinburgh with some free time to ramble through its medieval streets, before joining our fellow travellers and Travel Director for a hearty Scottish Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: Novotel Centre

Day 2 Discover Enchanting Edinburgh
Join a Local Specialist for an intriguing
sightseeing tour of the city, including a visit
to Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle
Rock. Tread in the footsteps of Jamie and
his beloved sassenach, embarking on an
Outlander walking tour through Old Town's
winding cobblestone lanes. (B)

Day 3 Explore Outlander Film Locations We visit the 15th-century walls of Blackness Castle on the shores of the scenic Firth of Forth – the backdrop for the infamous Fort William prison in Outlander season 1. Then, cross the Forth to the fictional village of Cranesmuir, real-life Culross. (B)

Day 4 See Outlander Sights and Journey to Dundee We arrive in Falkland, the Outlander film location for 1940s Inverness. Stop in at Covenanter Hotel, which doubled as Mrs Baird's B&B in the series, before heading to St. Andrews. Our final stop today is Dundee, where we'll view the RRS Discovery, the last traditional wooden three-masted ship built in Britain. (B) Hotel: Apex City Quay

Day 5 Venture into the Scottish Highlands and Inverness Celebrate rural Scottish heritage at the Highland Folk Museum, once used as a location in the filming of Outlander season 1. Dive Into Culture and gain insights into rural life in Scotland from the 18th century. We continue through the rugged landscapes to Inverness. (B) Hotel: Columba Typical hotels in the Scottish Highlands and on the Isle of Skye are simple. Should accommodation on the Isle of Skye be substituted with a hotel on the mainland, sightseeing will remain unchanged.

Day 6 The Sights of Culloden and Thurso
Our first stop today is the bloody battlefield
of Culloden, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's
Jacobite army was defeated in 1746. We
relive the brief, but brutal battle at the
contemporary Visitor Centre, before
continuing to Thurso. (B, D) Hotel: Pentland

**Day 7** A Day on the Orkney Islands From the coastal village of John O'Groats, catch the ferry across the Pentland Firth and arrive at South Ronaldsay. Learn about Orkney's mythical Selkies and explore the Neothilic Skara Brae village and Ring of Brodgar before returning to the mainland. **(B, D)** 

Day 8 Over the Sea to Skye We travel south to Ullapool, a fishing town on Loch Broom. We traverse the rugged countryside and see the island fortress of Eilean Donan Castle. Continuing to the Isle of Skye, we hear about Bonnie Prince Charlie's daring escape 'over the sea to Skye'. (B, D) Hotel: Kings Arms

Day 9 Continue to Fort William and Pitlochry Board a ferry back to the mainland to Mallaig and later, travel to Fort William via the magnificent Glenfinnan Viaduct. Admire exquisite views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, before travelling past the precipitous mountains of Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. Learn from a ranger about the conservation of endangered species on Glencoe National Nature Reserve on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. End your day in the quaint town of Pitlochry. (B, D) Hotel: Crieff Hydro Hotel



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Join a wildlife Ranger in Glencoe and learn about the rich biodiversity of wildlife including insects, invertebrates and mammals, such as otter and fallow deer.

**Day 10** Experience the Local Whisky Today, we **Dive Into Culture** and learn about the whisky industry at a distillery, including a tasting of Scotland's much-loved golden nectar. **(B)** 

Day 11 Admire Scottish Castles and on to Glasgow Head to Doune Castle, which served as the film location for Castle Leoch in Outlander. We see the site where Clan Mackenzie welcomed and hosted Claire on her arrival in 18th-century Scotland, then head to Stirling and its magnificent castle. View the site of the Battle of Bannockburn, before arriving in Glasgow for an evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Maldron

Day 12 Glasgow City Tour and a Medieval Farm Visit This morning, we enjoy an orientation tour of the city. Later join the Wood family at their 15th-century historical farm on the shores of Loch Ard. We'll Connect With Locals over a homecooked Farewell Be My Guest Lunch amidst intriguing tales of Rob Roy. (B, L)

**Day 13 Farewell Glasgow** Concluding our Outlander-inspired Scottish journey through centuries of heritage, we say farewell to our newfound friends and prepare to return to reality. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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

#### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

May - Sep

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Dundee, Orkney Islands, Glasgow and Stirling

Visit Edinburgh Castle, filming locations for: Fort William, 18th-century Cranesmuir, 1940s Inverness and Wentworth Prison, the 18th green at St. Andrews, Highland Folk Museum, Newtonmore, the Culloden Battlefield, John O'Groats, Skara Brae, Ullapool, Isle of Skye, Glencoe, a whisky distillery, Stirling Castle, St. Mungo's Cathedral and Callendar House.

**View** Inverness Castle and Eilean Donan Castle

**Be My Guest** Lunch with the Wood family at their 15th-Century farm on the shores of Loch Ard



"My wife and I love books, history and travel. Scotland is profoundly beautiful and we love the history legends and mythology of Scotland." - William Hamelback

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**E. Sullivan**Castles and Kilts

Family Fun itinerary

## Castles and Kilts

10 Days | 3 Countries | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: London, Oxford, Lacock, Bath, Llangollen, Chester, Tatton Park, Lancaster, Edinburgh, plus more

This blockbuster family adventure is not your usual England and Scotland trip. From living life as a Roman soldier at Hadrian's Wall to crossing a moat to a 13th-century Welsh castle for a medieval stay.



## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** London, Chester and Edinburgh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Oxford and Bath

**Visit** the Tower of London, Divinity School in Oxford, Lacock village, Llangollen, Tatton Park to meet the butler and housekeeper, the Lake District, the Roman Army Museum, Hadrian's Wall and Edinburgh Castle

**Tickets** for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates

Be My Guest Enjoy a typical English cream tea

## Find your tour

Departure months: Jun - Aug

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Trip code: FCAS

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6 Days | 1 Country | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Limerick, plus more



## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Dublin, Titanic Story in Cobh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Waterford, Cork and Killarney

Visit Trinity College, Glendalough, Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Torc Waterfall, Foynes Flying Boat Museum and the Cliffs of Moher

View St. Kevin's Cross in Glendalough and King John's Castle in Limerick

**Be My Guest** Visit the working farms of Muckross and learn how to churn butter, then dine in The Quilles farmhouse

## Find your tour

Departure months: Apr - Sep

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Trip code: BRSD

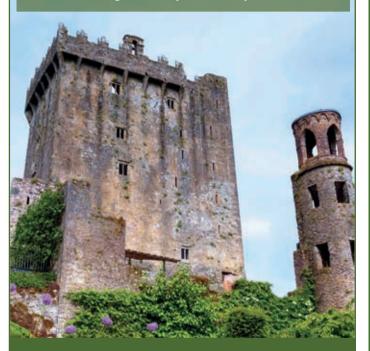
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## **Enchanting Emerald Isle**

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Dublin, Ballina, Galway, Killarney, Blarney, plus more

Step into this most enchanting of Ireland trips, revealing what life is like on the island. Breathe in the fresh Galway air and wander the flower-scented gardens of Kylemore Abbey.



## **Included highlights** and must-sees

**Explore** Dublin, Killarney National Park and Westport with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Galway and Killarney

**Visit** Trinity College and EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin, the National Irish Famine Museum at Strokestown Park, Kylemore Abbey, Cliffs of Moher and Blarney Castle

**View** the mountains of the Connemara and Torc Waterfall

**Be My Guest** Join the Fulvio family at Glenealy House to enjoy traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist

## Find your tour

Departure months: Apr - Oct

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Trip code: BRED

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# Iconic Ireland and Ashford Castle

10 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Cities: Dublin, Cork, Galway, Killarney,

Explore iconic Ireland and Ashford Castle, the former famous home of earls, princes and the famous Guinness family. See Connemara's wild and windswept beauty, let the wind whip you up at the Cliffs of Moher and admire 40 shades of green circling the Ring of Kerry.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Dublin, Killarney National Park and Lough Corrib with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Killarney and Galway

**Visit** Powerscourt Gardens, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College in Dublin, Blarney Castle, Torc Waterfall, the Cliffs of Moher, Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory and Kylemore Abbey

**Be My Guest** Lunch at the O'Briens Barrtra seafood restaurant overlooking Liscannor Bay

#### Find your tour

Departure months: May - Sep

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Trip code: BRAC

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Family Fun itinerary

## Shamrocks and Leprechauns

10 Days | 2 Countries | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Dublin, Belfast, Londonderry, Donegal, Galway, Limerick, Killarney, Blarney, plus more

A favourite Ireland trip for families combining happy travels with the luck of the Irish. Find your own pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, cuddling sheep on the Wild Atlantic Way. Ever wondered if boats can fly? See it firsthand in Foynes, all with no school books in sight.



## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Dublin, Belfast and Londonderry with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Limerick and County Galway

**Visit** Winterfell Castle, the Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience in Belfast and the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes

View King John's Castle in Limerick

**See** St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Georgian Squares in Dublin and St. Mary's Cathedral in Limerick

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a morning tea at the Feeney's sheep farm on the edge of the Wild Atlantic Way

## Find your tour

Departure months: Jun - Aug

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Trip code: FSIA

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## Castles and Manors

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Dublin, Galway, Westport, Killarney, plus more

This grand Ireland castle trip is fit for royalty, including lavish stays in the homes of Irish nobility. You'll travel to Kildare and learn all about the racehorses of Ireland, visit the Ring of Kerry and watch how delicate crystal is carved in Connemara.



## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Dublin, Killarney National Park and Cashel with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Killarney and Galway

**Visit** Kylemore Abbey, Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory, Cliffs of Moher, Rock of Cashel and the Irish National Stud

Scenic Drive of the Ring of Kerry and through Connemara

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a traditional high tea hosted in the drawing room of a stately 18th-Century home near Westport

#### Find your tour

**Departure months**: May - Sep

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Trip code: BRCM

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#### **Guest favourite: Ashford Castle**

You'll begin your enchanting stay with a private cruise across the glittering waters of Lough Corrib to Ashford Castle which slowly appears, shimmering in the distance. As you disembark, to the sounds of a lone piper, you'll feel moved by its haunting melody which escorts you all the way into the castle.

Dating back to 1228 and an icon of Ireland, Ashford Castle is one of Trafalgar's *Stays With Stories* and has housed earls, princes, celebrities, dignitaries and the dynastic Guinness family.

With spectacular views and an opportunity to delve into centuries of Irish heritage, you'll understand how a stay at Ashford Castle is a rare but never-to-be-forgotten treat, made possible by Trafalgar's sister company, The Red Carnation Hotel Collection.

Iconic Ireland and Ashford Castle, day 8



## Spotlight on: London & Paris

Unlock the best of both these two incredible destinations on our City Explorer trips, each carefully curated to bring each one to life. Read the full itineraries at trafalgar.com.



#### **Guest favourite: Chez Paul, Paris**

Celebrate the glamour and style of 1950s Paris at Chez Paul, an exclusive *Be My Guest* experience with your hosts, Daniel and his daughter Lucie. Through their stories, you'll explore Paris through the chic lens of that unforgettable era, as one of a privileged few who enjoy a private visit to an infamous night club of the 1930s and 50s – the 'Balajo' haunt of celebrities like Marlene Dietrich, Edith Piaf, Gregory Peck and Brigitte Bardot. With Hollywood stars from yesteryear on your mind, you'll sit down to dinner in the restaurant, still decorated with 1950s telephones, a 1930s zinc bar, vintage posters and art providing an incredibly special backdrop for true Parisian cuisine and memories to last a lifetime.

London and Paris Explorer, day 6 & Paris Explorer, day 7

## London Explorer

8 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Cities: London, Windsor, Oxford, plus more

History comes alive on this most epic of London trips.
You're in for a royal time at Windsor Castle and the
Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. See
life unfold from the water as you cruise to Greenwich
and feel the buzz and spirit of one of London's oldest
markets - Borough Market.



## Included highlights \_\_\_ and *must-sees*

**Explore** London with a Local Specialist **Discover** Borough Market and Greenwich

**Visit** Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey, Kensington Palace, and a choice of fantastic free museums including the Imperial War Museum and the British Museum

**View** Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace

**Scenic Cruise** on the Thames from the London Eye to Greenwich

**Be My Guest** Feast on a traditional British Be My Guest dinner in a pub in London's trendy East End

## Find your tour

Departure months: Apr - Oct

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Trip code: LONK

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# **WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®**

## Paris Explorer

8 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Paris, Versailles, village of Montmartre, plus more

Remember why you love to travel on this in-depth Paris trip. You'll learn the art of French cuisine, go behind the scenes and uncover the secrets of Montmartre's artists' quarter and imagine the charmed life of the 'Sun King' as you explore Versailles.



## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** the Royal Estate of Versailles including the Royal Palace, the Petit Trianon and Marie Antoinette's Hamlet 'Le Petit Hameau'

**Visit** the Eiffel Tower with lunch included and the 'village' of Montmartre.

**View** Champs-Élysées, the Paris Opera House, the Arc de Triomphe and the Place de la Concorde

**Be My Guest** Celebrate the glamour and style of 1950s Paris when you visit Chez Paul on an exclusive Be My Guest experience with your hosts and owners, Daniel and his daughter Lucie

## Find your tour

**Departure months:** Apr - Jul + Sep - Oct

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Trip code: PARK

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## London and Paris Explorer

9 Days | 2 Countries | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: London, Bath, Windsor, Paris, Versailles, plus more

Experience all the main icons of two great cities on this London and Paris trip. Enjoy an in-depth discovery of London with a side visit to Windsor, Bath, and the mystical giants of Stonehenge. It's just a hop across the pond to Paris to explore, dine and live like a local as you soak up its joie de vivre.



## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** London and Paris with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Bath and Windsor

**Visit** the Roman Baths in Bath, Stonehenge and the Palace of Versailles

**View** the Eiffel Tower, the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

**See** Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace in London and the White Cliffs of Dover

Be My Guest Dine with Daniel and His Family at his Parisian Bistro

## Find your tour

Departure months: Year-round

4.5<sup>/5</sup> feefo <sup>€</sup>

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Trip code: DELP

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Day 1 Welcome to London From tragic battles to tales of triumph, this special-interest exploration of two World Wars kicks off in the vibrant British capital of London. Meet your Travel Director and fellow companions this evening for a traditional English pub Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Kings Cross

Day 2 See the Sights of London Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey feature on this half-day introductory sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, which includes views of Buckingham Palace

sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist**, which includes views of Buckingham Palace. This afternoon, we visit the Imperial War Museum, which tells the story of those whose lives were shaped by war, from World War I to today. **(B)** 

Day 3 Cross the English Channel by
Eurostar to Brussels We journey by Eurostar
to Brussels today. Your Travel Director
will show you the city's highlights. See the
Atomium, designed for the 1958 Brussels
World's Fair, Mannekin Pis and the exquisite
Grand Place with its opulent and ornate
quildhalls. (B) Hotel: Marivaux

Day 4 Venture to Dunkirk, Fromelles, Vimy Ridge and Lens Today we journey to Dunkirk, then stop in Fromelles. Here, learn about the infamous combined operation between British troops and the Australian Imperial Force. Continue to the memorial at Vimy Ridge dedicated to the Canadian soldiers who fought here in 1917. (B, D) Hotel: Louvre Lens

Day 5 Off to the Ypres Battlefields and Menin Gate Some of the biggest battles of World War I are explored at Ypres Salient in Belgium, where we will see such sites as Tyne Cot, Langemark and Vancouver Corner. Stop in Zonnebeke for an included visit to the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, where you can see a replica trench. See Essex Farm Cemetery where over 1,200 brave servicemen are buried and where Lt. Col. John McCrae wrote his immortal poem, 'In Flanders Fields'. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own, before making your way to Menin Gate to witness the moving Last Post Ceremony that pays tribute to over 100,000 soldiers who laid down their lives more than a century ago. (B)

Day 6 Discover the Somme The bloody battlefields of the Somme take centre stage today. Stop at the Villers-Bretonneux memorial to the Australian soldiers who lost their lives in WWI. Carry on to Thiepval to see the poignant memorial which honours the 72,337 missing British and South African men who died with no known graves. We journey to Amiens for an evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Mercure Cathedrale

Day 7 Cross Normandy to Caen Travel South through Normandy today, stop in the city of Rouen for an orientation of this city which was captured by the French in 1204 from English possession. Indulge in Rouen's traditional and delicious apple caramel treats! This enchanting MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, satisfies your sweet tooth and provides its workers with life opportunity and empowerment. (B) Hotel: Novotel Côte de Nacre



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Apple caramel candies have been a tradition in Rouen since the 16th Century. Visit a unique confectionary providing life opportunities to workers who identify as having a disability.

Day 8 Explore the D-Day Normandy
Beaches Take yourself back to June 6, 1944.
Imagine the terror and bravery of thousands of soldiers who landed on the beaches of Normandy to free Europe from the Nazis.
This morning, we visit the Memorial de Caen to learn about the significance of Normandy and the day that changed World War II. Then journey to the historic D-Day Normandy Landing Beaches, including Juno Beach, Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach. Visit the American Cemetery and Memorial to learn about the Canadian, American, and Commonwealth involvement in this unbelievable battle for supremacy. (B, D)

Day 9 Journey to Elegant Paris Journey inland through Normandy today, bound for the grand boulevards of Paris. Perhaps join us for an optional visit to the glittering Palace of Versailles before arriving in the French capital. (B) Hotel: Mercure Vaugirard Porte de Versailles

#### Day 10 Discover the Delights of Paris

Join your **Local Specialist** to visit the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice, then delve into the lives of Parisians, wandering through the enchanting hidden squares and secret passages of one of Paris's oldest neighbourhoods. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Later, join your travel companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. **(B, D)** 

Day 11 Au Revoir Paris After breakfast, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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

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#### **Departure months**

Apr - Oct

#### **Special Events & Dates**

Bastille Day is a national holiday in France and celebrations will be taking place throughout the country on 14 July.

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** London and Paris with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Normandy, Amiens, the Somme Region, Ypres, Brussels and Rouen

Visit the Imperial War Museum in London, the D-Day Landing Beaches, Saint-Sulpice church in Paris, Amiens Cathedral, military cemeteries throughout northern France and Belgium, the Australian National Memorial, the Caen Memorial, WWI & WWII Battlefields, the Dunkirk War Museum and evacuation beaches, and the Memorial Museun Passchendaele

**View** Buckingham Palace in London, the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and the Menin Gate



"I purchased this trip for my husband's birthday and we had a wonderful time. We made new friends!"

Elaine Thomas

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Day 1 Bonjour Paris All the flavours of France come to life on this unforgettable journey that kicks off in Paris, the 'City of Light'. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and an orientation drive. (D) **Hotel: Mercure 17 Batignolles** 

Day 2 Journey through Burgundy to Lyon

We travel south to Burgundy. The colourful geometric roof tiles of the 15th-century Hospices are a sight to behold as we arrive in the medieval town of Beaune before continuing to Lyon, the gourmet capital of France. Perhaps spend your evening delving into the epicurean delights for which Lyon is justifiably famous. (B) Hotel: Mercure Centre Saxe Lafayette

Day 3 Onwards to Avignon, Monaco and the French Riviera Journey to the city of Avignon at the heart of Provence. See the Papal Palace and the famous bridge. Continue to Monaco. View the cathedral where Prince Rainier and Princess Grace were married, then enjoy a Regional Dinner before continuing along the Riviera to our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday **Inn Nice** 

Day 4 The French Riviera Your Way The sun-kissed shores of the French Riviera are yours to explore today. Consider relaxing on the beach or an Optional Experience could see you visit the hilltop town of Saint-Paulde-Vence, consistently named the most beautiful hilltop town in this region. In your free time perhaps indulge in a delicious Salade Niçoise. (B)

Day 5 Admire Arles and Continue to Carcassonne Visit Arles with its honeycoloured façades, Roman ruins and Camargue culture. Alternatively, choose an Optional Experience to gain a deeper understanding of Vincent van Gogh and local history with our resident expert, before winding your way to the fortified city of Carcassonne. **Dive Into Culture** on a guided tour of this ancient town with your **Local Specialist**, who will reveal the Cité, its double ring of ramparts and 52 towers. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure La Cité

Day 6 Pilgrimage to Lourdes and on to **Biarritz** We drive toward the Pyrenees this morning and arrive in Lourdes. You will have an opportunity to see the Basilica, perched atop St. Bernadette's Grotto. Travel west to the Basque Coast, where we spend the night (B) **Hotel: Novotel Anglet Biarritz** 

Day 7 Venture to Bordeaux We arrive in the wine capital of Bordeaux whose stunning riverfront and Age of Enlightenment history and architecture have made it one of France's most visited cities. Spend some time seeing the sights during your orientation of the city. (B) Hotel: Mercure Centre Ville

Day 8 Discover Scenic Dordogne The lush green valleys and hills of the Dordogne take centre stage today during a scenic halfday excursion. We drive to Saint-Émilion, whose wine heritage dates back to Roman

times, after we return to Bordeaux for some free time. Perhaps, stroll through the city's historical centre, admiring its beautiful architecture. (B)

Day 9 Explore a Château in the Loire Valley We journey on toward the 'Garden of France', stopping to Connect With Locals for a light lunch and Be My Guest experience. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit the remarkable gardens at Château de Villandry before arriving at our hotel - one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories. (B, L, D) Hotel: Château de Beauvois



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Visit Château Villandry in the Loire Valley and admire the exquisite Renaissance gardens that surround this elegant estate.

Day 10 Off to Mont-Saint-Michel and the Normandy Beaches Travel to Mont-Saint-Michel on the Normandy coast. Visit the island town and view its impressive abbey. Follow the Liberty Highway to St. Lô and on to Omaha Beach. Reflect on the bravery of the young men who sacrificed their lives for freedom and visit the D-Day Landing Zone to learn how the operation was planned. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure **Omaha Beach** 

Day 11 Journey to Paris We travel east towards Paris, stopping at Giverny to visit the house and gardens that once inspired Claude Monet's exquisite Impressionist works of art. This evening, consider a trip to one of the city's renowned cabarets. (B) Hotel: Mercure 17 **Batignolles** 

Day 12 Discover the Delights of Paris Join your Local Specialist on a journey through the historic neighbourhoods of Paris. Visit the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice. This evening, we celebrate an epic adventure with your Travel Director and newfound friends at a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

Day 13 Farewell Paris Bid au revoir to the Best of France and your fellow travellers. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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

#### Departure months

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Mar - Jun + Aug - Oct

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## Included highlights

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## Spanish Wonder

9 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity





**Departure months** 

Year-round

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followed by a Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel: NH Collection Eurobuilding/ Melia Castilla

Day 1 Welcome to Madrid The country's

capital is our launchpad for a memorable encounter with Spain. Relax in the lush

surrounds of Buen Retiro Park, shop on

Gran Vía or people-watch over churros con chocolate in the Puerta del Sol. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for an orientation drive

Day 2 Explore Vibrant Toledo Head to Toledo, the former capital of Spain and join a Local Specialist for a walking tour. **Dive Into Culture** as you witness the age-old inlaid steel craft during a visit to a traditional factory. View one of El Greco's most famous paintings in the Church of Santo Tomé before returning to Madrid to admire the Royal Palace and Cibeles Fountain with our Local Specialist. Later, delve into the sights and flavours of the city with an Optional Experience. (B)

Day 3 Journey to Córdoba and on to Seville Journey south through La Mancha to Córdoba. Visit the Mosque of the Caliphs with a Local Specialist before travelling to Seville, our home for the next two nights. This evening, join the Morillo family for a Be My Guest experience at their olive oil farm. Learn how oil is produced from their 6,000 trees and sample some of their produce. (B, D) **Hotel: Zenit/Occiental Viapol** 

Day 4 Discover Seville's Sights Join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour of Seville. Visit Plaza de España, the tomb of Christopher Columbus and the former Jewish Quarter. Later, consider an Optional Experience to see a flamenco show. (B)

Day 5 Onwards to Granada Visit the magnificent Alhambra in the company of a Local Specialist. Wander through the water gardens of the Generalife and admire exquisite examples of Moorish architecture. (B) Hotel: Occidental/ Catalonia Access to sites within the Alhambra complex, including the Nasrid Palace, is at the discretion of the staff of the Alhambra. Your Travel Director will advise and, if necessary, adjust your itinerary accordingly.

Day 6 Admire Iconic Architecture in Guadix and on to Valencia Journey to Guadix in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. See the troglodyte dwellings in the hills and cliffs, then travel to Valencia. Embrace the city's spirit of innovation at the City of Arts and Sciences and enjoy organic horchata, the celebrated drink of Valencia, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This evening, dine at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Silken Puerta



**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE** 



Enjoy a taste of organic horchata, the local nut-based drink, from a family-run vendor using only natural ingredients and traditional production methods.

