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Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia, is one of Europe's most breathtaking natural wonders. This spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site is made up of 16 terraced lakes, both Upper and Lower, each with its own unique character, all connected by over 90 cascading waterfalls. Join a Local Expert to explore the park's turquoise waters and lush green surroundings along a network of wooden walkways. Along the way, gain insight into the ongoing conservation efforts and scientific studies aimed at monitoring and protecting this fragile ecosystem for future generations. This experience advances UN Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water, UN Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life On Land. *Experience on Eastern Capitals & the Dalmatian Riviera, p.144, Eastern Discovery, (visit insightvacations.com) and Country Roads of Croatia, p.140.*



Find your ***Perfect Tour***

102 TOURS | 45 COUNTRIES

Our Difference, ***Always Included***

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

SPARK YOUR CURIOSITY *P.6-11*

All included experiences on your tour are outlined in your selected itinerary. Enjoy before- and after-hours access at many key sights, and your choice of one, two or three experiences on select days.

THE WORLD ON YOUR PLATE *P.12-15*

Quality and flavour take centre stage with our included dining. Enjoy a mix of acclaimed restaurants, Farm-to-Table experiences and dining choices, all with a regional and seasonal focus paired with wine, beer and soft drinks. Start each day with included hot or continental breakfast.

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Included support at every step, your two-person Travel Director & Driver team are complemented by a network of Local Experts to deliver an incredible experience that will spark your curiosities. Enjoy your choice of group size, airport transfers, and a selection of Women-Only tours.

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Included transport on our best-in-class coaches for a maximum of 40 guests. You can take premium to a new level on our custom 'Business Class' Style Coaches with double the legroom and twice the view of mainstream coaches. You'll also enjoy fun and unique ways to travel like trains, ferries and boats in select destinations.

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Thoughtful ***Flexible Extras***

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





Our Tours

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

EUROPE, UK & NORTHERN IRELAND & AFRICA TOURS

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84 TOURS | 36 COUNTRIES

See our full tour list on p.28-29.

Select your perfect premium tour through the iconic cities and timeless landscapes of Europe, Britain and North Africa. Our tours could see you cruise Norwegian fjords, witness the Northern Lights, visit Mozart's birthplace, immerse yourself in Rome's Colosseum and Forum, and discover storybook castles. Relax along the Spanish or French Riviera or bask in the beauty of the Mediterranean islands, and so much more.

REST OF WORLD TOURS INCLUDING NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA & ASIA

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18 TOURS | 9 COUNTRIES

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Across the Americas and Asia you'll explore rich cultures and welcoming communities, elaborate temples, breathtaking National Parks and feast on tantalising regional cuisines. Explore iconic cities like New York, Ottawa, Rio, Buenos Aires and Delhi, then trade skylines for sweeping landscapes. Spot buffalo in Yellowstone, view impressive monuments in the Black Hills, Maligne Canyon, Machu Picchu, and many more.

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A MEANDER TO REMEMBER

No journey to **Venice** is complete without a ride on one of the city's 400 **gondolas**, where your gondolier will expertly guide you through the timeless charm and romance of the city. Mastery of this skill requires approximately 400 hours of training in both the art of navigating and understanding the rich history. *Experience on Easy Pace Italy, p.100, Italian Intermezzo p.84, and 10 other tours.*

INSIGHTFUL ENCOUNTERS

You'll enjoy firsthand personal encounters with Local Experts such as naturalists, historians and more — uncovering insights far beyond what guidebooks can offer or what you could find on your own.