Day 7 Off to Coastal Peñíscola and Barcelona Travel along the coast and stop at Peñíscola, the 'City in the Sea'. Continue along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona. Admire Gaudí's talents as we view the exterior of his unfinished La Sagrada Família and pay tribute to the great Christopher Columbus with your Local Specialist. (B) Hotel: U232/Barceló Sants

#### Day 8 Uncover Gaudí's Barcelona

Explore centuries of history, contemporary culture and exquisite art and architecture on your day at leisure. Ramble down the Ramblas or join an Optional Experience to Montserrat to see the mystical Black Madonna the patron saint of Catalonia. Celebrate with newfound friends at a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

#### Day 9 Farewell Spain

Bid a fond adiós to Spain. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B) Please Note: Your coach returns to Madrid from Barcelona on day 9. You are welcome to use this complementary transfer. Drop-off in Madrid will be at the Trafalgar Madrid hotel and not at the airport. Arrival will be at approximately 6pm, depending on traffic conditions.

# and *must-sees*

View the Royal Palace and Cibeles



"A sensory overload of sights and smells at the Mercat de la Boqueria on the La Rambla in Barcelona."

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# Northern Spain

11 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity



Day 1 Welcome to Barcelona Delve into centuries of history and the cosmopolitan culture of Barcelona, stroll Las Ramblas, observe at Plaça de Catalunya, and admire Gaudi's whimsical architecture. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a Welcome Dinner, and evening drive to see the city's iconic sights (D) Hotel: Barcelona Condal Mar Affiliated by Melia



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In Barcelona, the talented team at Mescladis, an initiative promoting work opportunities to people victim from social exclusion, introduces us to local and seasonal flavours during our Welcome Dinner.

#### Day 2 Discover Vibrant Barcelona Join

our **Local Specialist** today as we take in the Gaudi architecture of Passeig De Gracia before admiring the exterior of his unfinished La Sagrada Familia. Later, we pay tribute to Christopher Columbus as we pass the seaside monument that bears his name. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountain-top monastery of Montserrat to see the shrine of the Black Madonna - affectionately known in Catalonia as La Moreneta. **(B)** 

Day 3 Journey to Pamplona We follow in the footsteps of thousands of exhilarated runners and hot-blooded bulls today. See Pamplona's ancient city walls and Plaza del Castillo, the heart of the city where markets, tournaments and even bullfighting have taken place. (B, D) Hotel: Tres Reyes

Day 4 Off to Culinary San Sebastián and on to Santander Today, we journey to the sophisticated culinary capital of San Sebastián. See the beautiful Bahía de la Concha beach or stroll along la calle 31 de Agosto in the Old Town. Our next stop is Bilbao to view the modern Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Gehry. We arrive in Santander this afternoon for a twonight stay. (B) Hotel: Santemar

Day 5 Sophisticated Santander Your Way

Relax on the sun-kissed shores of one of the nearby playas, amble through the charming Old Town or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the coastal town of Comillas, with its cobbled streets. Here you will explore Gaudí's El Capricho, built in the late 19th century as a summer villa, then carry on to Santillana del Mar to visit the museum dedicated to the impressive UNESCO-listed Altamira Caves. **(B)** 

Day 6 Scenic Landscapes, Quaint Towns and Oviedo Spectacular scenery awaits today as you travel through the dramatic Picos de Europa which sits between two main pilgrim routes along which you will encounter several quaint historic market towns. Visit the grotto of 'Our Lady of Covadonga', a famous Marian pilgrimage site, and the pink-hued basilica made from the marble of the surrounding hills. Later we'll Connect With Locals and enjoy a traditional lunch and cider tasting at our Be My Guest experience with the Castañón family at their Cider Mill. (B, L) Hotel: Exe Oviedo Centro

Day 7 Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela Stop in the Asturian fishing village of Luarca en route to Santiago de Compostela, the end of the 'camino' pilgrimage route. (B) Hotel: Santiago Plaza by Melia

**Day 8 Explore Santiago de Compostela** Join a **Local Specialist** who will share

insights into the 'Way of Saint James' and explain why thousands of people attempt the life-changing pilgrimage annually. Visit the vast St. James Cathedral and the Praza do Obradoiro. **(B)** 

Day 9 Onwards to Artistic Zamora and Salamanca Journey to Zamora, a veritable open-air museum of Romanesque art. Continue to Salamanca and join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. (B) Hotel: Gran Corona Sol

Day 10 Venture to Stylish Madrid We arrive in the fiery Spanish capital, Madrid, for an afternoon of sightseeing with a Local Specialist. Dive Into Culture and visit the Prado Museum, which houses the largest collection of European art in the world. Then, see the Royal Palace, Gran Vía and the neoclassical Cibeles Fountain that has become an iconic symbol for the city of Madrid. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: AC by

Day 11 Adiós Madrid For now, it's a fond hasta luego to your newfound friends as our Spanish adventure comes to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

**Marriott Cuzco** 

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**Departure months** 

Mar - Sep

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## Included highlights and *must-sees*

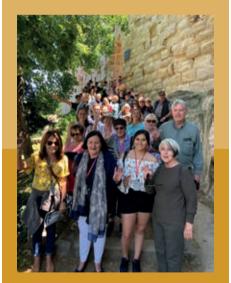
**Explore** Barcelona, Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca and Madrid with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Pamplona, San Sebastián, Bilbao, Santander and Oviedo

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, the fishing village of Luarca, St. James Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela and the Prado Museum in Madrid

View La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and the Cathedral and University of Salamanca

**Be My Guest** Enjoy lunch and cider tasting with the Castanon family at their cider mill near Oviedo

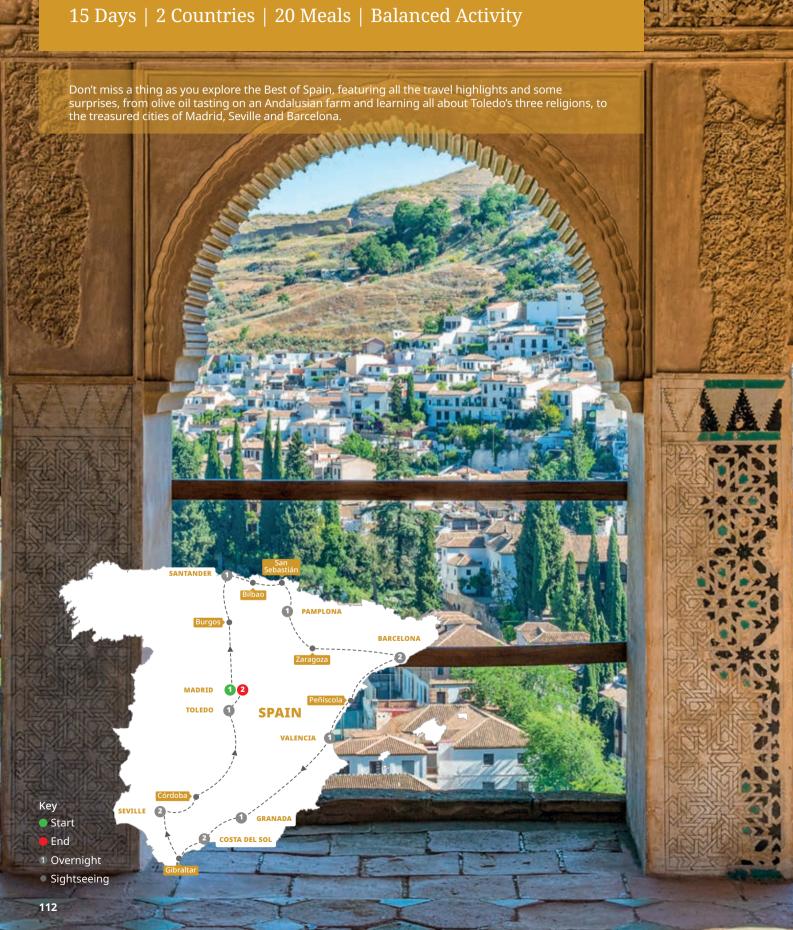


"Northern Spain how special, love the girlfriends I made."

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# Best of Spain



Day 1 Hola Madrid Welcome to the fiery Spanish capital. Take in the vibrant essence of Madrid before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a memorable Welcome Dinner and orientation drive to see some of the city's most iconic sights. (D) Hotel: NH Collection Eurobuilding

Day 2 Journey to Burgos and on to Santander Journey over the pine-clad Guadarrama Mountains to Burgos, and visit the tomb of El Cid. Cross the Ebro River and the Cantabrian Cordillera Mountains to Santander. (B, D) Hotel: Santemar

Day 3 Onwards to Culinary San Sebastián and Pamplona Travel to Bilbao to view the striking Guggenheim Museum, then onward to San Sebastián, Spain's gourmet capital. (B, D) Hotel: NH Iruña Park

#### Day 4 Continue to Gaudi Barcelona

Continue to Zaragoza. See the Basilica of El Pilar and Cathedral of La Seo. Travel to Barcelona and admire panoramic views from atop Montjuïc. (B) Hotel: INNSIDE Barcelona Apolo by Melia

Day 5 Discover Barcelona The whimsical fantasy world of Gaudí is on display this morning as we embark on a sightseeing tour and view the exterior of his unfinished La Sagrada Família. Pay tribute to the great Christopher Columbus with your Local Specialist as your travel through Barcelona's dynamic neighbourhoods. (B)



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Enjoy a taste of organic horchata, the local nut-based drink, from a family-run vendor using only natural ingredients and traditional production methods.

Day 6 Off to Coastal Peñíscola and Valencia Journey along the Costa Dorada to fortified Peñíscola. Later, arrive in sunny Valencia for an orientation tour. See the medieval city gates and modern City of Arts and Sciences. Enjoy organic horchata,

the celebrated drink of Valencia, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: Silken Puerta

Day 7 Venture to Granada Journey to Granada to meet our Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO-listed Alhambra. Admire Moorish architecture and the spectacular water gardens of the Generalife. Check in to your hotel later, where we will dine tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Occidental Access to sites within the Alhambra complex, including the Nasrid Palace, is at the discretion of the staff of the Alhambra. Your Travel Director will advise and, if necessary, adjust your itinerary accordingly.

Day 8 On the Road to Sunny Costa del Sol This morning, consider an Optional Experience in the Moorish Quarter of Granada before leaving for the shores of the Costa del Sol. (B) Hotel: Meliá

**Day 9 Costa del Sol Your Way** Indulge in la buena vida on Spain's coast. Consider an Optional Experience for a guided sightseeing tour of the Andalusian capital of Málaga. **(B)** 

Day 10 Explore Gibraltar and on to Seville A scenic drive takes us to the Rock of Gibraltar for free time to explore. This evening, we dine at a Be My Guest experience with the Morillo family at their olive oil farm. (B, D) Hotel: NH Plaza de Armas

Day 11 See the Sights of Seville Join your Local Specialist this morning for a tour of Seville's leafy avenues. See the iconic Giralda Bell Tower, visit the Seville Cathedral and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. (B)

Day 12 Journey to Córdoba and Toledo
Journey to Córdoba for a visit with a Local
Specialist to the Mezquita-Cathedral. Marvel
at the combination of architectural styles,
then stroll through the city's labrynthine
streets. Continue to Toledo for an evening in
Spain's former capital. (B) Hotel: Eurostars

Day 13 Admire Ancient Toledo then on to Madrid Your Local Specialist takes you on a walking tour to iconic sites of Toledo. Arrive later in Madrid. (B) Hotel: Meliá Castilla

Day 14 Discover Stylish Madrid On a sightseeing tour, see the Gran Vía and the Cibeles Fountain before visiting the Prado Museum with a Local Specialist. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

Day 15 Farewell Madrid Our time together has come to an end. For now it's a fond adiós to Spain and newfound friends. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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**Departure months** 

Apr - Oct

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Barcelona, Seville, Córdoba, Toledo and Madrid with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Burgos, Santander, Bilbao, San Sebastián, Pamplona, Valencia, Peniscola and the Rock of Gibraltar

Visit The Tomb of El Cid in Burgos, the Alhambra Palace in Granada, the Cathedral in Seville, the Mosque of the Caliphs in Córdoba, the Synagogue and Santo Tomé in Toledo and the Prado Museum in Madrid

> **Be My Guest** Enjoy a traditional Andalusian dinner with the Morillo family



"Barcelona with friends we made on a previous Trafalgar trip was especially memorable with the Sagrada Familia and a scrumptious paella lunch."

- Christine Hyde

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



Day 1 Welcome to Lisbon A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues saturates the seven hills of the romantic Portuguese capital, which you will have an opportunity to explore today before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and orientation. (D) Hotel: Turim Av Liberdade

Day 2 Discover Colourful Lisbon Delve into Lisbon's centuries-old seafaring heritage today. With our Local Specialist, see the shimmering white Monument to the Discoveries, the iconic suspension bridge spanning the Tagus, and Belém Tower. Dive Into Culture on a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery. There's time to join an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. In the evening, perhaps enjoy a traditional Portuguese dinner amidst the sounds of fado music. (B)

Day 3 Journey to the Algarve Region We journey across the Tagus this morning and drive south towards the Serra da Arrábida Mountains and to the golden pastures of the Alentejo. The hearty aroma of Portuguese chicken fills the air at our Be My Guest experience as we Connect With Locals over a traditional lunch at a stud ranch. Our journey continues further south, bound for the sun-kissed shores of the Algarve. (B, L) Hotel: Real Bellavista

Day 4 Cliffs, Beaches and More in the Algarve During our morning coastal drive, admire spectacular views across Baleeira Beach, before continuing along the coast to Cape St. Vincent. We end our excursion with a visit to the resort town of Lagos. (B)

Day 5 Onwards to Elegant Évora Journeying north, we travel to the ancient Alentejo city of Évora. Join your Local Specialist and visit the elaborate cathedral, Roman temple and the Chapel of Bones. Spend the rest of your day by joining an Optional Experience to the medieval village of Monsaraz. This evening, we dine at our hotel in Évora. (B, D) Hotel: M'ar de Ar Muralhas

#### **Day 6 Venture Past Mountains to Viseu**

Our first stop today is in the hilltop town of Castelo de Vide. Travel north towards the Serra de Estrela mountains and arrive later in Viseu. Explore the city's rich art and architectural history, and see the 12th-century Sé, standing imposingly on a hill overlooking the city. (B) Hotel: Grão Vasco

#### Day 7 Through the Douro Valley to Porto

Vineyard-clad hills provide an enchanting backdrop for our journey today through the Douro Valley, where Port wine is produced. We explore the magnificent gardens at the Baroque-style Palácio de Mateus. We then continue via Guimarães for views of its impressive 10th-century castle. (B) Hotel: Neya

Day 8 Explore Vibrant Porto Join a Local Specialist today for a sightseeing tour of Porto. See the remarkable bridges and the Gothic Church of St. Francis. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace, before we Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of local port production at a tasting in a port cellar. Spend the rest of the afternoon strolling through the historic centre of Porto. (B)

Day 9 On to Coimbra and Pilgrimage to Fátima Soak up the grand atmosphere of one of Europe's greatest and oldest universities with a Local Specialist, then stroll through the ancient streets and squares of Coimbra, before journeying to the Templar city of Tomar. We join a Local Specialist to visit the Convent of Christ. We arrive in the pilgrimage centre of Fátima. (B, D) Hotel: Fátima

Day 10 Experience Village Life Returning to Lisbon En route to Lisbon, with a

Local Specialist we stop at the imposing monastery of Batalha – a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our next stop is the fishing village of Nazaré, before we visit the medieval walled city of Óbidos. Celebrate your memorable journey through Portugal during a visit to an organic winery for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and an unforgettable Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Neya/Smy Lisbon



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Trip code: PORT/WPOR

Bid farewell to your Portuguese adventures at the award-winning organic vineyard Vale da Capucha. This family-ran farmhouse prides itself in producing organic and biodynamic wines.

Day 11 Farewell Lisbon Say a fond adeus to your fellow travellers at the end of an unforgettable Portuguese holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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#### **Departure months**

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Lisbon, Coimbra, Tomar, Évora and Porto with a Local Specialist

**Discover** the Algarve, Lagos, Castelo de Vide, Viseu, Nazaré and Óbidos

Visit the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, the cathedral in Évora, the Palace Gardens at Palacio de Mateus, he Stock Exchange Palace, Arabian Hall and a local port wine cellar in Porto, the University Library of Coimbra, the Convent of Christ in Tomar and the Gothic Monastery at Batalha

**View** the Castle of Guimarães and the Shrine at Fátima

**Be My Guest** Lunch with Tiago and Vera in beautiful Alentejo



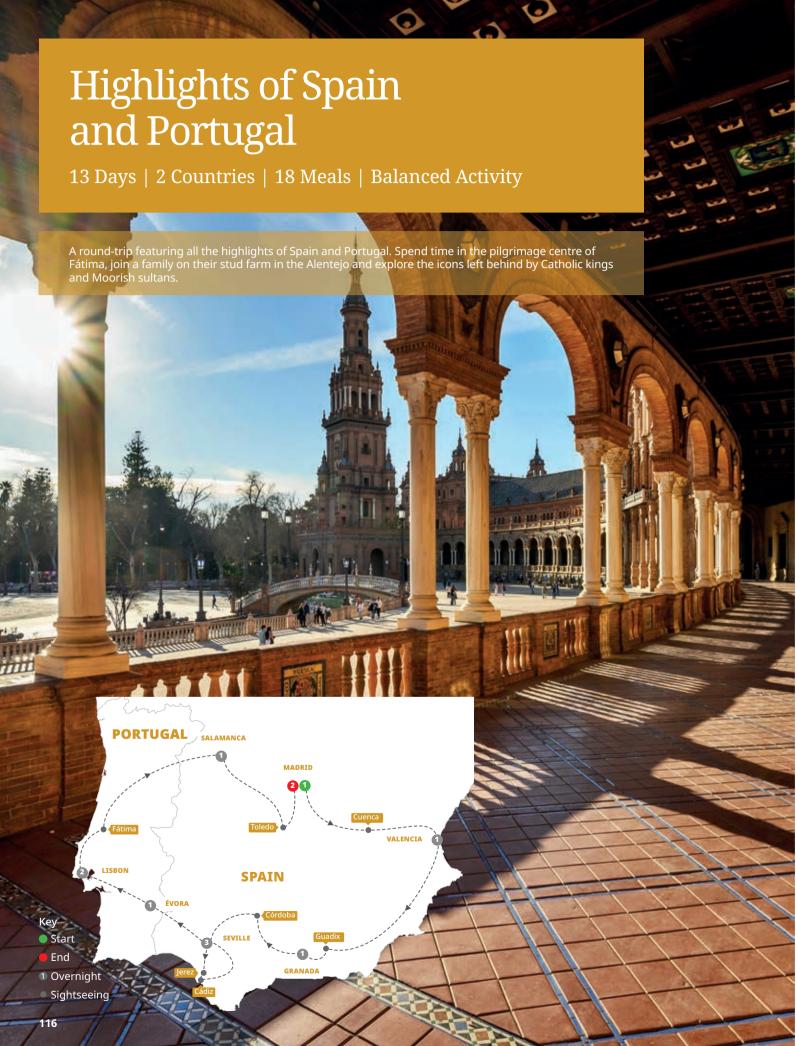
"To tour through Portugal and learn so much about the vast history truly was a treat. My favourite part was our knowledgeable tour guide

- Genevieve Franco

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Day 1 Welcome to Madrid Embrace la buena vida and soak up the vibrant atmosphere in Madrid before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and orientation of the city's glorious sights. (D) Hotel: NH Collection Eurobuilding

#### Day 2 Journey to Cuenca and Valencia

Witness the clifftop houses of Cuenca during your first stop today. Continue to Valencia for an orientation drive past iconic sights. Enjoy organic horchata, the celebrated drink of Valencia, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: Silken Puerta



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Enjoy a taste of organic horchata, the local nut-based drink, from a family-run vendor using only natural ingredients and traditional production methods.

Day 3 Off to Unique Guadix and on to Granada We travel through the Sierra Nevada bound for Guadix, where we'll witness how generations of locals have carved cosy abodes into their rocky surrounds. Next, we'll drive through the jagged Mora Pass to Granada. (B, D) Hotel: Catalonia

#### Day 4 Onwards to Córdoba and Seville

Join your **Local Specialist** for a visit to the Alhambra, with its amazing palaces, gardens and fountains. We leave Granada for Córdoba to join a **Local Specialist** at the mesmerizing Mezquita-Cathedral. Our final stop for the day is enchanting Seville. **(B, D) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros** Access to sites within the Alhambra complex, including the Nasrid Palace, is at the discretion of the staff of the Alhambra. Your Travel Director will advise and, if necessary, adjust your itinerary accordingly.

#### Day 5 Uncover the Secrets of Seville

Seville takes centre stage today. We'll see the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower with a **Local Specialist**, then stroll through the imposing Plaza de España in Maria Luisa Park and visit the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience *flamenco* performance. **(B)** 

Day 6 Admire the Sights of Jerez and Cádiz Indulge in the aromatic flavours of Jerez today as we learn about traditional sherry production. The leafy boulevards and quiet plazas of Cádiz are our next stop. (B)

Day 7 Venture to Évora Depart Seville for Portugal's Alentejo, where the Brito Paes family await our arrival for a Be My Guest lunch on their traditional stud ranch. Continue to Évora for a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D) Hotel: M'ar de Ar Muralhas

Day 8 On to Lively Lisbon Arrive in the seafaring Portuguese capital of Lisbon this afternoon and join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Visit the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery and the Monument to the Discoveries. (B) Hotel: Olissippo Marquês de Sá

Day 9 Lisbon Your Way Wander through Old Town Lisbon and the grand shopping boulevards that stretch from the shores of the Tagus and Lisbon Baixa to Rossio. Today is yours to embrace the captivating sights and sounds of the Portuguese capital on your own. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. (B)

Day 10 Pilgrimage to Fátima and on to Salamanca Visit the century-old pilgrimmage site at Fátima before leaving Portugal, bound for the golden-hued city of Salamanca. (B) Hotel: Gran Corona Sol

#### Day 11 Continue to Toledo and Madrid

See the walled city of Ávila, the city of Saint Teresa of Ávila. We arrive in the clifftop city of Toledo and join a **Local Specialist** for a guided walk through its streets. We'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings – 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz' Witness local craftsmen at work creating inlaid steel pieces, then travel to Madrid. **(B) Hotel: Meliá Castilla** 

#### **Day 12 Explore Fiery Madrid** A **Local**

**Specialist** guides you through Madrid on a morning sightseeing tour. See the Royal Palace and the Cibeles Fountain. The afternoon is at leisure. This evening, join your fellow companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. **(B, D)** 

Day 13 Adiós Madrid For now it's time to say a fond farewell to Spain and Portugal at the end of a memorable holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Year-round

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Córdoba, Seville, Évora Lisbon, Toledo and Madrid with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Valencia, Cádiz and Salamanca

Visit the Alhambra Palace in Granada the Cathedral Mosque in Córdoba, Seville Cathedral, the Cathedral of Évora, the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and the Church of Santo Tomé and the Synagogue in Toledo

View the Hanging Houses of Cuenca, the Towers of Serrano and Quart and the City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia, the Shrine at Fátima and the Cave Houses of Guadix

**Be My Guest** Lunch with Tiago and Vera in beautiful Alentejo

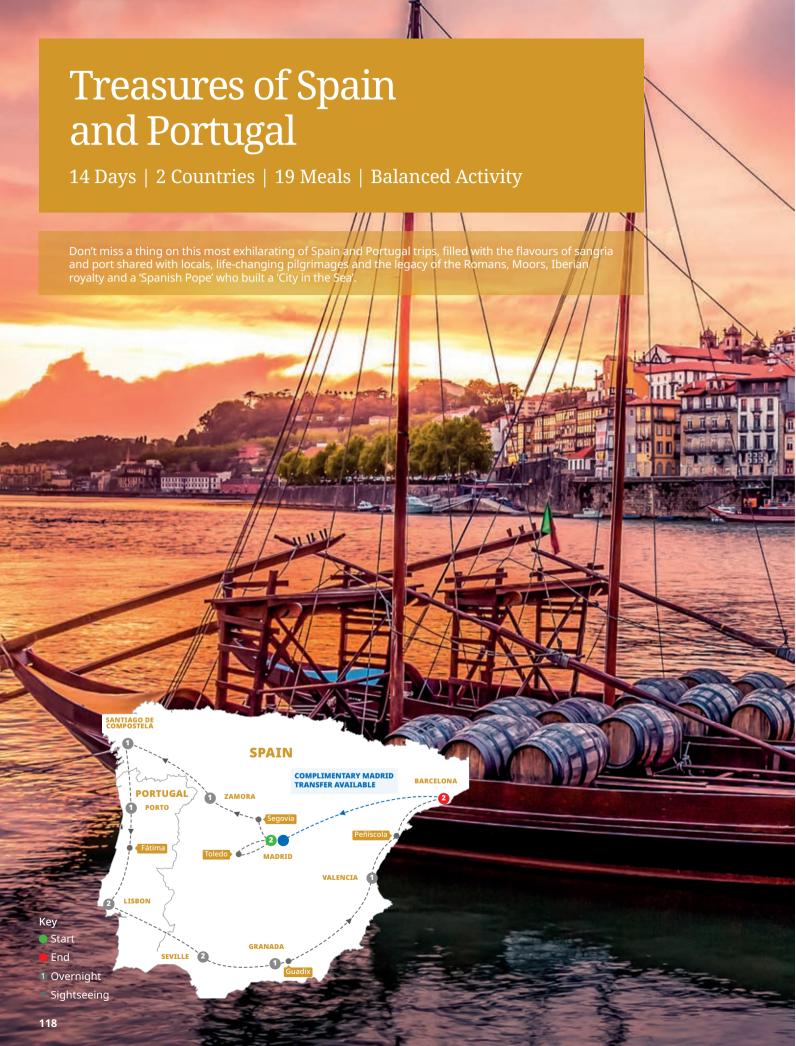


"This trip bonded me and my mother more than ever. Lighting the candle at Fatima in Portugal was my favourite memory."

Ana Bello

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Day 1 Hola Madrid Kick-start your epic encounter with Spain and Portugal in Europe's highest capital city, Madrid. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and orientation drive past some of Madrid's most iconic sites. (D) Hotel: Barceló Imagine

Day 2 Admire the Sights of Toledo and Madrid Journey south for an excursion to the city of Toledo. Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour and see the Church of Santo Tomé. This afternoon, a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist includes views of City Hall and the Cibeles Fountain. (B)

Day 3 Journey to Segovia and Zamora Venture to Segovia and see the Roman Aqueduct and the Alcázar of Segovia. Travel to the city of Zamora where you'll view the cathedral and

the Church of Mary Magdalene. (B, D)

Hotel: NH Palacio del Duero

Day 4 A Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela Travel to Santiago de Compostela, where you'll join a Local Specialist, who will share insights into the 'Way of Saint James'. Visit the vast Cathedral and the Praza do Obradoiro. (B, D) Hotel: Eurostars Gran

Day 5 Journey to Scenic Porto Embark on a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist today in Porto. See the medieval Ribeira Quarter and the city port. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace, before you Dive Into Culture at a tasting in a Port cellar. (B) Hotel: Carris Ribeira

#### Day 6 Onwards to Fátima and Lisbon

Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, site of a celebrated religious miracle. Later, we arrive in colourful Lisbon. (B) Hotel: VIP Grand

Day 7 Discover Lisbon's Treasures We'll see the Monument to the Discoveries and Belém Tower, when we join a Local Specialist on a sightseeing tour of Lisbon. We'll Dive Into Culture at the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery. (B)

Day 8 On to Seville We travel east through Alentejo before arriving in Seville. Explore the fine art of olive oil production at a **Be My Guest** experience and **Connect With Locals** over dinner at an olive oil farm. (**B, D**) **Hotel: Meliá Lebreros** 

Day 9 Explore Spectacular Seville Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour through the city. View the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower, see the Maria Luisa Park and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. Later, we'll stroll through the historic Jewish Quarter before visiting the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. (B)

Day 10 Off to Granada Multicultural Granada takes centre stage today as we visit the magnificent Alhambra in the company of a Local Specialist. (B, D) Hotel: Abades Nevada Palace Access to attractions within the Alhambra complex, including the Nasrid Palace, is at the discretion of the staff of the Alhambra. Your Travel Director will advise and, if necessary, adjust your itinerary accordingly.

Day 11 Onwards to Valencia We journey to Guadix to see the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings lodged in the ochre-coloured cliffs of the surrounding area. We travel to Valencia for an orientation drive which will include views of the 14th-century Towers of Serranos and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences. Enjoy organic horchata, the celebrated drink of Valencia, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: Silken Puerta



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Enjoy a taste of organic horchata, the local nut-based drink, from a family-run vendor using only natural ingredients and traditional production methods.

Day 12 See the Sights of Barcelona Head north to Peñíscola, the 'City in the Sea'. Travel along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona with its whimsical Gaudí architecture. Join a Local Specialist and admire the exterior La Sagrada Família during a sightseeing tour. (B) Hotel: INNSIDE Barcelona Apolo by Melia

Day 13 Barcelona Your Way Embrace the charm of Barcelona, ramble through El Born or consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat. This evening, we join our fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

Day 14 Journey Home For now it's adios to Spain at the end of a memorable holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

Mar - Oct

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Toledo, Madrid, Santiago de Compostela, Porto, Lisbon, Seville and Barcelona with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Segovia, Zamora and Valencia

Visit Santo Tomé and the synagogue in Toledo, the cathedral and Praza do Obradoiro in Santiago de Compostela, the Stock Exchange Palace and a local port wine cellar in Porto, the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, Seville Cathedral, the Alhambra Palace in Granada

View the Roman Aqueduct and Alcazar in Segovia, the cathedral in Zamora, the Belém Tower in Lisbon, the Giralda Bell Tower in Seville, the cave homes of Guadix, the Serrano and Quart Towers and the city of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia, La Sagrada Família in Barcelona and the Shrine at Fátima

**See** the Monument to the Discoveries in Lisbon

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a traditional Andalusian dinner with the Morillo family



"A beautiful afternoon spent in Cascais with friends."

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# Spain, Morocco and Portugal

16 Days | 3 Countries | 22 Meals | Balanced Activity

Every day is an adventure on this Spain, Portugal and Morocco trip, whether you're enjoying a traditional barbeque with the Albaserrada family at their farm in Andalusia, celebrating Portugal's proud seafaring heritage or venturing deep within the ancient Medina of Fes to find treasures to take home.



Day 1 Hola Madrid Kick off your unforgettable journey in the fiery Spanish capital of Madrid. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and orientation drive past some of the city's most iconic sites. (D) Hotel: Meliá Castilla

Day 2 Explore Fiery Madrid Join your Local Specialist on this day of discovery, including views of the iconic Cibeles fountain and Paseo de la Castellana. Admire the Royal Palace and Retiro Park before spending the rest of the day on your own indulging in *la buena vida*. (B)

Day 3 Onwards to Toledo and Granada Join your Local Specialist for a walking tour of Toledo. Dive Into Culture at a local steel and Damascene workshop before continuing to Granada. (B, D) Hotel: Occidental

Day 4 Journey to the Sunny Costa del Sol Admire the impressive palatial city of the Alhambra. Join a Local Specialist for a guided visit, then continue to the Costa del Sol. (B) Hotel: NH Marbella Access to sites within the Alhambra complex, including the Nasrid Palace, is at the discretion of the staff of the Alhambra. Your Travel Director will advise and, if necessary, adjust your itinerary accordingly.

Day 5 Cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Fes
We travel along the sun-kissed shores of the
Mediterranean and cross to North Africa
by ferry. A memorable drive past the Rif
Mountains brings us to Fes, our home for the
next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Marriott Jnan
Palace

Day 6 The Medina and More in Fes Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour through the Medina of Fes. Spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. Tonight, maybe join an Optional Experience Arabian dinner in a traditional riad. (B)

Day 7 Off to Vibrant Marrakesh Departing Fes, journey west through the golden landscape that deepens to rusty red as we approach vibrant Marrakesh. Past and present collide in the world-famous Jemaa el-Fnaa Square. (B) Hotel: Le Méridien N'Fis

Day 8 Discover Marrakesh Visit Dar El Bacha during your walking tour with a Local Specialist. See Jemaa el-Fnaa Square in the Old Quarter. Visit a traditional Moroccan pharmacy and Dive Into Culture, gaining insights into the blending of creams and cosmetics using regional ingredients. Meet the inspiring ladies of a local women's cooperative over tea and cakes, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B, D)

#### Day 9 Continue to Casablanca and Tangier

We journey north to Casablanca before arriving in the country's capital. Stop at the opulent Mohammed V Mausoleum before continuing to Tangier. Our unique **Stays With Stories** is El Minzah, which overlooks the Bay of Tangiers. **(B, D) Hotel: El Minzah** 

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



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The ladies of a local women's cooperative welcome you for tea and cakes at their community Café in Marrakesh.

Day 10 Sail the Strait to Seville Crossing the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry, we return to Spain and continue to Seville. Consider an optional Flamenco performance this evening. (B) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros

**Day 11 Explore Spectacular Seville** Join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour and visit the ornate tomb of Christopher Columbus in the Cathedral. **(B)** 

Day 12 Venture to Lisbon Depart Seville and journey through Portugal's Alentejo region. Stop at a stud farm for a Be My Guest experience as you meet with Tiago and Vera for lunch in their family home. In Lisbon, see the Monument to the Discoveries and Belém Tower during a sightseeing tour. (B, L) Hotel: Olissippo Oriente

Day 13 Lisbon Your Way Join your Local Specialist for a tour of Lisbon, including the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery. Consider an Optional Experience to discover Portugal's 'Golden Triangle' of Sintra, Cascais and the Estoril coast. (B)

Day 14 Pilgrimage to Fátima and on to Salamanca We trace the path of pilgrims at the celebrated shrine in Fátima, then depart Portugal bound for Salamanca. (B) Hotel: Gran Corona Sol

Day 15 Return to Madrid Traverse the Sierra de Guadarrama Mountains to Madrid. This evening, join your travel companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: NH Collection Eurobuilding

Day 16 Journey Home Our epic journey through Spain, Morocco and Portugal comes to an end this morning. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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Year-round

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

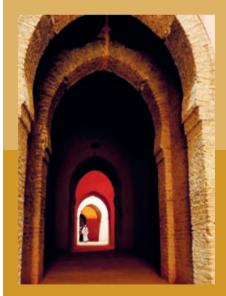
Explore Madrid, Toledo, Marrakesh Fes, Seville, Casablanca and Lisbon with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Rabat, Tangier,

**Visit** the Alhambra in Granada, Dar El Bacha and a Moroccan pharmacy in Marrakesh, the Seville Cathedral and the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon

View the Royal Palace in Rabat, Hassan II Mosque, Belém Tower

Be My Guest Visit a historic, working stud ranch in the heart of the Alentejo region for a Be My Guest experience of homemade Portuguese lunch, performance and tales of an incredible legacy



"This picture embodies the majesty and mystery we discovered in Morocco. Like no other place I have ever been."

Jacquie Osborn

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# More France and Iberia Trips

The French joie de vivre and sizzing Spanish sunshine doesn't end - discover more of what's waiting in both spectacular countries. Read the full itineraries at trafalgar.com.



#### Guest favourite: Château d'Eporcé

Gain an intimate understanding of French aristocracy as you tour the Château d'Eporcé with your hosts, Count Remy de Scitvaux and his talented wife Lydia. You'll feel like you've wandered into a painting with the estate cattle grazing in the shadow of centuries-old trees and a silvery moat protecting the grand château. Enjoy a quiet stroll around its idyllic gardens before joining your hosts for a light lunch in one of their château's richly decorated rooms, with the meal featuring the best of Sarthe regional produce, made by Lydia.

Treasures of France including Normandy, day 5

# Treasures of France including Normandy

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Paris, Honfleur, Loire Valley, D-Day Beaches, Mont-Saint-Michel, Chartres, plus more

Travel from Paris to the D-Day Landing Beaches of Normandy and on to the beautiful Loire Valley on this in-depth France and Normandy tour. Imagine life as a French noble as you are welcomed to a 17th-century château and learn about the battles that were fought here through the ages.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Mont-Saint-Michel and Châteaux of the Loire Valley with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Paris, Rouen, Honfleur, Bayeux and the Loire Valley

Visit the Bayeux Tapestry, the Normandy D-Day Landing Beaches, the monastery of Mont-Saint-Michel, the Châteaux of Amboise and Changeau and Chartres cathedral

**Be My Guest** Meet aristocrats from a 17th-century Northern French family, Count Remy de Scitvaux and his wife Lydia, in their home the Château d'Eporcé

### Find your tour

Departure months: Apr - Oct

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# Wonderful France

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Paris, Lyon, Avignon, Monaco, St Tropez, plus more

Combine the glamorous French capital with centuries of history and glorious sunsets on the French Riviera. This favourite French tour delivers it all in just nine days, from strolling around the Pont du Gard to soaking up the sun-kissed charm of St. Tropez and Monaco in France's glorious south.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Paris and Arles with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Beaune, Lyon, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco and Avignon

Visit Saint-Sulpice church in Paris and Pont du Gard

**View** the Eiffel Tower and the Champs-Élysées, Place Bellecour and the Basilica of Notre Dame in Lyon, the Royal Palace and Cathedral in Monaco and the Palace of the Popes in Avignon

Scenic Cruise to St. Tropez

**Be My Guest** Lunch with Patrick at his home and enjoy a traditional meal from local produce

### Find your tour

**Departure months**: Apr - Oct

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# Highlights of France and Barcelona

10 Days | 3 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Paris, Loire Valley, Lyon, Avignon, Nice, Monaco, Arles, Carcassonne, Barcelona, Madrid, plus more

One of our most popular France and Spain trips, this jam-packed journey from Paris to Barcelona is a feast for every sense, from lunch with locals and elegant châteaux in the Loire Valley, to the buzz of Avignon's Place de l'Horloge and the irresistible French Riviera.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Paris, Lyon, Carcassonne and Barcelona with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Avignon, Nice, Monaco and Arles

**Visit** Saint-Sulpice Church in Paris, Château de Chenonceau in the Loire Valley and the Dalí Theatre and Museum in Figueres

Scenic Drive through the Loire Valley

Be My Guest Dine with the Montferrier Family in the Loire Valley

### Find your tour

Departure months: Apr - Sep

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Trip code: FRSPA

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### Great Iberian Cities

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Seville, Lisbon, plus more

Blaze a trail on this exhilarating Spain and Portugal trip, as you travel from Gaudí's Barcelona to Portugal's 'Golden Age of Discoveries' in Lisbon. See the tomb of Columbus, admire great works in the Prado Museum and enjoy sweet sangria in Andalusia.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Seville and Lisbon with a Local Specialist

Visit Plaça Catalunya in Barcelona, Prado Museum in Madrid, Church of Santo Tome and the Synagogue in Toledo, Plaza de España in Seville and Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon

**View** La Sagrada Família in Barcelona and the Giralda Bell Tower in Seville

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a traditional Andalusian dinner with the Morillo family

### Find your tour

Departure months: Apr - Sep

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Trip code: SBAR

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### Mediterranean Highlights

13 Days | 5 Countries | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Madrid, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco, Nice, Cinque Terre, Pisa, Florence, Rome, plus more

Ease into the local love of life and good food. Sunkissed days and sizzling nights guide you along this Mediterranean trip through coastal Spain, France and Italy. Enjoy lunch with sisters Sandra and Antonella on their Tuscan agriturismo near Vinci.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Madrid, Barcelona, Cinque Terre, Florence and Rome with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Arles, Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco and Pisa

**Visit** Pont du Gard in Avignon, the French Riviera, Piazza della Signoria in Florence and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

View La Sagrada Família, the Papal Palace, the Palace and Cathedral in Monaco, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Duomo and Ponte Vecchio in Florence

Be My Guest Enjoy lunch in the Tuscan Hills

### Find your tour

**Departure months**: May - Sep

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Trip code: SPRO

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# Best of Morocco

10 Days | 1 Country | 16 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Casablanca, Rabat, Meknès, Fes, Erfoud, Dades Valley, Ouarzazate, Aït Ben Haddou, Marrakesh, Essaouira, plus more

An in-depth Morocco trip featuring all the exciting sights, sounds and flavours befitting of its status as the gateway to Africa. Explore the ancient alleyways of Fes, visit a traditional riad and learn about healing Moroccan ingredients like argan oil.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Fes and Marrakesh with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Rabat, Meknès, Erfoud, Ouarzazate, Essaouira and Casablanca

**Visit** a tannery and dye-pit, Midelt, Tafilalt Oasis Bahia Palace and a Moroccan pharmacy

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

**Be My Guest** Enjoy Moroccan cuisine and wine at a Riad in Fes

### Find your tour

**Departure months**: Year-round

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Trip code: MORB/WMOR

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#### Spotlight trip: Mediterranean Highlights

- This trip combines Spain, France and Italy, you'll love your chance to explore three distinctly European cultures with Local Specialists to share their in-depth insights
- Enjoy two-night stops in Madrid, Barcelona, Nice, Florence, and Rome
- Great for scenery lovers visiting Avignon, French Riviera, Provence and Tuscany

 Great option for foodies: visit the markets in Aix-en-Provence and a Tuscan feast at Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia, located near Leonardo Da Vinci's birtholace





#### See full detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Days 1 - 2 Welcome to Amsterdam Stroll through Amsterdam's pretty streets and tree-lined canals, perhaps stopping for coffee in one of the iconic squares of the city. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening on a scenic canal cruise, including a light meal and welcome drinks. Enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum, featuring the works of great Dutch masters, including Rembrandt's 'The Night Watch'. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to enjoy a meal in the Dutch countryside. Hotel: Bilderberg Garden

Days 3 - 4 Journey to Aalsmeer/Keukenhof, The Hague and Rotterdam Visit Aalsmeer and its vibrant flower auction, filled with the vividly-hued blooms for which Holland is so famous. Travel via The Hague to the historic town of Delft and Dive Into Culture at the Royal Delft Pottery workshop to gain insights into the production of this delicate hand-painted blue and white porcelain. Your orientation tour will reveal an innovative city full of dynamic history. Consider joining an Optional Experience to visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed village of Kinderdijk. Travel east to Arnhem to see the John Frost Bridge and explore Oosterbeek at your own pace. Hotel: Bilderberg Parkhotel

Days 5 - 6 Off to Stunning Zwolle and Groningen Travel to the Hanseatic city of Zwolle and join a Local Specialist for a walking tour through its historic centre. Continue to Groningen. Dive Into Culture and explore the city on a guided walk with a Local Specialist. Embark on a beautiful drive through Friesland to Volendam. Dive

Into Culture and learn about the craft of wooden clog making and Dutch cheese. Meet Tom, miller of Katwoude, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit the mill and learn about the important role the mill plays in managing rising water levels. Enjoy a celebratory Be My Guest Farewell Dinner with the Pauw family as you connect with locals over a traditional Dutch meal. Hotel: Leonardo Groningen



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Visit a mill in Katwoude and learn about the important role the mill plays in managing rising water levels.

**Day 7 Farewell Amsterdam** For now we say a fond *tot ziens* to Amsterdam and our newfound friends, closing the door on a memorable Dutch experience. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Mar - Sep

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Zwolle and Groningen with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Amsterdam and Rotterdam

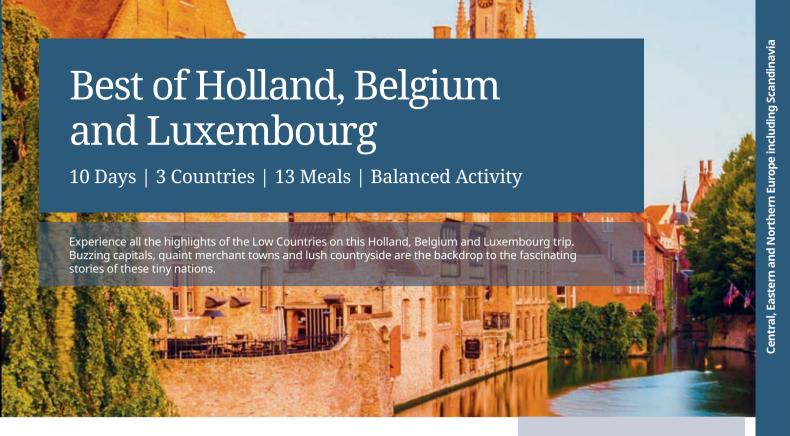
Visit Aalsmeer or Keukenhof (when open), Royal Delft Pottery, the Airborne Museum in Arnhem and a cheese and clog factory in Volendam

**View** the John Frost Bridge in Arnhem

**Be My Guest** dine with the Pauw family on their dairy farm, savouring local cheeses

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Days 1 - 4 Arrive Brussels Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner in Brussels. Your Travel Director will take you on an orientation of the city to see the Atomium, Mannekin Pis and the exquisite Grand Place. After, explore the capital as you wish. See the three famous towers, Saint Nicholas Church, the Belfry and Saint Bavo's Cathedral, before continuing to Bruges. Consider joining a Ypres Excursion and Last Post Ceremony which commemorates the fallen of the British Army and her allies on the surrounding Flanders Fields. Dive Into Culture and admire the delicate art of Belgian lace.



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Taste acclaimed Orval Trappist beer, renowned for its fruity flavours. Brewed in the monastic tradition, it has been produced respecting the natural environment, using low power energy and with minimal waste.

Days 5 - 7 Journey to Luxembourg En route to the Duchy of Luxembourg, stop in Dinant. During a visit Orval Abbey, taste the locallybrewed sustainable Trappist beer, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Embark on a leisurely walking tour of Luxembourg City with a Local Specialist. Continue to Bastogne. the site of bloody skirmishes in the World War II Battle of the Bulge. Next, the fortified city of Maastricht takes centre stage. Spend time strolling through its town centre before journeying to the magical city of Amsterdam.

Days 8 - 9 Explore Amazing Amsterdam

In Amsterdam, **Dive Into Culture** as you join a Small Group Sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum with a Local Specialist. Soak up the gezellig Dutch atmosphere, before heading to Delft via The Hague. Dive Into Culture during a visit to the Royal Delft Pottery workshop and learn about local traditions. Continue this eventful journey south, arriving in Rotterdam for an informative orientation tour. During the tour's final evening, join your travelling companions and Travel Director for a Be My **Guest** Farewell dinner.

Day 10 Depart Amsterdam We bid Amsterdam a fond farewell this morning as we prepare to close the curtain on a memorable holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Mar - Sep

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### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore** the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Luxembourg City and Bruges with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Maastricht, Ghent and Brussels

Visit General George Patton's Grave in Luxembourg City, Orval Abbey, Dinant and a lace making workshop in Bruges

> **View** The American Memorial at Bastogne

Scenic Cruise on the canals of Amsterdam and Bruges

**Be My Guest** Dine with the Pauw family on their dairy farm savoring local cheeses

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Day 1 Welcome to Frankfurt On your first day in Germany, see the sights of Frankfurt on your own before meeting your Travel Director for an orientation of Römerplatz and the financial district. Later, enjoy a light meal and welcome drink. (D) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

Day 2 Cruise along the Rhine and journey to Cologne Board your leisurely Rhine cruise, stopping for lunch at a 13th-century castle where we Connect With Locals at our Be My Guest experience and lunch with views over the Rhine Valley. Visit Cologne and view the Gothic spires of its cathedral during an orientation. (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Koeln Belfortstrasse

#### Day 3 Onwards to the Port City of Hamburg

Journey through the lush landscape of Lower Saxony to the international trade centre of Hamburg for an orientation tour. Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the city's seafaring heritage. Tonight, we will dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza City Alster

Day 4 Journey to Berlin Cross the former Tron Curtain' to Berlin where your Local Specialist will reveal the city's iconic landmarks, including the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden. Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Catalonia Berlin

Day 5 Discover the History and Icons of Berlin Ascend the iconic Berlin TV Tower for 360° views of the city and Spree River. You'll learn how this landmark changed from being a symbol of the communist regime of East Germany to a symbol of a reunited Berlin before enjoying some time this afternoon to explore Berlin your way. You could choose to join an Optional Experience to delve into the secrets of Berlin's past, including a visit to the site of Checkpoint Charlie. (B)

Day 6 Off to Dresden Visit Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe' and learn about the restoration of the city's beautiful Baroque façades following its devastation during World War II. See the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and the fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. This afternoon, you could choose an Optional Experience to visit the Dresden Royal Treasury, one of the richest treasure chambers in Europe, followed by a visit to Moritzburg Castle. (B) Hotel: Bilderberg Bellevue Dresden

#### Day 7 Venture to Historic Nuremberg

Gain insights into a divided Germany at Mödlareuth's open-air museum and see a section of the original wall with its security features. This afternoon, arrive in Nuremberg, once the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. During your orientation, see the mighty castle ramparts and stand in the Hauptmarkt main square, then spend the rest of your evening at leisure, perhaps indulging in grilled Nürnberger Rostbratwurst with sauerkraut. (B) Hotel: NH Collection



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Join a Local Specialist to appreciate the splendour of Munich and learn how the city is creating a more sustainable future, meeting passionate contributors along the way.

Day 8 Continue to Medieval Rothenburg and Munich Stroll through the medieval centre of Rothenburg, seemingly frozen in time and encircled by a fortified town wall that remains intact after centuries. Admire its beautiful market square and the Old Town Hall before following part of the Romantic Road through villages and the countryside to Munich. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark

Day 9 Explore Munich Immerse yourself in the splendour of Munich on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience guided tour with a Local Specialist, discovering Munich as a diverse, inclusive and sustainable city. See the distinctive towers of the Cathedral as well as Marienplatz, with its charming glockenspiel. (B)

Day 10 Admire Neuschwanstein Castle and the Black Forest Snap your fingers and be transported to a land of fables and folklore. Visit King Ludwig II's fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, then continue to the Black Forest, whose mystical landscape inspired fantasy and fiction from the famous Brothers Grimm. This evening, we dine at our our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Hofgut Sternen

#### Day 11 On to Heidelberg and Frankfurt

Witness the centuries-old craft of cuckoo clock making as you **Dive Into Culture**. Then view the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, as well as the Baroque-style Old Town. Tonight, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our newfound friends. **(B, D) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach** 

**Day 12 Farewell Germany** After breakfast, we say a fond farewell to our newfound friends after a memorable holiday. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

Mar - Oct

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Berlin with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Munich and Heidelberg

**Visit** the Berlin TV Tower, Mödlareuth Open Air Museum and Neuschwanstein Castle

**View** Cologne Cathedral and Heidelberg Castle

**See** the Lorelei Rock and the Bavarian Alps

Scenic Cruise along the Rhine River

**Be My Guest** Lunch in a medieval castle high above the Rhine River valley



"We spent many hours going back through photos and remembering how special the trip was and the friendly people we met along the way. We are still in touch with one of the couples we met on the trip."

- Mike Hannont

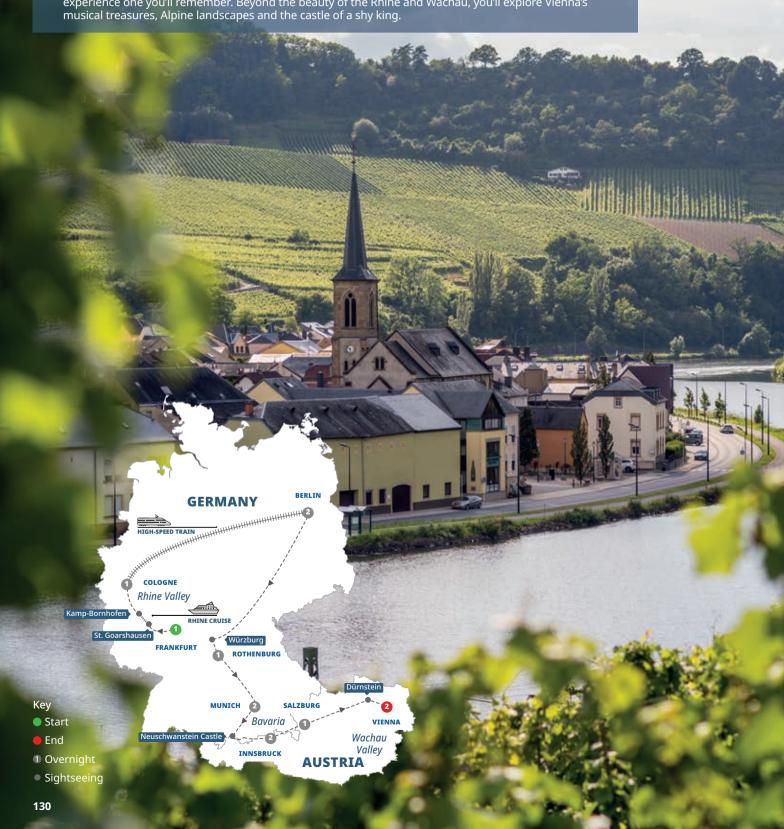
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# Best of Germany and Austria

13 Days | 2 Countries | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity

Modern cities, medieval towns and all the sights in between make this Best of Germany and Austria experience one you'll remember. Beyond the beauty of the Rhine and Wachau, you'll explore Vienna's musical treasures, Alpine landscapes and the castle of a shy king.



Day 1 Welcome to Frankfurt Embrace the vibrant city of Frankfurt. Meet your Travel Director for an orientation of the medieval Römerplatz and dynamic financial district. Later, enjoy a memorable Welcome Reception. (WR) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

Day 2 Cruise in the Rhineland and on to Cologne Board a leisurely cruise along the mighty Rhine. We stop to Connect With Locals at our Be My Guest experience and lunch with views over the Rhine Valley. Continuing to the cultural capital of the Rhineland, we view the spectacular Gothic spires of Cologne Cathedral. Spend the rest of the evening exploring the city (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Koeln Belfortstrasse

Day 3 Journey By High-Speed Train to Berlin Take a high-speed train to historic Berlin and join a Local Specialist to see the imposing Brandenburg Gate, the Tiergarten, Unter den Linden and the Reichstag building. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B) Hotel: Mercure MOA

Day 4 Uncover Berlin's Secrets Ascend the Berlin TV Tower for spectacular 360° views of the city. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city. Perhaps see the remnants of the Berlin Wall, visit the infamous Checkpoint Charlie or enjoy an Optional Experience to the District of Potsdam. (B)

Day 5 Onwards to Rothenburg Admire beautiful Würzburg - see the Prince-Bishops' residence and Marienberg Fortress, before arriving in Rothenburg, where we'll dine tonight in our hotel. Your Stays With Stories accommodation this evening is the traditional Prinzhotel, ideally located within the 15th-century fortified town walls. (B, D) Hotel: Prinzhotel

Day 6 Off to Historic Munich Embark on an orientation walk through the medieval centre of Rothenburg. Continuing south through Bavaria, we arrive in Munich. We check into our Stays With Stories accommodation, the Arabella Sheraton Munich which once saw Led Zeppelin, Iggy Pop and Freddie Mercury belt out tunes in the then-hotel-basement recording studio. (B) Hotel: Sheraton Arabellapark

**Day 7 Discover Munich** During your orientation, see the distinctive towers of the Cathedral as well as Marienplatz, the central square and the impressive town hall with its charming glockenspiel. The 13th-century St. Peter's church, the Viktualien food market square and a beerhall are only a short walk from here. **(B)** 

Day 8 Admire Neuschwanstein Castle and on to Innsbruck View the famous Neuschwanstein Castle (Subject to Availability), built as a retreat for King Ludwig II. Wind your way through the countryside, climbing higher into the Bavarian Alps bound for Innsbruck. This evening, dinner is served at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Tivoli

Day 9 Explore Alpine Innsbruck This morning, you'll embark on a short orientation tour that includes views of the Old Town, Hofburg Palace and the ornate Golden Roof. Next, admire the fascinating crystal installations at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Store. You could consider joining a traditional dinner and Tyrolean folklore show this evening. (B)

Day 10 Venture to Salzburg Join a Local Specialist in Salzburg for a walking tour. You'll view Mozart's birthplace and family house in the picturesque Getreidegasse, and the Domplatz dominated by Salzburg Cathedral. This evening, we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Austria Trend Europa

Day 11 Through the Wachau Valley to Vienna Indulge in the Austrian tradition of koffee and kuchen at Wastlbauer eco-farm on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as you whet your appetite over freshly baked pastries. Enjoy a scenic drive past Lake Mondsee to the UNESCO-listed Wachau Valley. This afternoon, we'll transfer to your Stays With Stories accommodation in Vienna, the Hilton Danube Waterfront. We have the evening at leisure to enjoy the sounds of the 'City of Music' or consider an evening of Viennese classical music. (B) Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront



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Indulge in the Austrian tradition of koffee and kuchen at Wastlbauer ecofarm. Meet Eva, the owner, for a tour of her self-sufficient farm and wet your appetite over freshly baked pastries.

Day 12 Hofburg Palace and More in Vienna Explore the splendour of Vienna at Hofburg Palace take in the views of the grand State Opera House and Ringstrasse. Admire the ornate, colourful roof of the iconic St. Stephen's Cathedral, before an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

**Day 13 Farewell Vienna** We bid farewell to our companions at the end of a wonderful holiday. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/ freetransfers. **(B)** 

### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

Apr - Oct

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Berlin, Salzburg and Vienna with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Frankfurt, Cologne, Rothenburg, Munich and Innsbruck

**Visit** the Berlin TV Tower, Neuschwanstein Castle.

View Cologne Cathedral, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck, Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, Hofburg Palace and St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna

Scenic Cruise along the Rhine River

**Be My Guest** Lunch in a medieval Castle high above the Rhine River valley



"Toasting our first trip together with Trafalgar with my husband sister and brother in law -priceless."

- Lynne Cormier

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

## Contrasts of Switzerland

8 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity



Day 1 Welcome to Zürich Zürich is your springboard to a spectacular journey through Switzerland. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers to explore its ancient heritage and modern verve during your orientation tour this afternoon. This evening, attend a Reception to launch your Swiss experience. (WR) Hotel: Mövenpick

Day 2 Onwards by Train to St. Moritz Our love affair with the snow-capped peaks of Switzerland begins on a scenic train journey via Chur to the stylish resort of St. Moritz, set against the beautiful backdrop of Lake St. Moritz. Admire the inspiring natural setting and perhaps travel on one of Switzerland's most spectacular rail routes across the Bernina pass this afternoon, before enjoying St. Moritz at your leisure tonight. (B) **Hotel: Reine Victoria** 

Day 3 Catch the Glacier Express to **Zermatt** Embrace the glamour and romance of a bygone era. Watch the epic alpine landscapes drift past as you chuq along one of the world's most unforgettable rail journeys from the comfort of the Glacier Express. Cross hundreds of bridges and the Oberalp Pass at 6,700 feet (2,044 m) above sea level. Enjoy an included lunch on board as you journey past lakes and glaciers bound for the resort town of Zermatt, at the foothills of the imposing Matterhorn. Your Tour Director will take you on an Orientation of the town. (B, L) Hotel: Ambassador

Day 4 Zermatt at Leisure Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air and panoramic vistas. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views. (B)



**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE** 



Meet the passionate beekeeper of Apidae, a local organisation raising awareness and promoting education on bees, wildflowers and pollinators, for a talk on bees and biodiversity in Geneva County.

Day 5 A Train Journey to Lakeside Geneva This morning we board a train to Geneva and continue through green pastures to La Ferme Enchantée for a memorable **Be My Guest** lunch experience. This sustainable farm also hosts beehives, and we meet the beekeeper during our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This afternoon we return to sophisticated Geneva where the orientation will include views of the Old Town, Jet d'Eau and the Flower Clock, paying tribute to the city's centuries-old watchmaking traditions. Later, explore the sights of this lakeside city on your own. Stroll through the ancient maze of medieval streets and quiet squares or consider a cruise - enjoying views of the lakeside villages. (B, L) Hotel: Warwick

Day 6 Journey on the Golden and Brünig Pass to Interlaken and Lucerne Pictureperfect landscapes are our constant companion as we journey from Geneva along the Golden Pass route. We stop at Interlaken in the heart of the Swiss Alps, located at the foot of a trio of famous peaks - the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Spend some time at leisure and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. We follow the Brünig Pass to the lakeside town of Lucerne in central Switzerland, where we will stay for the next two nights. The evening is free to spend as you wish, but you could choose to show off your vocal talents and learn how to yodel during an optional fun-packed Swiss folklore show with fondue dinner. (B) Hotel: Radisson Blu

#### Day 7 Explore Medieval Lucerne

Mountain top peaks surround you as you wander through the medieval streets of Lucerne on an orientation walk. Visit the poignant Lion Monument, built in memory of the Swiss Guard who bravely defended Louis XVI during the French Revolution. View the covered wooden Chapel Bridge spanning the Reuss with its decorated wooden panels, which chronicle the history of Lucerne. Later consider an Optional Experience to a nearby mountain peak, or explore the Old Town and shop for delicious Swiss chocolate. Tonight, we join our Travel Director and fellow travel companions for a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 8 Journey Home We say a fond farewell to Switzerland and newfound friends at the end of a remarkable Swiss holiday. Your Travel Director will give you tickets for the short train journey from Lucerne to Zürich Airport, which can be used at your convenience for the onward journey. (B)

Trip code: STGV

### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

Apr - Sep

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### Included highlights and must-sees

Discover Zürich, St. Moritz, Zermatt, Geneva and Lucerne

**View** the Matterhorn (weather permitting), the Jet d'Eau in Geneva, the Swiss Alps in Interlaken and the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

Scenic Train Ride on the Glacier Express from St. Moritz to Zermatt and train from Geneva to Lucerne

Be My Guest Enjoy Swiss hospitality and local delicacies with the owner of a local vineyard



"A beautiful day overlooking Lake Geneva with our son. - Tom Murwin

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## Best of Switzerland

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity



Day 1 Welcome to Zürich Zürich is your springboard to a spectacular journey through Switzerland. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience for a social impact guided walking tour and sustainable chocolate tasting. This evening, attend a Welcome Dinner to launch your Swiss experience. (D) Hotel: Hyatt Place Airport



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Join a socially-engaged local guide for a walking tour of Zürich. Learn about history and social solidarity while tasting ethical chocolate. This tour directly supports local and women-led businesses.

Day 2 Journey to Lake Geneva We leave the bright lights of Zürich behind and stop in Bern with its Old Town, admiring its medieval streets, ornate fountains and arcaded walkways. Journeying to Lake Geneva, we arrive in the resort town of Montreux, set against the pristine backdrop of snow-covered peaks and vineyards. After lunch, consider joining an Optional Experience to cruise Lake Geneva, including a visit to the Charlie Chaplin museum in his former estate, Manoir de Ban. (B) Hotel: Eurotel

Day 3 Onwards to Chillon Castle and Zermatt This morning, we visit Chillon Castle, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. For nearly four centuries, this water fortress was the residence of the Counts of Savoy and an important stop for traders. Our next stop is the Lavaux region, a charming wine village above Lake Geneva, where we'll Connect With Locals over lunch at our

Connect With Locals over lunch at our Be My Guest experience. Continue your journey to the resort town of Zermatt, set against the backdrop of the snow-capped Matterhorn. (B, L) Hotel: Mirabeau

**Day 4 Zermatt Your Way** Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air and panoramic vistas. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional

Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views. **(B)** 

Day 5 Venture to the Italian Lake

Maggiore Departing Switzerland, we travel to the lakeside town of Baveno on Italy's Lake Maggiore. Spend the rest of the day indulging in the laid-back lakeside atmosphere or consider joining an Optional Experience to Isola Bella, one of the lake's Borromean islands, with its *palazzo* and exquisite gardens. (B) Hotel: Simplon

Day 6 Off to Alpine St. Moritz We travel through the scenic Italian countryside to the fortified town of Tirano. Here, we board the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Rhaetian Railway to cross the Bernina Pass and wind our way through scenic landscapes en route to the stylish resort town of St. Moritz. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria

Day 7 Journey to Lakeside Lucerne

Journeying through lush green landscapes, past Lake Zürich, we arrive in lakeside Lucerne. Pay tribute to the brave Swiss Guards, who lost their lives defending King Louis XVI at the Lion Monument, and admire the iconic wooden Chapel Bridge before strolling past the city's colourful façades. Consider joining a cruise on the tranquil lake waters and then ride the world's first double deck 'CabriO' cable car to the top of Mount Stanserhorn. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe

Day 8 Admire Scenic Brienz and Interlaken We travel to Interlaken at the heart of Switzerland, which lies in the shadow of the Jungfrau Mountain. Stopping in the village of Brienz en route, we'll Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of wood carving for which this village is so famous. Spend some time on your own and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. This evening, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our fellow travellers and Travel Director toasting

**Day 9 Homeward Bound** As our journey through Switzerland comes to an end, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

the highlights of Switzerland we've enjoyed

along the way. (B, D)

#### **Basel Tattoo**

Embrace a bit of pomp and circumstance at the world's second largest open-air Tattoo show in Basel. Watch as international military bands, popular musicians, traditional folk dancers and tattoo formations wow spectators during rousing performances that will get your feet tapping. Select departures will replace the Brienz and Interlaken Excursion on day 8 with a trip to the Basel Tattoo.

### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Mar - Sep

#### **Special Events & Dates**

Select July departures will replace the Brienz and Interlaken excursion on day 8 with a trip to the Basel Tattoo.

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Discover** Zürich and Lucerne

**Visit** Bern, Chillon Castle, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Interlaken and Brienz

View the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne, the Jungfrau and Matterhorn mountains (weather permitting), Lake Maggiore and Lake Como

**Scenic Train Ride** from Tirano to Pontresina

**Be My Guest** Enjoy flavours of local wine, cheese and bread at a local vineyard overlooking Lake Geneva



"Incredible views, culture, food and wine experiences paired with an incredible group of people from all over the world."

- Ashlinn Reale

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

# Switzerland and Austria

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13 Days | 4 Countries | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity



Day 1 Welcome to Zürich Your epic journey begins in the sophisticated Swiss city of Zürich. This afternoon join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience for a social impact guided walking tour and sustainable chocolate tasting. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner in this beautiful lakeside setting. (D) Hotel: Movenpick Zurich Airport



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Join a socially-engaged local guide for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience walking tour of Zürich. Learn about history and social solidarity while tasting ethical chocolate. This tour directly supports local and women-led business.

Day 2 Journey to Liechtenstein and Salzburg Embark on a soul-stirring encounter with the valleys and lofty peaks of Liechtenstein, bound for its tiny capital, Vaduz. Continue along the scenic Arlberg route through the Tyrol to your overnight stop in the city of Salzburg. Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour past iconic sights, including Mozart former home, the imposing Salzburger Dom Cathedral, Residenz Castle and St. Peter's Abbey. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Salzburg City

Day 3 Onwards to Vienna Waltz through the scenic Austrian countryside, past Lake Mondsee and the rolling hills and fortresses of the Wachau Valley, then continue to Vienna. Perhaps spend your first evening in the 'City of Music' on an Optional Experience Viennese dinner with traditional entertainment. (B) Hotel: Acom Vienna/NH Danube City

**Day 4 Discover Artistic Vienna** Admire the grand boulevards and beautiful Baroque façades of the Austrian capital on a guided sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist**. You'll see the State Opera, Hofburg, St. Stephen's Cathedral and Parliament, before spending time exploring this imperial city your way. Enjoy the *Kaffee* culture of the city and tonight consider an Optional Experience dinner and Viennese Concert. **(B)** 

Day 5 Off to the Riverside Villach Journey south to Graz, known for its striking architecture and Roman history. Continue to Lipizzaner Stud farm at Piber to gain insights into these athletic stallions bred for the Spanish Riding School. Head to Villach. This evening, connect with locals at a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Palais26

Day 6 Ascend to Alpine Innsbruck Enjoy spectacular Alpine scenery, journeying over the remarkable Felbertauern Road on your way to the capital of the Tyrol, Innsbruck. Here you will have an opportunity to admire Emperor Maximilian I's Golden Roof, St. James Cathedral and see the Olympic ski jump. You could choose to browse for precious gifts and souvenirs at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Store. (B) Hotel: Grauer Bär

Day 7 Venture to St. Moritz This morning, we cross the Swiss border and travel through the enchanting landscapes of the Engadine Valley. Arriving in the chic winter sports resort of St. Moritz, we have the afternoon on our own to explore the scenic landscape or perhaps take the Bernina line train. (B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria

Day 8 Journey to Lake Maggiore and on to Zermatt Drive via the Maloja Pass, past Lake Como, to Lake Maggiore. Explore the lakeside town of Stresa, before seeing the Borromean Islands. Then, head towards the Simplon Pass en route to Zermatt, where you will dine at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Ambassador

**Day 9 Zermatt Your Way** Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn. **(B)** 

#### Day 10 On to Lake Geneva and Montreux

We continue through the Rhône Valley, arriving on the tranquil shores of Lake Geneva, where we will view Chillon Castle. We follow the lakeshore to Montreux, set against the pristine backdrop of snow-covered peaks and vineyards. **(B) Hotel: Eurotel** 

#### Day 11 Cross the Brünig Pass to Lucerne

Travel via Bern to Interlaken, in the shadow of the Jungfrau. Cross the Brünig Pass to Lucerne, to view the ancient wooden Chapel Bridge and visit the poignant Lion Monument. **(B) Hotel: Grand Europe** 

Day 12 Lucerne Your Way Wander through Lucerne's medieval streets, spend the day exploring the city on your own or consider an Optional Experience ascending a nearby mountain for panoramic views. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

**Day 13 Journey Home** We say a fond farewell to Switzerland and our newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

Apr - Sep

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Salzburg and Vienna with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Liechtenstein, Zürich, Innsbruck and Lucerne

**Visit** Vaduz, St. Moritz, Stresa, Graz, Lipizzaner Stud farm in Piber and Zermatt

View the Golden Roof and Hofburg Palace in Innsbruck, the Matterhorn and Jungfrau mountains (weather permitting), Chillon Castle, Bern and the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a homemade dinner at the Monastery of Kloster Wernberg



"I am on top of the world. Matterhorn excursion my most spectacular mountain ride to view the magnificent snow capped top of the world"

- Elizabeth Senoron

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Day 1 Welcome to Prague The gleaming spires of Prague shine brightly on this sojourn through the imperial capitals of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Admire the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque façades, before joining your Travel Director and travel companions for an unforgettable Welcome Dinner to kick off your holiday. (D) Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham **Andel's Praque** 

Day 2 Discover Historic Prague Delve into centuries of history, joining your Local **Specialist** for a guided walk past the city's iconic sights. Visit the final resting place of Bohemian kings, St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the precincts of Prague Castle, Then, admire the Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. Spend the afternoon admiring the spectacular cityscape on your own. Consider joining a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava and we'll tell you about the legends, myths, culture and hidden secrets of this enchanting city. During the cruise you'll enjoy a lunch of local specialities. (B)

Day 3 Prague Your Way Today is yours to explore the legends, castles and palaces of Prague. Follow the 'Royal Route', discover historic treasures and admire picturesque views of the city from Petřín Hill. Spend your evening at leisure, enjoying some of the local beer for which the country is famous. (B)



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® **EXPERIENCE** 



Meet the resilient women of Mareena café over freshly baked goods. This wonderful organisation provides employment opportunities to vulnerable women, giving them financial independence and helping them develop their potential.

Day 4 Journey to Slovak Bratislava and on to Vienna Travel south from Prague through lush Moravian landscapes to Bratislava. In the quaint Old Town, stop for a pick-me-up and unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a social business

café providing employment opportunities for vulnerable women. Continue your journey to Vienna, your home for the next three nights. (B) Hotel: Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn

Day 5 Explore Vibrant Vienna The heritage of one of Europe's most influential royal families is explored this morning as we Dive Into Culture during a Small Group Sightseeing guided visit to the spectacular Kunstkammer. Later, we join an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to view the Hofburg Palace, the official residence of the President of Austria and former home of the Habsburg Dynasty. We'll see such sights as the Parliament Building, the magnificent Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral with its geometrically tiled roof. (B)

Day 6 Vienna Your Way Today is yours to explore the 'City of Music' on your terms. Tread in the footsteps of the great sons of Vienna - Mozart, Haydn and Strauss - as you delve into the city's rich musical heritage nurtured by aristocrats throughout the centuries. Consider a visit to the beautiful Baroque Schönbrunn Palace to see the former imperial summer residence. (B)

Day 7 Onwards to Budapest Journey along the Danube Bend, a narrow twisting valley in the pretty Carpathian Basin, stopping in Esztergom to view its Castle Hill, domed Cathedral, and St. Thomas Hill. We follow the scenic landscape to the romantic city of Budapest where we will spend the next three nights. Enjoy a free evening sipping Hungarian wines or consider cruising along the Danube. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

Day 8 See the Sights of Budapest loin a Local Specialist this morning for a walking tour. We pay tribute to the seven chieftains of the Magyars in Heroes' Square before enjoying time at the Castle Hill District. Tonight's Be My Guest experience will see us Connect With Locals over dinner with the Schieszl family and hear the story of their winery. (B, D)

Day 9 Budapest Your Way Venture up Gellert Hill for spectacular views of the Budapest skyline, relax in the Szechenyi Baths or consider an Optional Experience to Szentendre, a riverside village popular with artists and craftworkers. On our last evening together, we toast to a magnificent journey to the imperial capitals of Europe and enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10 Farewell Budapest We say a fond farewell to our companions and Travel Director today after an unforgettable trip. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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**Departure months** 

Year-round

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**VIP Admission** to the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna

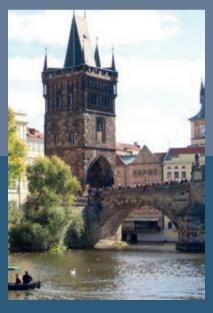
> **Explore** Prague, Vienna and Budapest with a Local Specialist

Visit St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague, and the old Hungarian capital of Esztergom

View the Castle and Old Town of Bratislava, the Hofburg Palace and Imperial Boulevards of Vienna and the Parliament Building in Budapest

See St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Opera House in Vienna

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a hearty Hungarian Be My Guest dinner with the Schieszl Family



"We were delightfully surprised by Prague. The landmarks, people, and charm were second to none."

- Kurtis Fischer

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Day 1 Welcome to Munich The sophisticated city streets of Munich kick off your adventure through the capitals of Imperial Europe. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director this evening for an orientation tour, including views of the Marienplatz and its iconic Glockenspiel, before a Welcome Dinner to launch your journey. (D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Munich Westpark

Day 2 Journey to Medieval Regensburg

and Prague This morning visit Regensburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an unspoilt medieval gem. Cross the Czech border and head to Prague, your home for the next two nights. Consider joining an evening introduction to this fairy-tale city on private transport and with a little strolling, before enjoying a drink in a quaint restaurant as a musician entertains and discover parts of Prague that we have not seen yet.

(B) Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham **Andel's Prague** 

Day 3 Discover Colourful Prague Delve into centuries of history as you join a Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour of Prague. View the impressive architecture of St. Vitus Cathedral in the grounds of the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle. Cross the river on your walking tour to the Old Town Square to see the Astronomical Clock, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. The afternoon is yours to explore the city on your own. Perhaps take a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava as we tell you about the legends, myths, culture and hidden secrets of this enchanting city while you enjoy a lunch of local specialities. (B)



**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE** 



Meet the women of Mareena café over coffee and freshly baked goods. This organisation provides employment opportunities to migrant women, giving them financial independence and facilitating their integration into Slovakian society.

Day 4 Onwards to Slovak Bratislava and **Budapest** Cross the lush landscapes of Moravia and stop in Bratislava to admire its eclectic Gothic, Baroque and Art Deco

architecture. In the Old Town, stop for a pickme-up and unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a social business café providing employment opportunities for vulnerable women. Continue across the Hungarian border before arriving in Budapest, the 'Paris of the East'. (B) Hotel: Novotel Danube

Day 5 Explore Riverside Budapest Admire all the highlights of Budapest on a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the famous Chain Bridge which connects two ancient settlements that straddle the Danube, and the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district. Spend the rest of the day at leisure or join an Optional Experience visit to Szentendre, a picturesque medieval town located on the banks of the Danube. Later, you'll join the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian dinner at our Be My Guest experience. Connect With Locals and hear the story of their winery. (B, D)

Day 6 Venture to Vienna A leisurely start to your morning could see you joining an Optional Experience guided tour of the magnificent Parliament Building, Cross the hilly landscapes of Transdanubia stopping in Győr to soak up its medieval atmosphere. Arrive in Vienna for an evening at leisure to indulge in the captivating melodies, art our newfound friends and architecture of a city that was once home to famous composers. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Vienna -South

Day 7 See the Sights of Vienna Join a Local **Specialist** and explore the imperial splendour of Vienna. Admire the Hofburg Palace, the grand State Opera House and Ringstrasse, then see the ornate colourful roof of St. Stephen's Cathedral, one of the city's most beloved icons. Perhaps consider a visit to the Baroque Schönbrunn Palace with its tranquil gardens or enjoy Vienna's musical talents at one of the performances for which the city is famous. (B)

Day 8 Off to Picturesque Salzburg See the Benedictine Melk Abbey perched on a rocky outcrop above the Danube. Arrive in Salzburg later and embark on a walking tour with a Local Specialist. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Arcotel Castellani

Day 9 Return to Munich Leave Austria behind, bound for the Bavarian Capital, Munich. This evening, we celebrate an unforgettable journey through some of Europe's most memorable cities during a Farewell Dinner with your travel companions and Travel Director. (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo **Royal Hotel Munich** 

Day 10 Farewell Munich Say a fond auf Wiedersehen to Germany, at the end of your exhilarating European experience. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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#### **Departure months**

Year-round

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Salzburg with a Local Specialist

Discover Munich, Regensburg, Bratislava and Győr

View the Marienplatz in Munich, St. Vitus' Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague and the Imperial Boulevards of Vienna

**See** Melk Abbey

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a hearty Hungarian Be My Guest dinner with the Schieszl Family



"From all the amazing friends we met, some of the best food and beer, and too many spectacular sights to list made it a special trip."

- Sean Baxter

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**Day 1 Welcome to Berlin** Start your Central European adventure in Berlin. Explore this remarkable city before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner. **(D) Hotel: Hilton** 

Day 2 Explore Bustling Berlin Explore an iconic landmark of Berlin during an experience at the Berlin TV Tower. Enjoy inspiring 360° views of the city, then see the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden with a Local Specialist. Spend some free time this afternoon exploring the city. (B)

#### Day 3 Journey to Poznań and on to Warsaw

We travel through patchwork farm landscapes stopping in Poznań, before arriving in the modern Polish capital, Warsaw. Check in and dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo Royal

Day 4 Discover Historic Warsaw Join a Local Specialist this morning to explore Warsaw's colourful historic centre, including the Old Town. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city's sights on your own. Consider a visit to the Wilanów Palace, a priceless testimony to the splendour of Poland's royal past, and treat yourself to a Chopin recital, before joining your travel companions this evening for a delicious Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

#### Day 5 Onwards to Auschwitz and Kraków

Today we journey south from Warsaw and to the Auschwitz Memorial Site Auschwitz Memorial Site, a poignant reminder a poignant reminder of one of the greatest tragedies of World War II. Our visit includes a guided tour of Auschwitz. We then continue to the enchanting city of Kraków. (B, D) Hotel: Qubus

Day 6 See the Sights of Kraków We take to the beautiful streets of Kraków, joining a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the medieval Old Town. Visit the Mariacki Church, see Wawel Castle, then enjoy panoramic views of the city from Wawel Hill. The rest of the day is yours to explore the sights. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine. (B)

Day 7 Venture through Slovakia to Budapest Drive south through the Tatra mountains and across the border into Slovakia. Continue to Hungary and arrive later in the majestic capital of Budapest. (B) Hotel: Mercure Korona

#### Day 8 Uncover the Treasures of Budapest

We join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour. Spend the rest of the day exploring on your own or consider a trip to Szentendre, a lively riverside town renowned for its art life. This evening, we **Connect With Locals** and join the Schieszl family for dinner and hear the story of their winery at our **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, D)** 

Day 9 Off to Vienna Cross the hilly Transdanubia region to Vienna, where a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience awaits during a tasting of sustainable wine. (B) Hotel: Imperial Riding School, Autograph Collection



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



Sustainable production, protection of the natural environment and high quality wine is what defines Cobenzl winery. Taste their award winning wines during a tour of their vineyard.

Day 10 Admire Vibrant Vienna Tread in the footsteps of Mozart, Haydn and Strauss, on an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the Parliament Building, the 13th-century Hofburg Palace, State Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Spend the rest of the day discovering the city at your own pace. Consider joining an Optional Experience to a famous local hostelry for traditional Austrian cuisine and a musical performance. (B)

**Day 11 Venture to Prague** Travel north to the Czech Republic and visit Tábor, once a Hussite stronghold. This afternoon, arrive in the city of Prague. **(B, D) Hotel: NH City** 

#### Day 12 The Old Town and More in Prague

Join a **Local Specialist** this morning and visit St. Vitus Cathedral, cross the Vltava to the Old Town Square and view the 14th-century Astronomical Clock. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)** 

Day 13 Journey to Frankfurt Journey across the German border, stopping in Nuremberg before arriving in Frankfurt. Spend the last evening with your travel companions and Travel Director at a Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

**Day 14 Farewell Frankfurt** We say farewell to our newfound friends. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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**Departure months** 

Year-round

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Berlin, Warsaw, Kraków, Budapest, Vienna and Prague with a Local Specialist

Visit the Berlin TV Tower, Poznań, the former concentration camp at Auschwitz, St. Mary's Church and the Cloth Hall in Kraków, Győr, Tábor, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague

**View** the famous Reichstag and Tiergarten in Berlin, Kraków Cathedral and Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków and the Castle District in Budapest

**See** Hofburg Palace and the Opera House in Vienna

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a hearty Hungarian Be My Guest dinner with the Schieszl Family



"This was my first Trafalgar trip and the greatest experience was the wonderful people who I continue to travel with! Lifelong friendships."

- Elissa Siegel

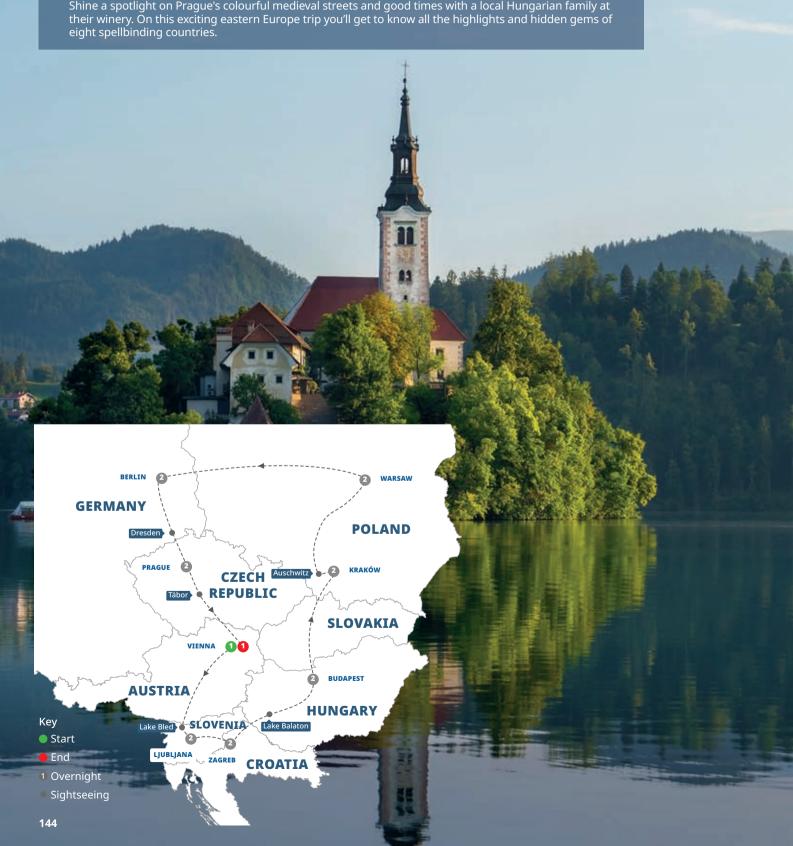
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# Highlights of Eastern Europe

17 Days | 8 Countries | 24 Meals | Balanced Activity

Shine a spotlight on Prague's colourful medieval streets and good times with a local Hungarian family at



Day 1 Welcome to Vienna Admire Vienna's Hofburg Palace, Imperial Boulevards and the beloved St. Stephen's Cathedral in the company of a Local Specialist. This evening, we enjoy a Welcome Reception at your **Stays** With Stories accommodation, the Hilton Danube Waterfront. (WR) Hotel: Hilton **Danube Waterfront** 

Days 2 - 6 Journey to Lake Bled -Ljubljana - Zagreb - Onwards to Lake **Balaton and Budapest** Pass to Slovenia, arriving later at Lake Bled. In Ljubljana, join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour to see the Opera House, Cathedral, National Museum, Three Bridges Square and Castle. Travel to Croatian capital Zagreb on day 4 to explore a tale of two hilltop settlements and Zagreb's alluring streets. Join a Local Specialist who will share the landmarks of the city's Lower and Upper Town, including the Gothic Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, the Opera House and St. Mark's Church. On day 6 we cross the border into Hungary, enjoy a photo stop on the shores of Lake Balaton and continue to Budapest our home for the next two nights.

#### **Day 7** Explore Architectural Budapest

Today, we join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the Castle district to admire views of the Danube and Fisherman's Bastion. See the Parliament and the Great Synagogue. Stop for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at an inclusive café. Later, we meet the Schieszl family and Connect With Locals over dinner at our Be My Guest experience (B, D)



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® **EXPERIENCE** 



Meet Nina at her studio to discover the secrets behind Licitar, the traditional and richly decorated heart-shaped Croatian cookies.

#### Days 8 - 13 Slovakia to Kraków -Auschwitz and Warsaw - Berlin Journey through Slovakia to the enchanting Polish city of Kraków. Amble through the beautiful streets of Kraków with our Local Specialist, admiring views of the Royal Castle and

Cathedral on Wawel Hill. Spend the afternoon exploring the city or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Journey to the former concentration camp at Auschwitz on day 10, and in the evening, arrive in the elegant capital of Warsaw. Join a Local Specialist on a visit to the Old Town and the site of the Warsaw Ghetto on day 11. Spend the rest of the day seeing the sights. Day 12 is taking you to Bustling Berlin: journey across Poland's patchwork countryside along the Autostrada Wolności (Motorway of Freedom). In Berlin, a capital city with an enviable vouthful verve and charisma, you'll enjoy an evening at leisure to explore the city your way, before indulging in spectacular panoramic views from the Berlin TV Tower the next day. Join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour through the great landmarks of Berlin, including the Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden Boulevard and the Reichstag Building.

#### Day 14 Onwards to Dresden and Prague

Travel through the Spreewald Forest to Dresden where your orientation tour will reveal insights into the city's restoration. See the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. Arrive later in glorious Prague. Spend your evening savouring hearty Czech flavours during a Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) **Hotel: Vienna House Diplomat** 

#### **Day 15** Discover Colourful Prague

Explore exquisite Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque façades as you ramble through the ancient streets of Prague with your Local Specialist who will share insights into the city's centuries-old history. Marvel at Prague Castle and the Cathedral of St Vitus, then pass the Old New Synagogue on our way to the Old Town Square. Don't miss the hourly walk of the Apostles at the famous Astronomical Clock during your free time exploring. Perhaps indulge in some delicious sweet pastry Trdelník in the Old Town Square, admire the view from Petřín Hill or consider a relaxing cruise on the Vltava. (B)

Day 16 Through Southern Bohemia to Vienna Journey through the lush green and golden landscapes of southern Bohemia, stopping in Tábor, once a Hussite stronghold. Later, we travel to the imperial city of Vienna, where we'll enjoy a final Farewell Dinner together. (B. D) **Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront** 

Day 17 Farewell Vienna Say a fond farewell to your newfound friends and an epic adventure together through eastern Europe. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Apr - Oct

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore Vienna, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Budapest, Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin and Prague with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Dresden

Visit Lake Bled in Slovenia, Castle Hill District in Budapest, Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków, the former concentration camp at Auschwitz, Berlin TV Tower, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague and Tábor

**View** Lake Balaton, the Archbishop's Palace and the Opera House in Zagreb, Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków and Brandenburg Gate in Berlin

Be My Guest Enjoy a hearty Hungarian Be My Guest dinner with the Schieszl family



"Loved exploring the city of Dresden. Amazed at how they rebuilt it from the rubble. I was fascinated by seeing history up close."

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**Day 1 Welcome to Zagreb** This epic Croatia and Slovenia tour kicks off in the political and cultural capital of Zagreb where you'll discover the treasures of its past. You'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers later this evening for a Welcome Dinner and orientation drive. **(D) Hotel: Zonar Zagreb** 

Day 2 Sightseeing in Zagreb Zagreb's medieval heart is the star of the show today – your Local Specialist reveals its charming upper town. The beauty of Bled isn't far off and you'll head through Slovenia's green landscapes for this popular lakeside resort town. (B) Hotel: Park Bled

#### Day 3 Explore the beauty of lakeside Bled

There's time for a scenic boat ride on Lake Bled today to view the 17th century Church of Assumption as an Optional Experience before today's exclusive **Be My Guest** experience with Monika, Gregor and their five children. You'll visit their Slibar farm, in their family for six generations, and learn all about their sustainable way of life. **Connect With Locals** and discover their new organic beer, bread and pasta. **(B, D)** 

#### Day 4 Onwards to Ljubljana and Opatija

Leaving Bled behind, we travel to Ljubljana. You'll see the Old Town with its two medieval town squares linked by narrow lanes, the Prešeren Square, the Opera House, the National Museum and Castle. Next, we stop in Postonja for a visit of the caves. After that, we head to Croatia's riviera and settle into a slower pace in Opatija. (B) Hotel: Astoria Designhotel

**Day 5 Enjoy a Day in Pula and Rovinj** Start your day in Pula on Croatia's Istrian Peninsula where your visit to the 1st-century Pula Arena with a **Local Specialist** will reveal the city's role as a strategic location for the Romans, Ostrogoths, Venetians and the Allied Forces in World War II. The fishing port of Rovinj is up next and we'll wander through the Old Town, exploring its Mediterranean influences. **(B)** 



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Admire the irresistible beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO-listed protected area and home to bears, wolves and many rare bird species. Day 6 Off to Stunning Plitvice Few experiences will match today's guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Plitviče, one of the oldest and largest national parks in Croatia. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll choose one of two walks revealing the cascading lake waters shifting from azure to green, grey to blue. (B, D) Hotel: Atrium

Day 7 Admire Historic Trogir and on to Split Join your Local Specialist in Trogir to explore its charming medieval heart. You'll visit Diocletian's Palace around which the city of Split was built and Dive Into Culture hearing how Emperor Diocletian settled on this stunning landscape for his retirement. Your Local Specialist will share the remnants of luxurious squares and temples that still stand many centuries later. (B) Hotel: Atrium

Day 8 Split Your Way Discover why Split has earned its nickname 'the most beautiful city in the world' with a full day to explore its heart and beyond. People-watch in Pjaca Square where citizens of Split have met for centuries, then ascend the bell tower for magnificent views of the sprawling terracotta roofs and white marble façades that seem to tumble into the Adriatic. You could choose instead a full-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian Islands. (B)

Day 9 From lunch in Ston to the 'Pearl of the Adriatic' The impressive walls of Dubrovnik beckon, but not before we stop to admire the extraordinary walled city of Ston, with its dramatic views and laid-back fishing village atmosphere. Continue to Dubrovnik, much adored by famous poets, playwrights and painters. (B) Hotel: Lero

#### Day 10 Explore Iconic Dubrovnik All

the highlights of Dubrovnik and some local favorites are revealed today on a Sightseeing tour of the city with your **Local Specialist**. On our last evening, we'll come together for a memorable Farewell Dinner toasting to the beauty of the Adriatic and new friendships forged. **(B, D)** 

**Day 11 Farewell Dubrovnik** Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Year-round

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Zagreb, Pula, Rovinj, Plitvice National Park, Trogir, Split and Dubrovnik with a Local Specialist

> **Discover** Ljubljana, Bled, Opatija and Ston

View the Park of Sv. Jakov in Opatija

**See** The Triple Bridge and Castle of Ljubljana and the Old City of Dubrovnik

**Visit** the Postonja caves

**Be My Guest** Join Monika, Gregor and their children for dinner and a quided walk around the farm in Bled



"I loved being able to see all the beautiful views from Lake Bled and the Croatian Coast. As a solo traveller I enjoyed meeting new friends and sharing cultural experiences together" - Michelle Pye

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# Balkan Delight

12 Days | 3 Countries | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity



Day 1 Welcome to Zagreb Embark on an epic discovery of the Balkans, a once-troubled region and today a land of diverse cultures and traditions. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. (WR) Hotel: Zonar Zagreb

Day 2 Explore Historic Zagreb Join a Local Specialist to delve into the city's rich history. See the majestic cathedral on Kaptol, St. Mark's Church and admire the Opera House. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own enjoy panoramic city views from Strossmayer promenade, pay tribute to Zagreb's patron saint at the Stone Gate or wander through the Old Town. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Kumrovec and enjoy a delicious meal of regional specialities with views of the Croatian countryside. (B)

Day 3 Journey to Sarajevo We journey to Sarajevo, also known as the 'Jerusalem of Europe'. Delving into the depths below Sarajevo, we join a Local Specialist for an insider tour of the Bosnian war tunnel. Hear war-time tales of bravery and tragedy. This evening, join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel

Day 4 Uncover Sarajevo's Secrets Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of the city's Old Town, past the largest mosque in the Balkans. During your free time this afternoon perhaps ramble along Copper Street seeking treasures, or drink from the fountain of Sebilj to secure your return to Sarajevo. (B)

Day 5 Along the Dalmatian Coast to
Dubrovnik We journey to the secluded
coves and dramatic cliffs of the Dalmatian
coast. En route to Dubrovnik, we stop at the
magnificent Mostar Bridge. A Local Specialist
will provide tales of this impressive bridge.
Meet a traditional coppersmith artisan on a
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, before
continuing to the ancient city of Dubrovnik.
This evening, consider joining a private sunset
cruise with dinner, enjoying the best views
of this enchanting city from the water. (B)
Hotel: Lero

#### Day 6 Discover Picturesque Dubrovnik

Stroll through the limestone streets of this stunning medieval city, joining a Small Group Sightseeing walking tour of the main sights of Dubrovnik with a **Local Specialist**. Admire the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Consider taking a walk along the top of the city walls. This evening, we **Connect With Locals** during a wonderful **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, D)** 

**Day 7 A Day in Montenegro** Dazzling natural surroundings are ours to enjoy today as we travel to the Republic of Montenegro, where we will meet a **Local Specialist** and head toward the mouth of the Bay of Kotor.

Celebrate centuries of history in Kotor, with its Venetian palaces and medieval churches. We return to Dubrovnik this evening and dine at our hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Onwards to Split Arriving in the vibrant city of Split. Enjoy a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist featuring the historic inner city. Dive Into Culture and admire the façades of Diocletian's Palace, which today forms half of the Old Town of Split. See the city's Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle and the Cathedral. (B) Hotel: Corner

**Day 9 Split Your Way** Indulge in a full free day to discover Split on your terms or consider a full-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian islands. **(B)** 

Day 10 Admire Trogir's Architecture and on to Plitvice This morning, we visit the walled island of Trogir with a Local Specialist. The stone town is a boon for lovers of art and Renaissance, Baroque and Romanesque architecture. We leave the coast and journey to the forested National Park of Plitvice, where we will dine tonight at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Palcich

Day 11 Return to Zagreb Plitvice's multitude of lakes and waterfalls are explored today on a walking tour with a Local Specialist. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll be enchanted by the exquisite beauty of this UNESCO listed natural wonder. We return to Zagreb for a final Farewell Dinner together. (B, D) Hotel: Zonar Zagreb



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Admire the irresistible beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO-listed protected area and home to bears, wolves and many rare bird species.

**Day 12 Farewell Zagreb** Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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**Departure months** 

Apr - Oct

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Zagreb, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Split, Trogir, and Plitvice National Park with a Local Specialist

**Visit** the War Tunnel in Sarajevo and Diocletian's Palace in Split

**View** the Cathedral in Zagreb, the Rector's Palace and city walls in Dubrovnik and the lakes and waterfalls of Plitvice National Park

**Be My Guest** Gain an appreciation for Croatian hospitality during a locally-sourced meal amidst the vine-laden hills of the Konavle valley



"What I saw was one of the best views I had ever seen, the landscape the architecture and beautiful sunshine were so lovely that I didn't want to come down."

- Azar Ahmadi

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

#### Day 2 Journey to Transylvania and Braşov

A full day of sightseeing stretches ahead, beginning in Bucharest where you'll join a **Local Specialist** to delve into the city's tumultuous history. See the immense Palace of the Parliament. Venture to Sinaia and view Peleş Castle. Then, continue to Braşov and check in to your hotel in Poiana Braşov ski resort. **(B, D) Hotel: Ana Sport** 

#### Day 3 Dracula's Castle and More in Brasov

Visit Bran Castle, the legendary home of Dracula, with a **Local Specialist** and learn about its history. Journey to the medieval streets of Braşov and step back in time with a **Local Specialist**. This evening, consider joining your travel companions for an optional dinner. **(B)** 

#### Day 4 Continue to Medieval Veliko

**Târnovo** Head south, through ancient villages and tranquil landscapes into Bulgaria. Your journey ends in Veliko Târnovo, former capital of the Bulgarian Empire. Join your travel companions for dinner at your hote (**B**, **D**) **Hotel: Yantra Grand** 

Day 5 Onwards to Historic Sofia Join a Local Specialist to appreciate the fairytale façades of Veliko Târnovo, exuding medieval history around every turn. Next, visit the UNESCOlisted town of Arbanasi. Visit the Church of Holy Nativity before continuing to Sofia. (B) Hotel: Astoria Grand

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

#### Day 7 Journey to Macedonian Skopje

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

**Day 8 Off to Albania and Tirana** Head to the Albanian capital of Tirana where, on arrival, you'll join a **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour. You'll view such highlights as the Palace of Culture, the National Library and the Clock Tower before enjoying dinner at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn** 

Day 9 Journey to Montenegro's Kotor and Budva Soak up Montenegro's natural beauty as journey to Kotor for an orientation tour. Travel to Budva next where your Travel Director will provide an orientation tour. (B) Hotel: Iberostar Slavija

#### Day 10 Venture to Mostar and Sarajevo

A Local Specialist will lead you through Mostar's colourful cobbled streets. View the Stari Most and meet a traditional coppersmith artisan on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Then, head to Sarajevo to delve into the city's rich multicultural heritage. Tonight enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel



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Meet Denis, one of the last traditional coppersmith artisans in Mostar.

Learn about specialised techniques to design elaborated copper jewellery and appreciate the importance of this traditional craft.

#### Day 11 Discover Sarajevo Join a Local

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

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

#### Day 13 Explore Riverside Belgrade

Your **Local Specialist** will share the sights and sounds of Belgrade from an insider's perspective this morning. This evening, reminisce over this shared travel experience at a rousing Farewell Dinner. **(B, D)** 

**Day 14 Farewell Belgrade** Say a fond doviđenja as you bid your new-found friends farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

Apr - Oct

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Bucharest, Braşov, Veliko Târnovo, Sofia, Skopje, Tirana, Mostar, Sarajevo and Belgrade with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Kotor and Budva

Visit Bran Castle in Braşov, Tsaravets Fortress in Veliko Târnovo, the Church of Holy Nativity in Arbanasi, Sofia, Kotor, Budva, the War Tunnel in Sarajevo and Kalmegdan Fortress in Belgrade

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

**See** the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest

**Be My Guest** Learn about local cuisine and viticulture traditions during a visit to Kartal Winery

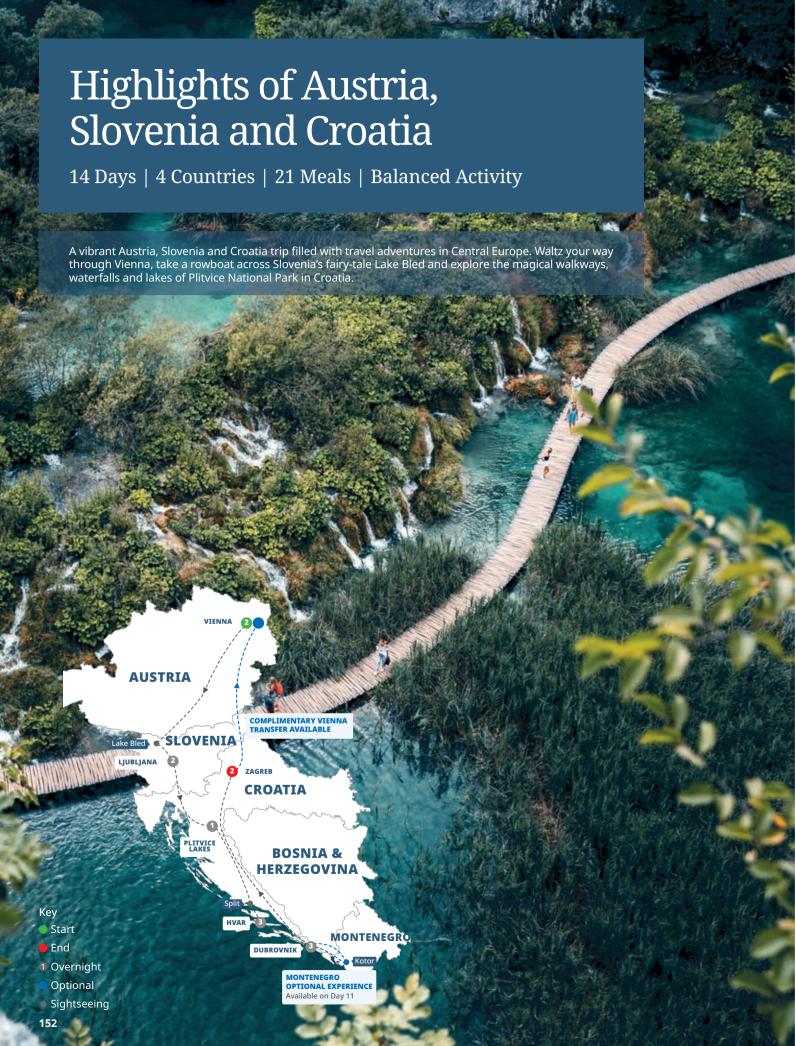


"The Balkan countries are beautiful and have a rich history, culture and artwork! This trip opened our eyes to a wonderful section of the world."

- Sheila Erickson

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**Day 1 Welcome to Vienna** Waltz your way through Vienna, the 'City of Music'. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past some of the city's dazzling sights. **(WR) Hotel: Renaissance Wien** 

**Day 2 Discover Imperial Vienna** Your **Local Specialist** will share iconic sights such as the Opera House, Parliament, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the 13th-century Hofburg Palace. **(B)** 

Day 3 Journey to Stunning Lake Bled and Ljubljana We journey south via the breathtaking Loibl Pass to Slovenia and the rustic natural retreat of Lake Bled. Consider joining an Optional Experience to visit Bled Island and admire Lake Bled's crystal clear waters. Later, we travel to Ljubljana where we stay for two nights. (B, D) Hotel: One66

**Day 4 Ljubljana Sightseeing and At Leisure** A **Local Specialist** will share some of the Ljubljana's most iconic sights, including the Cathedral, Three Bridges Square and Castle. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)** 

Day 5 Venture to Plitvice Lakes Travel across the Croatian border to Plitvice, where you will enjoy a very special MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a Local Specialist and admire the beautiful waters reflecting green, grey and blue against the lush landscapes. (B, D) Hotel: Palcich



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Admire the irresistible beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO-listed protected area and home to bears, wolves and many rare bird species.

Day 6 Off to Split and Hvar Island Today, we travel to Croatia's sun-kissed Dalmatian coast to the city of Split where we will meet our Local Specialist and Dive Into Culture on a tour of Diocletian's Palace. View the Cathedral and Baptistery of Split, once

the Temple of Jupiter, before travelling to Hvar for a relaxing three-night stay. (B, D) Hotel: Amfora

#### Day 7 Explore Beautiful Hvar Island

Enjoy a leisurely guided walking tour with a **Local Specialist** to Hvar's Old Town and **Connect With Locals** over lunch cooked in a traditional style at our exclusive **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, L)** 

Day 8 Hvar Island Your Way Restore your spirit, relaxing in beautiful surrounds on this full free day to do as you wish. Explore the gorgeous rocky coastline on foot or join an Optional Experience taking in the island's sights and tastes, with a stop at one of Europe's oldest settlements, Stari Grad. (B)

#### Day 9 Cross the Water to Dubrovnik

Journey south along the picture-perfect Dalmatian coast, past seaside villages to the medieval city of Dubrovnik. (B) Hotel: Ariston

Day 10 Uncover the Picturesque City Your Local Specialist unveils the labyrinth of lanes and main sights of this medieval city. Admire the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, before spending time on your own. This evening we enjoy a Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11 Dubrovnik Your Way Tread in the footsteps of Lord Byron and George Bernard Shaw, who were intoxicated by the allure of Dubrovnik. Later, consider joining an Optional Experience to Montenegro to see the incredible Bay of Kotor. (B)

Day 12 On to Colourful Zagreb We leave the splendour of Dubrovnik behind as we head north to the Croatian capital of Zagreb, our home for the next two nights. This evening we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Zonar Zagreb

Day 13 Uncover Zagreb's Treasures Join a Local Specialist this morning for an exploration of the Upper and Lower Towns of this traditional medieval city. You'll see the majestic Cathedral, the Opera House and St. Mark's Church. The afternoon is yours to stroll through the Old Town or consider an Optional Experience to Kumrovec in the countryside. This evening, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner celebration. (B, D)

Day 14 Journey Home Bid your travel companions a fond farewell at the end of a memorable holiday together. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B) Please Note: Your coach returns from Zagreb to Vienna on Day 14. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer. Drop-off in Vienna will be at the Trafalgar Vienna hotel and not at the airport. Arrival will be approximately 6pm, depending on traffic conditions.

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**Departure months** 

May - Sep

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Vienna, Ljubljana, Plitvice National Park, Split, Hvar Island, Dubrovnik and Zagreb with a Local Specialist

**Visit** Diocletian's Palace in Split

View the Cathedral of Hvar Island

**See** the Hofburg Palace and Imperial Boulevards of Vienna, the Castle of Ljubljana, the Old City of Dubrovnik and the Cathedral of Zagreb

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a lunch cooked in traditional style using ingredients from the family's farm



"Hvar is a serene long endlessly scenic island smack dab in the middle of it all Trafalgar includes a Be My Guest experience, a gourmet meal of veal lamb or octopus our choice, cooked under an iron bell. And we topped it all off with homemade grappa - everyone sang It was one of my most memorable birthdays."

- Debbie Horvath

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



Day 1 Welcome to Oslo Prepare for a spellbinding encounter with nature – an untamed landscape of fjords, lakes and dense forests that begins in the understated capital of Oslo, set within beautiful natural surrounds. Spend the day exploring the city's interesting architecture and exquisite open spaces, before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a light meal and welcome drink to kick-start your journey. (D) Hotel: Thon Cecil

Day 2 Journey to Scenic Geilo and Hardangerfjord We journey along the shores of the Tyrifjord to the ski resort of Geilo with its scenic location at the foot of Hallingskarvet, before continuing across the Hardanger Plateau to Voringfoss, a cascade of water that plunges impressively into the Måbødalen Canyon below. We continue to Hardangerfjord – its title as the 'Queen of the Fjords' is well deserved and you'll have an opportunity to admire its deep blue waters as you travel along part of its shoreline to your hotel in Norheimsund where you will dine tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Thon Sandven

Day 3 Onwards to Beautiful Bergen A scenic drive along lakes and fjords will bring us to the 'Capital of Fjords', Bergen. We'll learn about the city's Hanseatic heritage, enjoying an orientation tour past the 13th-century Haakon's Hall and bustling fish market. Enjoy some free time to explore this colourful city. This evening, Connect With Locals as the Øvre-Eide family welcome us on their farm for dinner and a very special Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Thon Orion

Day 4 Off to Voss and Stunning Sognefjord
Delving straight back into Norway's inspiring
natural landscapes, we continue to the 'King
of Fjords', travelling via Voss, the country's
adventure capital. There's some free time
to embark on an Optional Experience on
the Flåm Railway, one of the most beautiful
train journeys in the world. Tonight, we
overnight at one of Trafalgar's Stays With
Stories, nestled right on the breath-taking
Sognefjord. (B, D) Hotel: Sognefjord

Day 5 Continue to Geirangerfjord Journey from Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord, to Geirangerfjord. See the impressive Bøyabreen glacier, part of Jostedalsbreen, continental Europe's largest glacier. Your day is filled with pinch-me moments as you skirt past three different fjords. Tonight, we stay on the shores of the fjord at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories. (B, D) Hotel: Havila Geiranger

Day 6 A Day at the Breathtaking Geirangerfjord The Geirangerfjord takes centre stage today, you'll get to explore it your way today. You could choose to take a scenic cruise past its tumbling waterfalls and snow-capped peaks. Perhaps take the short drive to Flydalsjuvet viewpoint for a breathtaking panoramic view of the fjord below. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon soaking up your epic surrounds, or consider joining an Optional Experience to drive Norway's most famous road, the Trollstigen, with its eleven hairpin bends. (B)

Day 7 Venture to Historic Lom and Lillehammer We enjoy a scenic drive to Lom, the gateway to the Jotunheimen Mountains. Here, we will Dive Into Culture and visit a 12th-century stave church, adorned with runic inscriptions, paintings and carved dragon figures that are said to protect it against evil. We continue through the Gudbrandsdal Valley to Hunderfossen for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a Local Specialist. Later we arrive in Lillehammer, the proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (B) Hotel: Scandic Victoria



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In Hunderfossen, stop at one of Norway's largest power station where a Local Specialist unveils the secrets of Norway's sustainable energy and shows you one of the largest fish ladder.

Day 8 Return to Oslo We return to Oslo where we spend the day exploring several of the city's highlights with a Local Specialist, including views of the medieval fortress of Akershus, overlooking Oslo's beautiful harbour, the Opera and the 19th-century Royal Palace. We finish our tour with a visit to the fascinating Vigeland Sculpture Park, proudly displaying the life's work of Gustav Vigeland. After a magnificent encounter with Norway's epic natural landscapes, we enjoy our last evening together at a Farewell Dinner, toasting to a memorable trip. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Solli

Day 9 Farewell Norway Our journey through the fjords, falls and forests of Norway has come to an end. We bid our newfound friends a fond farewell and prepare to return home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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**Departure months** 

May - Sep

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Oslo with a Local Specialist

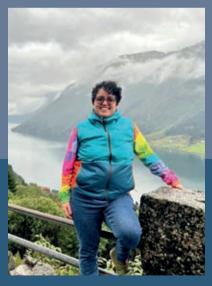
**Discover** Bergen

**Visit** Hardangerfjord, Geirangerfjord, a medieval Stave Church and Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo

**View** Voringfoss, Steinsdalsfoss, Haakon's Hall in Bergen, Akershus, the Opera and Royal Palace in Oslo

**See** Sognefjord, Boyabreen Glacier and Hamar Olympic ice arena

**Be My Guest** Dine with the Øvre-Eide family on their working farm in Norway



"I was able to see the land of the trolls, see a glacier, experience the fjords, swim in a fjord with friends, and many more things. This was a truly special trip."

- Adriana Corado

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Day 1 Welcome to Copenhagen On arrival, transfer to your hotel in the heart of Copenhagen's most elegant district. Start your Scandinavian adventure with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Amager Faelled. Then spend your free time strolling through the happiest city in the world before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a light meal and welcome drink. (D) Hotel: Phoenix



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Join an exclusive experience at Amager Faelled, a small neighbourhood in Copenhagen. Led by a community member, stroll through the small nature reserve, hear stories of life in the neighbourhood and enjoy unparalleled views over the city.

#### Day 2 Explore Historic Copenhagen

Connect with the heartfelt hygge of your Danish hosts when you join a Local **Specialist** for a sightseeing tour that will reveal all the highlights of Copenhagen's Old Town. See the 17th-century Børsen, Christiansborg Palace and the Little Mermaid, demurely overlooking Langelinie Promenade. See the home of Denmark's beloved royal family, Amalienborg Palace, then spend the rest of the day exploring Copenhagen your way. (B)

Day 3 Journey to Oslo Cross the Øresund by ferry and wind your way north, through the Swedish countryside past Gothenburg to Norway. You'll want to keep your camera at the ready to capture the scenic landscapes that line your route to Oslo, Norway's modern buzzing capital. (B) Hotel: Scandic Solli

Day 4 Vikings and More in Oslo Tread in the footsteps of the Vikings this morning as you join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will reveal Oslo's long-standing seafaring heritage. See the medieval fortress of Akershus, the elegant Royal Palace and Oslo Opera House. Visit a wonderland of Norwegian sculptures left behind by Gustav Vigeland in his sculpture park, then enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city on your

terms. You could choose instead to embark on an Optional Experience to learn about Norwegian explorers. (B)

Day 5 Onwards to Stockholm Enjoy a scenic drive south through Norway's lush forest landscapes to Sweden. Journey past Lake Vänern, the largest lake in Sweden, before stopping in the countryside to connect with locals at a special **Be My Guest** lunch. Husband and wife team Niklas and Anna will welcome you to their renovated 19th-century church and explain their philosophy of using local produce to delight all your senses. Later, arrive in Stockholm and indulge in a free evening to explore 'Beauty on Water'. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the first Ice Bar in the world. (B, L) Hotel: Elite **Palace** 

#### Day 6 Discover Beautiful Stockholm

Discover Stockholm with your Local **Specialist** for a sightseeing tour this morning. See Stockholm's historic mother church, Storkyrkan, the Royal Palace and the Swedish Parliament, then Dive Into Culture on a visit to the City Hall, home to the annual Nobel Prize banquet. This afternoon you could do as the locals do and indulge in fika (coffee and cake), embracing the Swedish philosophy of lagom. Tonight consider an Optional Experience to cobbled Gamla Stan for a walking tour followed by a traditional Swedish meal. (B)

#### Day 7 Embark on an Overnight Cruise

Consider spending your free morning on an Optional Experience to Drottningholm Palace. The cool capital of Finland beckons as you board your overnight cruise to Helsinki, passing through Stockholm's archipelago across the Baltic Sea. (B)

Day 8 Arrive in Vibrant Helsinki Continue your cruise across the Baltic, arriving in Helsinki in time to join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Stop for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at an inclusive café. See the modern marble façades of Finlandia Hall, the Senate and the colourful stalls in Market Square. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner to celebrate your time with new friends. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn City Centre

Day 9 Helsinki at Leisure Explore Helsinki at leisure or perhaps join a full-day Optional Experience to cruise to the beautiful capital of Estonia, Tallinn. With its walled, cobblestoned Old Town, you will feel like you've stepped into the pages of a fairytale. (B)

Day 10 Farewell Scandinavia Say a fond farewell to your new friends and prepare for your return journey home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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#### **Departure months**

Mar - Oct

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm and Helsinki with a Local Specialist

**Visit** Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo and the City Hall in Stockholm

**View** the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen and Finlandia Hall in Helsinki

**See** Børsen, Christiansborg Palace and Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen, Akershus, the Royal Palace and the Opera House in Oslo, Storkyrkan, Riddarholmen Church and the Royal Palace in Stockholm, the Sibelius Monument, the Olympic Stadium and the Opera House in Helsinki

Scenic Cruise across the Baltic Sea

Be My Guest Enjoy an organic dining experience with Niklas and Anna



"This trip was special to me because I got to spend quality time with my Mom, see her happy and be able to learn new things together while making long lasting memories." - Ella Fiumara

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**Day 1 Welcome to Copenhagen** Spend the day discovering Copenhagen before enjoying a late afternoon orientation drive and a light meal and welcome drink with your Travel Director and travel companions. **(D) Hotel: Marriott** 

Day 2 Explore Historic Copenhagen Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the iconic sights, including the Amalienborg Palace Quarter. See the 17th-century Stock Exchange, Christiansborg Palace and the Neoclassical Cathedral, and the Little Mermaid. Enjoy time to explore on your own. (B)

Day 3 Journey past Stunning Scenery to Randers Start the day with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Amager Faelled. Journey to Odense, then continue across pastoral landscapes to Randers. Tonight, we stay at one of Trafalgar's Stays With Stories – Hotel Randers. (B) Hotel: Randers



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Join an exclusive experience at Amager Faelled, a small neighbourhood in Copenhagen, led by a community member. Take a stroll through the small nature reserve threatened by urban development, hear stories of life in the neighbourhood and enjoy unparalleled views over the city.

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

#### Day 5 Onwards to Colourful Bergen

Embark on an island hop from Stavanger to Bergen and see the Haakon's Hall, fish market and colourful Bryggen Quarter. This evening, we **Connect With Locals** over dinner at a special **Be My Guest** experience, visiting the Øvre-Eide farm, worked for five generations by the same family. **(B, D) Hotel: Thon Orion** 

**Day 6 Bergen Your Way** Enjoy a full free day in Bergen your way. Consider an Optional Experience to Telavåg a centre for the WWII Norwegian Resistance. **(B)** 

Day 7 Enjoy the Spectacular Flåm Railway and on to Sognefjord We

drive east to the ski resort of Voss. **Dive**Into Culture on the Flåm Valley train
ride past the Kjosfossen Falls. Later,
arrive in Sognefjord, 'King of the Fjords',
where we will stay at one of Trafalgar's
Stays With Stories, the Sognefjord
Hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sognefjord

Day 8 Continue to Geirangerfjord

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

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

Day 10 Venture to Historic Lom and Lillehammer Today we will Dive Into Culture and visit a 12th-century wooden stave church. We continue through the Gudbrands Valley before arriving in Lillehammer, the proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Victoria

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

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

Day 13 Discover Beautiful Stockholm We meet our Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the waterside City Hall and see the medieval Storkyrkan, Riddarholm Church and the Royal Palace at the heart of Stockholm's quaint Old Town. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a

Day 14 Farewell Scandinavia Bid Stockholm and your newfound friends a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

Farewell Dinner this evening. (B, D)

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**Departure months** 

Apr - Oct

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm with a Local Specialist

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

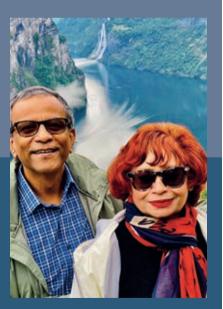
**Visit** the Stave Church in Lom, Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo and Stockholm's City Hall

**View** the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen and Haakon's Hall in Bergen

**See** Hamar Olympic ice arena and Oslo's Royal Palace

**Scenic Train Ride** through the Norwegian countryside to Flåm

**Be My Guest** Dine with the Øvre-Eide family on their working farm in Norway

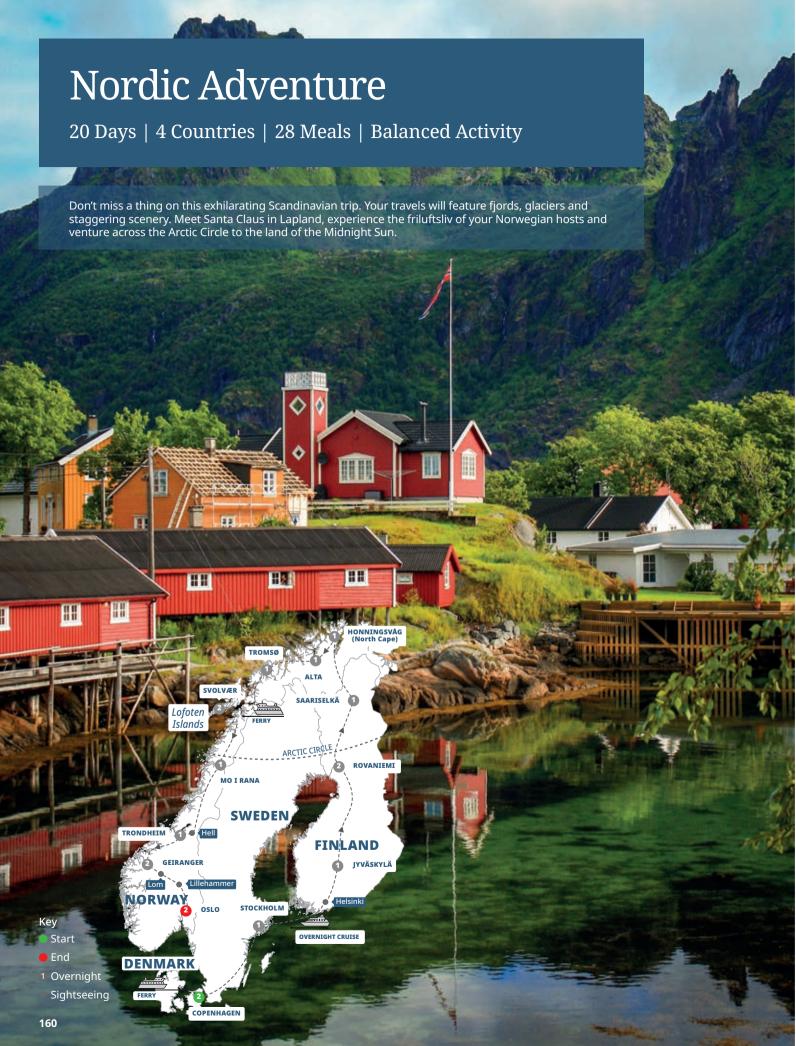


"Trafalgar's sterling staff take you to a dizzying stratosphere of excitement with all the additional frills."

- Mita Dey

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#### Days 1 - 2 Welcome to Copenhagen

The capital of Denmark is brimming with character. On arrival, transfer to your hotel, then spend the rest of the day discovering the city. Then meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a light meal and welcome drink. A **Local Specialist** reveals all the highlights of Copenhagen on this morning's sightseeing tour. See Amalienborg Palace, the Little Mermaid and the 17th-century Stock Exchange. **(D, B) Hotel: Marriott** 

Days 3 - 4 Journey to Stockholm You'll leave Copenhagen this morning, travelling north to Helsingør. Here you'll board the ferry to Sweden and the city of Stockholm. Stockholm's imposing City Hall, is the highlight of this morning's sightseeing with a Local Specialist. Later, we leave Stockholm and board our overnight ferry to Helsinki.

Day 5 Arrive in Helsinki and on to Jyväskylä Disembark your ferry after breakfast, just in time to join your Local Specialist for a morning sightseeing tour. The heart of Finnish Lakeland is your next stop. Tonight's Be My Guest experience in Jyväskylä as you Connect With Locals over a traditional dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Verso

#### Day 6 Onwards to the Arctic Circle

Leaving Jyväskylä after breakfast, we head to Rovaniemi. Enjoy the scenery as we journey north towards the Arctic Circle. We stay at one of Trafalgar's **Stays With Stories** tonight. **(B) Hotel: Scandic Pohjanhovi** 



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Saariselka: Terhi, our local biologist guide, takes us on a discovery walk through the wilderness of the Urho Kekkonen National Park, to hear stories about the unique nature and rare species of the area.

# Days 7 - 8 Exploring Santa Claus's Hometown Enjoy an orientation with your Travel Director who will show you Lumberjack Bridge and Lappia Hall. Later, perhaps pay a visit to a pioneer farm and the Arctic Centre where you'll Visit Santa at his Santa Claus Village. Dive Into Culture and see his office and post office. Travel north to the popular winter-sports resort of

Saariselkä. Meet Terhi, a biologist guide, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a wilderness walk in the Urho Kekkonen National Park.

Day 9 Venture to Northernmost Honningsvåg It doesn't get much further north in Norway than Honningsvåg, the gateway to the North Cape. After dinner at your hotel, head to the North Cape Visitor Centre to see the Midnight Sun. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Nordkapp

Day 10 Continue to Alta Arriving in Alta, you'll view the modern Northern Lights Cathedral. Later, you could join an optional visit to a Husky Farm. (B) Hotel: Thon Alta

#### Days 11 - 13 Tromsø and Stunning Lofoten

Follow the winding route to Tromsø, the 'Gateway to the Arctic'. Discover Tromsø on your free evening. You'll journey south from Tromsø to Svolvær, the perfect base from which to explore Norway's Lofoten Islands. But first, dinner at your hotel.

**Day 14 Cross the Arctic Circle to Mo I Rana** You'll see glaciers and fjords as you wind your way towards Mo I Rana, passing Saltfjellet-

Svartisen National Park, Junkerdal National Park and the 'Blood Road', built by prisoners during World War II. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Meyergarden

#### Day 15 Onwards to Colourful Trondheim

This morning we journey south to Trondheim, stopping en route in the village of Hell, Norway. This afternoon, you'll see Trondheim's 11th-century Nidaros Cathedral and the ornamental red portals of the Old Town Bridge. **(B) Hotel: Scandic Lerkendal** 

#### Days 16 - 17 On to to Scenic Geirangerjord

Norway's remarkable fjord takes centre stage today, it's inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Spend the night at one of Trafalgar's **Stays with Stories** - Hotel Havila Geiranger. Consider an Optional Experience along Trollstigen Road with its 11 hairpin turns carved into the steep mountain slope.

Day 18 Venture to Historic Lom, Lillehammer and Oslo Dive Into Culture and visit a 12th-century wooden Stave church, then head to Lillehammer, host to the 1994 Winter Olympic games. Your final stop tonight is Oslo. (B) Hotel: Scandic Solli

**Day 19 Vikings and More in Oslo** Join your **Local Specialist** for a sightseeing tour, including views of the medieval fortress of Akershus, the Opera and the 19th-century Royal Palace. Visit the Vigeland Sculpture Park then spend the rest of the day at leisure. Tonight, you'll come together one last time for a fitting Farewell Dinner. **(B, D)** 

**Day 20 Journey Home** Bid your new friends a fond farewell and prepare for your return trip home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

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Apr - Sep

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki and Olso with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Rovaniemi and Trondheim

Visit City Hall in Stockholm, Santa Claus Village, Saariselkä, Honningsvåg, North Cape Visitor Centre, Alta, Tromsø, Svolvær, Geirangerfjord, the Stave church in Lom, Lillehammer and Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo

**Be My Guest** Dine in Jyvaskyla and learn all about the 'Athens of Finland'



"Troll hunting in Norway!"

- Elizabeth Bartlett

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# Iceland including the Blue Lagoon

6 Days | 1 Country | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity Embrace adventure on this Iceland journey with the Blue Lagoon, featuring all the natural and manmade highlights of this ethereal world of fire and ice. The highlights? A walk in the ancient Thingvellir National Park and rewarding soak with the locals in geothermal waters. **ICELAND** BORGARNES REYKJAVIK Key SELFOSS Start End 1 Overnight Sightseeing 162

Day 1 Welcome to Reykjavík Your epic journey through lush lava fields and the windswept landscapes of Iceland begins in the quirky capital of Reykjavík. The northernmost capital of the world seems infused with vivid colour, from the bustling byway of Laugayegur to the enthusiasm of the city's friendly locals. Spend time exploring Iceland's Viking heritage, pay tribute to the sun and snap a selfie in front of The Sun Voyager or stroll around the lively Old Harbour, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink and Canapes to kick-start your love affair with Iceland. This evening, check into the Grand Hotel Reykjavík, our **Stays With** Stories accommodation, where you'll get to hone your appreciation for Icelandic art and marvel at the dramatic glass masterpiece by local artist Leifur Breiðfjörð, on proud display as you check in. Hotel: Grand Reykjavik

Day 2 Journey to Revkholt and on to Borganes Explore the small capital city of Reykjavík on a sightseeing tour with your Travel Director this morning. You'll view the glass façades of Harpa Concert Hall, Austurvöllur Square and Hallgrímskirkja Church, whose other-worldly architecture is a nod to Iceland's volcanic origins. Head to the tiny fishing town of Akranes to visit its Folk Museum and lighthouse. View Deildartunguhver, Europe's highest-flowing hot spring, followed by a visit to Reykholt, famously the former 13th-century home of one of Iceland's most loved authors, Snorri Sturluson. Nature takes centre stage as you end your day and admire Hraunfoss and nearby Barnafoss (Children's Falls) to learn about the tragic legend that gave these rapid waters its name. (B) Hotel: B59

Day 3 A Day to Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula Bundle up warmly as you make your way to the wild, sea-swept Snæfellsnes Peninsula. The Peninsula is fondly known as 'Iceland in miniature' for boasting all those natural treasures - volcanoes, glaciers and waterfalls - in just 55 miles (90 km). Explore on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience, cruising Breiðafjörður Bay. Sample Viking 'sushi' and marvel at the quaint fishing villages and black sand beaches. Keep your eyes peeled for the star of the show, the Snæfellsjökull glacier, famous for being the location for Jules Verne's novel 'Journey to the Centre of the Earth'. Return to your hotel in Borgarnes to enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

Day 4 Onwards through Thingvellir National Park to Gullfoss, Geysir and Selfoss Visit the 'Golden Waterfall' of Gullfoss, then head to the world-famous hot spring area of Geysir with its lively Strokkur which spouts water some 100 feet (30 m) into the air every few minutes. You'll also see first-hand how the movements of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates have carved into the Earth's crust in the UNESCO-

listed Thingvellir National Park. This evening, Connect With Locals with a local storyteller and her songwriter husband, and delve into their colourful family history, then join them for dinner at an exclusive Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Selfoss

Day 5 Admire Reykjanes and Blue Lagoon and Return to Reykjavík Start the day with a visit to Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station in Hellisheiði. the second largest of its kind in the world. During this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience learn why Hellisheiðarvirkjun is a world leader in the utilisation of geothermal energy. You can almost feel the Earth simmering under the surface as you journey across Reykjanes Peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark at the southwestern tip of Iceland. View Strandarkikja, then watch as sulphurous steam emerges from the lunar landscapes surrounding Lake Kleifarvatn, fed by waters that originate underground. Continue to Grindavík and Dive Into Culture at its world-famous Blue Lagoon (please remember to pack your swimwear), sinking into its milky-blue waters amidst the surrounding black lava field. Soak up the restorative properties of its mineral-rich waters and healing mud, which is said to do wonders for your skin, before returning to Reykjavík for your final evening with new friends. Tonight, you'll toast to an enriching journey through Iceland at a rousing Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Reykjavik



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Experience first-hand how green, sustainable energy is produced at Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station in Hellisheidi.

**Day 6 Farewell Iceland** For now, it's time to say a fond farewell to Iceland after an unforgettable trip. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)** 

### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

Year-round

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Discover** Reykjavík

**Visit** Akranes Folk Museum, the 'Golden Circle' (Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir Hot Spring Area and Thingvellir National Park) and the geothermal Blue Lagoon

View Harpa Concert Hall, Austurvöllur Square, Hallgrímskirkja Church, Waterfalls at Hraunfoss and Barnafoss, Deildartunguhver Hot Spring, Snæfellsnes Peninsula (Stykkishólmur, Arnarstapi, Snæfelljsökull National Park and Borgarnes), Sellfoss and Reykjanes Peninsula (Strandarkikja and Grindavík)

> **See** Hvalfjörður (Whale Bay), Grundarfjörður Fishing Village, Lake Kleifarvatn and Krýsuvík

**Be My Guest** Join a local storyteller and her famous songwriter husband for an exclusive dinner



"Iceland holds a special place in our heart. Loved the streets painted in the colours of rainbow representing the acceptance of all and the unique picturesque landscapes which indeed is a miracle of nature"

- Aman Malla

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# More Central and Eastern Europe trips

A delight for every explorer, with history waiting around every corner. Read the full itineraries at trafalgar.com.



#### Guest favourite: Iago's wine cellar

A memorable travel experience awaits on this trip to a traditional wine cellar in Kakheti, where you'll learn about Georgia's ancient wine-making history. Your hosts, Iago and his wife Marina, will show you around their winery and share what life is like as wine producers in Georgia. Your exclusive Be My Guest experience will give you a real insight into the ancient secrets of Georgian wine production, which dates back more than 8,000 years, and you'll discover how historians believe Georgia to be the birthplace of wine. You'll even get to sample some of the local wines that have been produced using a UNESCO-listed traditional method – a highlight on this Georgia and Armenia Uncovered experience and an unforgettable reminder of your travels through Georgia.

Georgia and Armenia Uncovered, day 5

# Sound of Music

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Munich, Oberammergau, Innsbruck, Berchtesgaden, Salzburg, Mondsee, Vienna, plus more

The perfect travel experience for lovers of the outdoors and history, this trip inspired by The Sound of Music brings the beauty of the Alps and familiar views from the silver screen to life. You'll hear all the stories of Bavaria and beyond spending quality time with locals.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

VIP Admission to the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna

**Explore** Salzburg and Vienna with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Munich, Oberammergau and Innsbruck

Visit Neuschwanstein Castle and Mondsee

**View** Wilten Basilica and the Golden Roof in Innsbruck and Mozart's Birthplace in Salzburg

**Be My Guest** Dine with the Klaushofer family on their Salzburg farm

### Find your tour

Departure months: May - Sep

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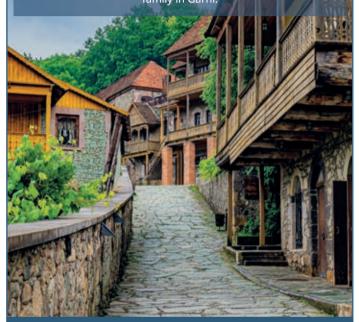
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# Georgia and Armenia Uncovered

11 Days | 2 Countries | 20 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Cities: Tbilisi, Akhasheni, Dilijan, Goris, Yerevan, plus more

Wander far off the beaten track on this Georgia and Armenia trip, from wine tasting to the holy spring and spiritual songs of Geghard Monastery. Get to grips with local life in the foothills of the Caucasus Mountains and learn how to make lavash with a family in Garni.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Tbilisi and Yerevan with a Local Specialist

**Visit** Bodbe Monastery in Sighnaghi, Uplistsikhe Cave Town, Stalin's Museum in Gori, Yerevan's Genocide Memorial and a local brandy distillery

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a master class in Georgian bread making and Churchkhela sweets in Kakabeti village

**Be My Guest** Sample wines as Lago and his wife Marina in Chardakhi

Be My Guest Make Lavash bread with a local family in Garni

### Find your tour

**Departure months**: May - Sep

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# Best of Poland

11 Days | 1 Country | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Warsaw, Gdańsk, Toruń, Wrocław, Zakopane, Kraków, Częstochowa, plus more

Get stuck into Polish comfort food as you experience the Best of Poland. Discover Warsaw's proud history, Kraków's enduring beauty and Gdańsk's glowing amber trade as you gain insight into the resilience of the Polish people.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Warsaw, Gdańsk, Toruń, Wrocław and Kraków with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Zakopane

Visit the Old Town in Warsaw, the European Solidarity Centre, the UNESCO World Heritage town of Toruń, Aula Leopoldina in Wrocław, the Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Church in Kraków, the former concentration camp of Auschwitz and Jasna Góra Monastery in Częstochowa

**Be My Guest** Enjoy a farm lunch made with local and home grown produce

### Find your tour

Departure months: Mar - Oct

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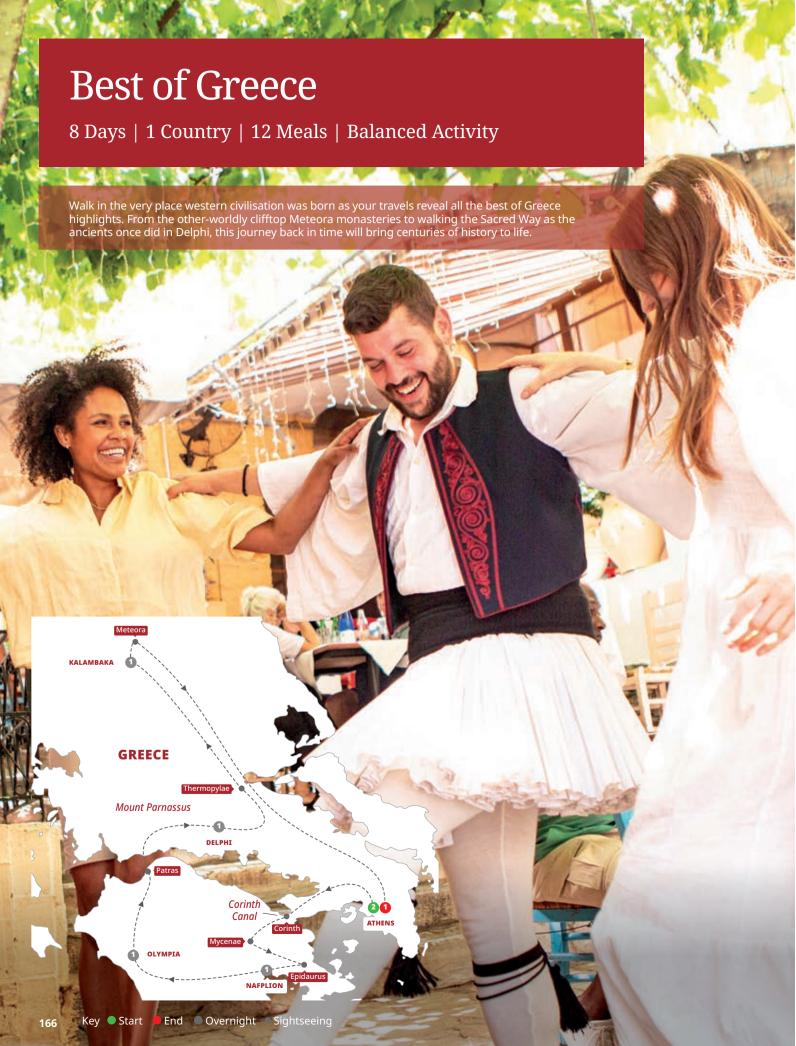
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Day 1 Welcome to Athens Put the 'oh' in opa and embark on an unforgettable exploration of an ancient land of gods and goddesses, myths and legends. Your springboard to your spellbinding holiday is the vibrant capital of Athens, an effortless mix of ancient treasures and modern verve, which you will have an opportunity to explore after being transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a light meal. (D) Hotel: Divani Caravel/Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

Day 2 Explore Amazing Athens Join your Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour to the ancient complex that was once the 'Cradle of Western Civilisation'. We'll explore the Acropolis with its treasures and admire the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena, the Royal Palace, Temple of Zeus and the Agora. Dive Into **Culture** and see remarkable displays of an ancient world during an included visit to the Acropolis Museum, and see Hadrian's Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy on your own. Stroll through the Plaka, or go in search of the city's tastiest souvlaki. (B)

Dav 3 Journey to Corinth, Mycenae and Nafplion We depart Athens crossing the Corinth Canal to the Peloponnesian Peninsula. Arriving in Corinth, we join a Local Specialist to explore an ancient city that several empires fought over throughout the centuries. We continue to Mycenae, a mighty kingdom of Ancient Greece, where we'll see the Beehive Tombs (the Treasury of Atreus), the Lion Gate and the remains of Agamemnon's Royal Palace, in the company of a Local Specialist. Later, we'll travel to Epidaurus to visit the ancient theatre and view the Sanctuary of Asclepius, the God of Medicine. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Nafplio

Day 4 Continue to Ancient Olympia We traverse the Mountains of Arcadia to ancient Olympia, the site of the first Olympic Games held in 776 BC. This evening, we Connect With Locals joining the Karambellas family for dinner on their olive and wine farm at a Be My Guest experience featuring traditional dancing and characteristic Greek philoxenia. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Olympia

Day 5 Onwards to Patras and Delphi We join a Local Specialist this morning to delve into centuries of history. We'll visit the ancient Olympic site, the museum and the ruined remains of the Temples of Zeus and Hera. Leaving Olympia, we travel north to Patras, crossing the Gulf of Corinth to mainland Greece before continuing to Delphi. (B) Hotel: Amalia Delphi

#### Day 6 Off to Thermopylae and Kalambaka

Tread in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks, who would descend on the sanctuary of Delphi to consult with the most important oracle in the classical world. Join your

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

Local Specialist and walk the Sacred Way to the 4th-century Temple of Apollo. View the statues immortalising the strength of the athletes who once competed in the Pythian Games. Continue on to a family-ran honey farm for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**® Experience. Taste the rich thyme honey freshly collected from the hive and come up close to the unique biodiversity of the area. A scenic afternoon drive brings us to Thermopylae, famous for the heroic defence by Leonidas and his brave Spartans against the invading Persians. We cross the lush Thessalv region, the 'breadbasket of Greece'. then travel on towards Kalambaka. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Kalambaka



**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE** 



Meet passionate beekeeper Nikiforos at his honey farm. See the bees thriving in their natural habitat and learn about their role in nature regeneration.

**Day 7** Admire Meteora and Return to Athens The UNESCO World Heritage monasteries of Meteora are our first stop today. Join a Local Specialist to visit two of the six Eastern Orthodox monasteries that cling impressively to immense, rounded rock towers overlooking the town. A scenic drive returns us to Athens, where we'll enjoy a rousing Farewell Dinner with our travel companions and reminisce over an incredible journey through Greece. (B, D) Hotel: Divani Caravel/Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

Day 8 Farewell Athens We say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and the treasures of Greece after an unforgettable journey or why not join a 3 or 7-day Aegean cruise. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers (B)

#### **Cruise Extensions**

Extend your time in Greece with a cruise extension. Choose between three and seven days cruising the Aegean Sea (p.168 & 169). Or why not add our 'Greek Island Hopper' trip after your visit to the mainland (p.174)? Visit trafalgar.com for itinerary details.

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Year-round

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Visit the Acropolis and Museum in Athens, the ancient ruins in Corinth, the ancient theatre at Epidaurus, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, and the

View the Parthenon, Agora, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the battle site at Thermopylae

**See** the Corinth Canal, the Lion Gate and Agamemnon's Palace at Mycenae

Explore: Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth, with a Local Specialist

**Be My Guest** Dine and dance with the Karambellas family on their olive and wine farm



"By giving us the chance to work in environmental education by the Grecian apiculturists at Moka Honey, it made travel matter!"

- Valerie Leavitt

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Days 1 - 7 As Per Best of Greece All overnights, meals and inclusions as per pages 166 - 167.



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Meet passionate beekeeper Nikiforos at his honey farm. See the bees thriving in their natural habitat and learn about their role in nature regeneration.

#### Day 8 Embark and Cruise to Stunning

Mykonos We leave the bustling city streets of Athens and cruise to Mykonos, where the Windmills of Kato Mili extend a warm evening welcome as they have to arriving seafarers for centuries. You'll have the evening free to explore the winding lanes of Chora, strolling past whitewashed cottages and tumbling

cerise bougainvillea. As the sun sets over Mykonos, there's no better place for cocktails than Little Venice. (B, L, D)

Day 9 Continue to Ancient Ephesus and Patmos Visit the Turkish shores of Kusadasi for a complimentary Shore Experience to ancient Ephesus. We continue to Patmos, the site where the Book of Revelation was written by St. John. Here, you can choose to see the Cave of the Apocalypse and St. John's Monastery as an Optional Experience. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10 Cruise to Crete and on to Santorini

Choose to explore Crete's ancient Minoan culture and heritage at the Palace of Knossos. Admire the brightly coloured wall paintings and explore centuries of history. Or you may opt to drive into the beautiful countryside and experience the true flavour of Cretan lifestyle. Continue to Santorini, rising out of the Aegean with its distinctive cliff-top towns. Consider an optional Shore Experience this afternoon, passing villages and vineyards bound for Oia with its white buildings and blue-domed churches. (B, L, D)

Day 11 Disembark in Athens This morning, disembark from your cruise ship for your transfer to the airport. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

### Find your tour

#### **Departure months**

May - Sep

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### Included highlights and must-sees

Explore Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth, ancient Ephesus with a Local Specialist

**View** the Parthenon, Agora, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the battle site at Thermopylae

**See** the Corinth Canal, the Lion Gate and Agamemnon's Palace at Mycenae

**Visit** the Acropolis and Museum in Athens, the ancient ruins in Corinth, the ancient theatre at Epidaurus, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, and the incredible rock monasteries in Meteora

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#### Days 1 - 7 As Per Best of Greece

All overnights, meals and inclusions as per pages 166 – 167.

Day 8 Athens Your Way Spend the day at leisure on your own and see the city's ancient sites. (B) Hotel: Divani Caravel/Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza

**Day 9 Embark on Your 7-Day Cruise** Spend the morning on your own exploring what was once the 'Cradle of Western Civilisation'. See the city's ancient sites before boarding your cruise ship this afternoon for your cruise through the Aegean. **(B, D)** 

Day 10 Explore the Vibrant Streets of Thessaloniki Today you will have time to explore Greece's second largest city. Walk along the waterfront and enjoy the many cafes along Aristotelous Square and see ancient monuments such as the Arch of Galerius. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11 Explore the Iconic Ephesus Ruins

Arrive in Kusadasi, your gateway to the ancient Greek City of Ephesus. You'll join an included Ancient Ephesus sightseeing tour revealing the Hellenistic and Roman heritage of this UNESCO-listed site before returning to your ship for your evening departure. (B, L, D)

Day 12 Cruise to Crete Start your morning on Crete, Greece's largest island and the fifth largest in the Mediterranean. Home to myths and legends, including Zeus' birthplace and the Minotaur, you may choose to embark on an epic tour to the capital city of Heraklion.

Alternatively drive deep into the beautiful countryside and experience the true flavour of Cretan lifestyle. (B, L, D)

Day 13 Enjoy Sunny Santorini Wake up in Santorini, the Cycladic Island with sheer cliffs and dazzling panorama. Explore the capital of Thira, with its clifftop restaurants and cafés, breath-taking views, and amazing sunsets. Consider an optional Shore Experience this afternoon, passing villages and vineyards bound for Oia with its white buildings and blue-domed churches that vie for the best views over the caldera. This evening is free for you to explore the island's buzzing nightlife. (B, L, D)

**Day 14 Marvel at Mykonos** Enjoy a full free day to explore the narrow rambling streets of Chora. You could choose an optional visit the Sacred Island of Delos, the birthplace of Apollo. **(B, L, D)** 

Day 15 Journey to Milos Dock in the former home of the famous Venus de Milo. There's time to explore the 'Island of Colours' on an Optional Experience. Alternatively you may prefer a trek to the heart and soul of Milos, sampling the best of local cuisine. Depart this evening for Athens, celebrating a final evening on board with new friends. (B, L, D)

**Day 16 Disembark in Athens** This morning, disembark from your cruise ship for your transfer to the airport. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers (B)

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#### **Departure months**

May - Sep

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Corinth, ancient Ephesus with a Local Specialist

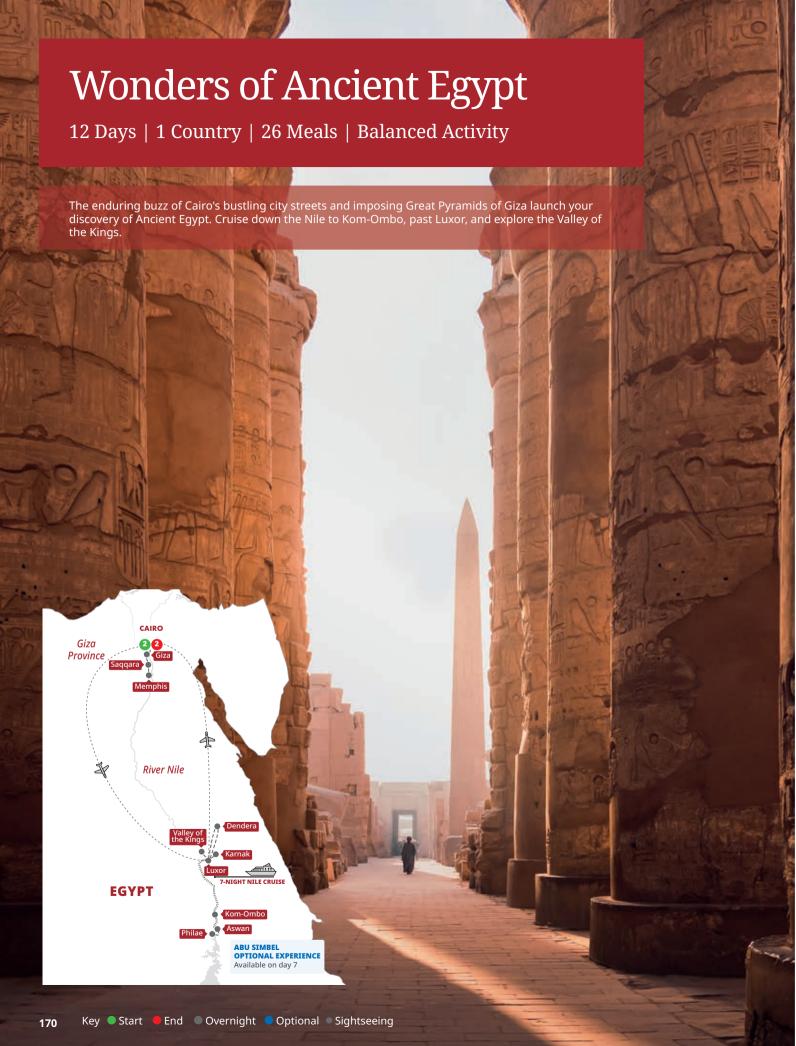
Visit the Acropolis and Museum in Athens, the ancient ruins in Corinth, the ancient theatre at Epidaurus, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, and the incredible rock monasteries in Meteora, ancient Ephesus,

View the Parthenon, Agora, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the battle site at Thermopylae

**See** the Corinth Canal, the Lion Gate and Agamemnon's Palace at Mycenae

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Day 1 Welcome to Cairo Delve into the antiquities of Egypt on this epic journey. As you transfer to your hotel for a day at leisure, you'll feel the intoxicating buzz of this lively city. Hotel: Ramses Hilton

Day 2 Admire the Wonders of Giza Immerse yourself during a full-day excursion to the old kingdom of Egypt. See the Colossus of Ramses II and the Alabaster Sphinx at Memphis. Visit the Step Pyramid at Saggara, then marvel at the Great Pyramid of Giza and the mighty Sphinx. (B)

Day 3 Fly to Luxor and Embark on Your Nile Cruise We fly to Luxor this morning and embark on a guided tour of the Karnak Temple Complex, before boarding our cruise in time for lunch. Later, marvel at Luxor's Temple and visit the Luxor Museum to see an astounding collection of archaeological treasures, including items from Tutankhamun's tomb. (B, L, D) Hotel: Nile Cruise

Day 4 Explore Ancient Dendera Pay tribute to the Goddess Hathor at Dendera Temple. Beautifully preserved and elaborate in its design. You'll learn about Dendera's role as one of the major capitals of ancient Upper Egypt before sailing to Kom-Ombo. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Journey to Aswan Today, we travel to Aswan, which for centuries held the important strategic role of being Egypt's southern frontier and gateway to the rest of Africa. Today it is a tranquil, modern city, most known for its High Dam, Nubian villages and Philae Temple, built to honor Egyptian goddess Isis. We arrive in time for dinner, watching the buzz of the city from the comfort of our boat. (B, L, D)



**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE** 



Meet the ladies behind the local women's co-op and see discarded materials come to life as they are being turned into fine handicrafts. The organisation provides an important source of income for the vulnerable women of the co-op.

#### Day 6 The High Dam and More in Aswan

During your sightseeing in Aswan, you'll see how the ancient Egyptians chose a stunning place to honor the goddess of love and you'll learn how the Temple of Isis on Philae Island was nearly lost. Later, meet the wonderful ladies of a local Women owned co-operative on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Our final stop today is a visit to the High Dam, the world's largest embankment dam which ended the cycle of flood and drought along the Nile River. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Onwards to Philae and Kitchener's Island Today could see you join a once in a lifetime Optional Experience to Abu Simbel, carved into a solid rock cliff in Egypt's Nubian Valley. As you approach the Great Temple, you'll marvel at the four-seated colossi on either side of the entrance and the elaborate engravings depicting great victories and paying homage to the gods. Later, you'll set sail in a traditional felucca around the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island. a haven for rare exotic birds and unusual plants. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Off to Ancient Kom-Ombo We visit the roofless Temple of Kom-Ombo, a highlight along the Nile, where we'll learn how the temple was built to honor two gods, Horus the Elder and Sobek. The Temple has a perfectly symmetrical design, the two sides a mirror of each other with one side dedicated to the crocodile god, the other to the falcon god. You'll learn all about the mythical link and why the Nile crocodile were of such importance to the ancient Egyptian priests. (B, L, D)

Day 9 Sail to Stunning Luxor Watch how the river gives life to an arid landscape and the people who live within it as you sail down the Nile to Luxor. Every moment spent exploring the temple complexes of Karnak and Luxor will leave you enthralled. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10 Disembark and Fly to Cairo

Disembark in Luxor and Connect With Locals as you enjoy a traditional Be My Guest experience with freshly baked bread, honey and mint tea. Explore the West Bank complex of mortuary temples and tombs, including Queen Hatshepsut's Temple, the Colossi of Memnon and the Valley of the Kings. Then fly to Cairo. (B, L) Hotel: Ramses Hilton

Day 11 Discover Colourful Cairo Your sightseeing tour today will include a visit to the Hanging Church of St. Mary and the Sultan Hassan Mosque in Old Cairo, see the ancient Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque. This afternoon, Dive Into Culture when you visit the Egyptian Museum, before later enjoying the sound and light show at the Great Pyramids. (B)

Day 12 Farewell Cairo Our expedition at its end, say a fond farewell to your newfound friends. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

### Find your tour

**Departure months** 

Year-round

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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Luxor and Cairo with Egyptologist

Visit the temples of Karnak, Luxor Museum, the temple dedicated Luxor Temple, the Temple of Isis on the island of Philae, the Temple at Kom-Ombo, Queen Hatshepsut's Temple and the Colossi of Memnon in Luxor, the Valley of the Kings and the Egyptian Museum in Cairo

View the Step Pyramid in Sakkara, the Great Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, the High Dam and the Unfinished Obelisk in Aswan, the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island, the Citadel, Alabaster and Sultan Hassan Mosques in Cairo

Be My Guest Enjoy warm mint tea and freshly baked local bread with the El Boerey family in a Luxor village



"From Alexandria to the Abu Simbel Temples, we had a great expereince. Our local guide provided the personal touch we have come to expect from Trafalgar Tours. A trip of a lifetime."

- Nelia Bell

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# Best of Turkey

14 Days | 1 Country | 24 Meals | Balanced Activity

From the legends of Troy to ancient Greek cities, your travels will reveal the places where history happened. On this in-depth Best of Turkey voyage, you'll also venture into the Taurus Mountains for lunch with the Yazir community and relax on the shores of the Turkish Riviera. **TURKEY** Key Start End 1 Overnight Sightseeing 172

Day 1 Welcome to Istanbul Your journey of discovery through ancient lands and empires starts in Istanbul. Transfer to your hotel, then join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Light Meal. (D) **Hotel: Arts Taksim** 

#### Day 2 Discover Colourful Istanbul

Spend your day delving into a city where modern and ancient coexist effortlessly. Gain insights into the Ottoman Empire's power during your guided tour of the Topkapi Palace and see the 4th-century Egyptian obelisk. Visit Hagia Sophia and the Hippodrome. See the exquisite Blue Mosque, said to rival even the Great Mosque in Mecca. Dive Into Culture this afternoon, with a visit to the Grand Bazaar. Spend your afternoon haggling with passionate market vendors lining its labyrinthine lanes. This evening, consider an optional dinner with Turkish folk and belly dancing. (B)

#### Day 3 Journey to Gallipoli and

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

#### Day 4 Off to Troy, Pergamon and Izmir

Explore the legend of Troy, visit the ancient Asclepion Medical Centre in Pergamon, then travel to Izmir. (B, D) Hotel: Kaya **Izmir Thermal** 

Day 5 Explore the Ruins of Ephesus Stroll through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus. See the House of Virgin Mary at Mt. Koressos then spend the rest of the day at leisure. This evening you may consider joining an optional dinner at a local restaurant in Izmir and indulge in some of the local raki. (B)

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

#### Day 7 Venture to Hierapolis and Antalya

Visit ancient Hierapolis and Pamukkale's Cotton Castle Springs. Later, Connect With Locals over a Be My Guest lunch with the Yazir community. Continue to Antalya. (B, L, D) Hotel: Oz Hotel & Resort

Day 8 Enjoy Ancient Perge Enjoy a free morning on the Turkish Riviera. Later, travel to the Roman city of Perge and visit the Antalya Archaeological Museum. (B)

Day 9 On the Road to Aspendos and Konya Witness the world's best-preserved theatre of antiquity during your first stop in Aspendos this morning, before continuing

to Konya. (B, D) Hotel: Dedeman

Day 10 Continue to Cappadocia See a wellpreserved 13th-century caravanserai before your journey to Cappadocia and Saratli. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at King's Valley eco farm. Indulge in a Regional Dinner and stay in one of Trafalgar's **Stays** With Stories located alongside the ancient Ortahisar rock castle. (B, D) Hotel: Exedra



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Meet Ali, our local host and Cappadocian local, for a tour of his family run farm. See the sport where his grandfather's garden once stood, taste freshly baked bread and fresh and dried fruits grown on pigeon natural fertilizer, the traditional farming method for producing a rich and nutritious harvest.

#### Day 11 A Day to Explore Spectacular

Göreme The other-worldly landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as we explore its volcanic landscape dotted with caves and troglodyte dwellings. We visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum to admire the extraordinary rock-hewn churches and Dive Into Culture to learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos before dining in our hotel this evening. (B, D)

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

Day 13 Return to Istanbul Return to Istanbul and explore at leisure. Consider an optional cruise navigating the waters of the Bosphorus before meeting your Travel Director and fellow companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, D) **Hotel: Arts Taksim** 

Day 14 Farewell Istanbul Bid Istanbul and newfound friends a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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Year-round

#### **Special Events & Dates**

Special departure will feature Anzac Day, with time to take in the commemorations and events at Gallipoli.

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### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore** Istanbul with a Local Specialist

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

**View** the Wooden Horse at Troy

Be My Guest Lunch with the Yazir community in the Taurus mountains near Antalya



" An absolutely beautiful morning of sailing on the Mediterranean Sea from Antalya it was spectacular." - Robyn Barrett

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Highlights of Turkey, day 7

# Greek Island Hopper

10 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Cities: Athens, Santorini, Mykonos, plus more

Slow the world right down when you board this Greek island hop and experience how the locals enjoy life on the islands of Santorini and Mykonos. Your journey begins and ends in lively Athens where there's plenty of time to explore ancient treasures and see all the sights.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Athens with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Fira, Oia and Mykonos

Visit the Acropolis in Athens

**View** the Parthenon, Hadrian's Arch and the 1896 Olympic Stadium in Athens

**Sail** the Aegean Sea on high speed ferries from Athens to Santorini, Mykonos and returning to Athens

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Departure months: Apr - Sep

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# Secrets of Greece including Corfu

14 Days | 1 Country | 16 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Athens, Nafplion, Mycenae, Olympia, Corfu, Kalambaka, Thermopylae, Delphi, Galaxidi, Santorini, plus more

An in-depth Greece trip for history buffs and lovers of Greek food and culture. You'll enjoy traditional dinner and dancing on an olive farm, travel to the enchanting island of Corfu and explore ancient sights like Mycenae, Olympia and Delphi you've read about in history books.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Mycenae, Olympia, Meteora, Delphi and Athens with a Local Specialist

Discover Corfu, Metsovo, Meteora and Galaxidi

**Visit** the ancient theatre at Epidaurus, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the monastery of Palaiokastritsa, Achilleon Palace, the rock monasteries in Meteora, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, the Acropolis in Athens

**Be My Guest** Dine and dance with the Karambellas family on their olive and wine farm

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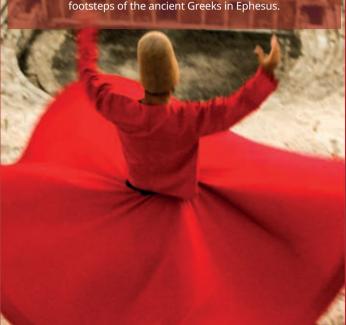
# Highlights of Turkey

10 Days | 1 Country | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity

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Cities: Istanbul, Gallipoli, Çanakkale Troy, Pamukkale, Hierapolis, Konya, Cappadocia, Göreme, plus more

Travel along the age-old trading routes that linked East and West, where the Highlights of Turkey are revealed. Haggle in Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, daydream through the fairy-tale landscapes of Cappadocia and walk in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks in Ephesus.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Istanbul with a Local Specialist

View the Wooden Horse at Troy

Visit the Topkapi Palace, Byzantine Hippodrome and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Anzac Cove and the War Cemeteries at Gallipoli, the Asclepion Medical Centre at Pergamon, the Göreme Open-Air Museum.

**Be My Guest** Bake traditional bread and taste the local wine with the most liberated women in the village of Demircidere

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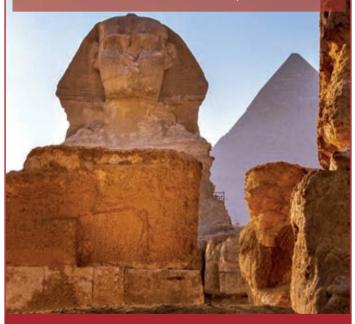
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# Best of Egypt

9 Days | 1 Country | 16 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Cairo, Luxor, Edfu, Kom Ombo, Aswan, Abu Simbel, Giza, plus more

Awaken your inner explorer on this expedition through the lush river valleys and golden desert landscapes of Egypt. Cruise the Nile past the pharaonic temples of Luxor to the Nubian treasures of Aswan. Your voyage will also take you to the mystical Pyramids of Giza, Tomb of the Nobles and the Sphinx.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Luxor and Cairo with an Egyptologist

Visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, the temples of Karnak, the Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatshepsut's Temple and the Colossi of Memnon in Luxor, the Temple of Kom-Ombo and the temple of Isis on the island of Philae

**See** the Ramses II statue and Alabaster Sphinx in Memphis and the Step Pyramid in Saqqara

**Be My Guest** Enjoy warm mint tea and freshly baked local bread with the El Boerey family in a Luxor village

### Find your tour

Departure months: Year-round

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## Best of Israel

8 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Lower Galilee, Acre, Caesarea, plus more

An extraordinary first-hand encounter with familiar places and stories, this Best of Israel travel experience will bring centuries of history to life and reveal the proud traditions of the resilient Jewish people.

You'll also visit Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus and visit Manger Square.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Jerusalem with a Local Specialist

Visit the Fortress of Masada and the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives and the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, the Church of Annunciation in Nazareth, Jesus Boat at the Sea of Galilee, the old Synagogue and the Mount of Beatitudes near Capernaum, the ancient Synagogue and artists' colony at Safed, the underground Crusader City of Acre and the Roman Amphitheatre at Caesarea

**Be My Guest** Lunch with the Hiff awi family in Jaffa and hear their stories of living in a multi-religious society

### Find your tour

Departure months: Year-round

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# Jordan Experience

6 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity

Cities: Amman, Iraq al-Amir, Jerash, Petra, Wadi Rum, plus more

Travel to the 'Rose City' of Petra, the highlight on this Jordan trip. But there's more to discover as you learn about Jordanian culture with the Khzoz family, have dinner with a Bedouin tribe and spend a soulful night gazing at the clear night's sky when you stay in Wadi Rum desert.



### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore** Amman with a Local Specialist

Visit the Greco-Roman city at Jerash, the unique ancient city at Petra, the Crusader Fortress at Shobak and Wadi Rum

**View** the Roman amphitheater and Citadel in Amman, Moses' Promised Land on Mount Nebo and the mosaic map of the Holy Land at Madaba

Scenic Drive on a jeep tour in the Wadi Rum desert

**Be My Guest** Dine with a Jordanian family in their Amman home

### Find your tour

Departure months: Year-round

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Day 1 Welcome to Vienna Write your very own Christmas story on a festive foray to some of Europe's most magical Christmas markets. Our journey begins in Vienna. Take the opportunity to explore on your own before meeting your fellow travellers. Today, your Travel Director will provide an orientation drive of the Austrian capital before dinner. (D) Hotel: Imperial Riding School, Autograph Collection

Day 2 Discover Vienna's Spectacular Christmas Markets Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the Austrian capital. Admire the grand exteriors of Parliament and City Hall and learn about the eventful history of the State Opera House. See Hofburg Palace, which served as the winter palace of the Habsburgs, one of the most powerful royal houses of Europe. We feed our Christmas spirit with a visit to the enchanting Christkindlmarkt this afternoon and feast on delicious gingerbread and Glühwein. Wander past wooden stalls piled high with handcrafted toys, seasonal gifts and tasty festive fare. (B)

Day 3 Journey to Munich Venture along the scenic Danube Valley to Mozart's beloved Salzburg. Dive Into Culture with a Local Specialist on a walking tour to see the Mirabell Gardens and iconic sights that featured in the filming of the 'Sound of Music'. Later, dramatic vistas accompany your journey as you travel past alpine landscapes to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. This evening, dinner is served at the hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo Royal



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Join a unique exploration of Munich's old town to uncover Munich's forgotten advent traditions. Along the way, get a taste of delicious advent treats from small independent businesses.

Day 4 Enjoy Bavarian Munich's Magical Christmas Markets Bundle up and join a Local Specialist for a unique guided journey through Munich's Advent traditions, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

Experience. Explore the quieter streets to learn about well-known Christmas customs and uncover traditions that have largely been forgotten today. Embrace the festive cheer in Marienplatz with its impressive Town Hall and the ornate Glockenspiel. Then, spend the rest of your day savoring the sights, sounds and smells of Munich's Christmas market – a dazzling display of twinkling lights, carols and a magnificent Christmas tree. Continue your feast and indulge in Munich's unrivaled hospitality with an optional visit to enjoy the Gemütlichkeit atmosphere at one of Munich's most traditional restaurants. **(B)** 

Day 5 Off to Innsbruck We leave Munich behind and travel through the romantic Bavarian countryside en route to Oberammergau, there the poignant Passion Play is hosted every ten years. Admire the Bavarian themes depicted in the village's intricate woodcarvings and elaborate frescoes. Continue to Austria's Innsbruck. Indulge in delicious Kiachl doughnuts at the bustling Christmas market before returning to your hotel for dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Tivoli

Day 6 Venture to Lucerne A winter wonderland beckons as we see the ski jump that towers over Innsbruck. Continue to Vaduz to view its turreted castle, perched perfectly above the Liechtenstein capital. Our final stop today is Lucerne, where we'll spend the next two nights. An orientation tour of the city provides an opportunity to take in the history and beauty of Lucerne. See the morose Lion of Lucerne and the famous wooden Chapel Bridge. (B) Hotel: Astoria

Day 7 Explore Lucerne's Festive Glittering Lights This morning choose to join your Travel Director for an Optional Experience to the peak of a nearby mountain top. Embrace the Yuletide cheer in true Swiss-style during a visit to Lucerne's Christmas market at Franziskanerplatz, in the heart of the city's Old Town. Ramble past traditional wooden stalls, a warm mug of Glühwein in hand, and admire the swirling Christmas carousel, filled with the joyful sounds of happy children. For lunch we celebrate our magical journey together during an exclusive Be My Guest experience filled with Christmas cheer as you Connect With Locals in their home. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure or perhaps join an optional cruise on Lake Lucerne. (B, L)

Day 8 Journey Home We bid a festive farewell to our travel companions, returning home with magical Christmas memories. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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**Departure months** 

Nov - Dec

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Vienna and Salzburg with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Munich, Oberammergau, Vaduz, Innsbruck and Lucerne

Visit the Christmas Markets of Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Lucerne and Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein, and join a local family for an exclusive Be My Guest experience in their home.

View Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, the Marienplatz in Munich, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck and the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

**See** stunning alpine scenery

**Be My Guest** Join a local family for lunch in their home



"Enjoying a white Christmas in Salzburg with my eldest daughter. " - Nelie de Villiers

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# Guest favourite: Zurich Walking Tour and Chocolate Tasting

Join Diana and her team of socially-engaged local guides, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to uncover the old town of Zürich during a fun and educational walking tour. Learn about medieval history and current topics of social solidarity while tasting ethical chocolate. This tour directly supports local and womenled businesses in Zürich as well as reduces inequalities within the country by supporting a local non-profit organisation - Essen für Alle (Food for All). Essen Für Alle organizes food distributions in Zürich for people in need, including locals who live below the poverty line as well as immigrants and refugees. This experience addresses SDG goals 10 & 12 - Reduced Inequalities & Responsible Consumption and Production.

Swiss Delight, Day 8

# Swiss Delight

9 Days | 1 Country | 13 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Cities: Geneva, Lausanne, Montreux, Gruyères, Gstaad, Bern, Interlaken, Brienz, Lucerne, Kilchberg, Zürich, plus more

Get swept up in the charm of Switzerland's lively cities and soul-stirring landscapes on this perfect winter break filled with magical Christmas markets, delicious food and plenty of opportunities to shop.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Scenic Drive along Lake Brienz and through the Alps

**Discover** Geneva, Lausanne, Montreux, Gruyères, Bern, Lucerne and Zurich

Scenic Train Ride from Montreux to Gstaad

**View** the Swiss Alps in Interlaken and the Lion Monument, Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

**Be My Guest** Enjoy local flavours at a vineyard overlooking Lake Geneva

### Find your tour

Departure months: Oct - Mar

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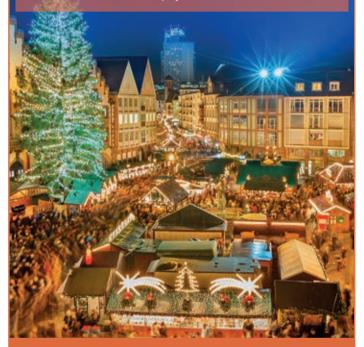
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# German Christmas Markets

8 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Cities: Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Weimar, Dresden, Leipzig, Berlin, plus more

Travel to the enchanting land of Germany's Christmas markets, sharing the festive season spirit and Gemütlichkeit of the locals amidst rousing oompah music and the spicy scents of Glühwein.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Berlin with a Local Specialist

**Discover** Frankfurt and Berlin's TV Tower

**Visit** the Christmas Markets of Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Wartburg Castle (Sat/Sun only), Weimar, Dresden, Erfurt and Leipzig

**View** the Opera House and Zwinger Palace in Dresden and the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag Building in Berlin

> **Be My Guest** Enjoy Swabian and South German flavours for a Farewell Dinner

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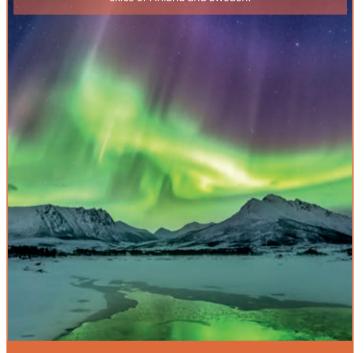
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# Scandinavian Northern Lights

9 Days | 2 Countries | 13 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Cities: Helsinki, Ivalo, Saariselkä, Rovaniemi, Gammelstad, Luleå, Jokkmokk, Kiruna, Stockholm, plus more

Snow, Santa Claus and the fascinating culture of the Sámi people await on this arctic adventure in pursuit of the Northern Lights that dance across the dark winter skies of Finland and Sweden.



# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Helsinki, Gammelstad and Stockholm with a Local Specialist

**Visit** Saariselkä, Siida Sámi Museum, Rovaniemi, Luleå, Jokkmokk, Ájtte Museum, Kiruna and Stockholm City Hall

**View** the Northern Lights (weather permitting)

**See** the Sibelius Monument, Olympic Stadium, Finlandia Hall, Riddarholmen Church and Royal Palace

Be My Guest Enjoy a meal in a Sami Lavvu (Tepee)

### Find your tour

Departure months: Oct - Apr

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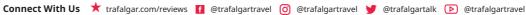
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