GO WITH THE FLOW

Sail along the **Nile River** aboard a traditional felucca, past the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island to see life on the river's banks. Under the guidance of an expert **Sailor**, you'll hear fascinating stories about the river's rich history and cultural significance to the people of Egypt. *Experience on Wonders of Egypt, p.172 and Splendours of Egypt, p.174.*

A TOUR PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS

Founded in 1891, **Madrid's Prado Museum** boasts the world's premier collection of Spanish paintings and an exceptional array of international masterpieces. Through the lens of an expert **Art Historian,** you'll discover renowned works by El Greco, Velázquez, and Francisco de Goya as you explore one of the world's greatest art museums. *Experience on Grand Spain & Portugal (visit insightvacations.com), Northern Spain p.70, Highlights of Spain p.66 and 4 other tours.*

EXACTLY YOUR CUP OF TEA

You're invited to visit the home of aristocrat, **Sir Ludovic**, as you exclusively tour the gardens and interior of his 18th-century mansion and cherished home, **Ardgowan Castle & Gardens**, Inverkip. Indulge in a traditional Scottish morning tea, as you hear the story of his family's heritage. *Experience on Elegance of Great Britain, p.32 and Best of Ireland & Scotland, p.48.*

FIT FOR A KING

Led by a local **Historian** enjoy the lavish decor and spectacular views at **Neuschwanstein Castle**, bristling with turrets and pinnacles and built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric **King Ludwig II**. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the **Throne Room** and **Lohengrin Courtyard** in this fairy-tale castle that allegedly inspired many of Walt Disney's castles. *Experience on Best of Germany, p.112.*



SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

In the village of **Saint-Paul de Vence** you'll connect with a seasoned **pétanque player** (pictured above) to uncover the secrets of this classic French sport. Sharpen your aim and prepare to put your skills to the test in a friendly match. Finish off with a refreshing glass of pastis, a quintessential French apéritif. *Experience on Country Roads of France, p.60 and French Heritage, p.62.*

INSIDER ACCESS

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



Insightful **Insights**

Casa Machiavelli (pictured) is the Tuscan villa where Niccolò Machiavelli lived in exile after 1512. Set within the serene vineyards and olive groves, it is where Machiavelli wrote "The Prince," his influential treatise on political power which still remains a bestseller to this day. Today, the villa remains a historical landmark, offering you a window into the life of this pivotal thinker, including a private opening of his office. *Experience on European Dream, p.184*

A FIVE-MILLION-STAR EXPERIENCE

As day turns to night, enjoy exclusive after-hours access to **Cusco's Planetarium**. Explore the Incas' deep connection with 'chaskas' (stars) as you sip hot tea, while a Local Expert illuminates the constellations' influence on Andean cultures. Then, learn to stargaze as you peer through telescopes at the brilliant night sky. *Experience on Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines, p.200.*

HUMANITY & HEART IN GENEVA

Home to the headquarters of Europe's United Nations, **Geneva** is also the base for the largest humanitarian organisation in the world. A three-time Nobel Prize Laureate, the **Red Cross Museum** opens its doors to you, offering insights into the organisation's vital work. *Experience on Magical Switzerland, p.120.*

EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO EXTREME VIEWS

Experience the **Glacier Skywalk** after hours, a glass-floored walkway suspended 280 m (918 ft) above the Sunwapta River. The following day, enhance your Rockies adventure with a pre-opening Ice Explorer tour of the **Athabasca Glacier**, enriched with insights from a Local Expert about this ancient 200,000-year-old ice mass. *Experience on Canadian Rockies and Pacific Coast, p.216 and Spectacular Rockies & Glaciers of Alberta, p.218.*

A MOZART MOMENT

Discover the life of Mozart in an exclusive private tour of his birthplace, **Mozart's Geburtshaus**, built in 1756. Take your seat for a pianoforte demonstration while exploring an array of his personal memorabilia and instruments. *Experience on Country Roads of Bavaria, Switzerland & Austria, p.118, Winter Wonderland, and Alpine Christmas Markets.*

HIGH FLYING

Join Indian aristocrat **Durga Singh** as he opens his private **haveli** (traditional mansion house) in **Jaipur** to share access to Indian traditions including taking High Tea, a lesson in patangbaazi kite-flying (Jaipur's 'sport of kings') and learning to tie a turban or scarf. *Experience on Classic India with Tiger Reserve, p.196.*

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

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

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

The remarkable, centuries-old **Monasteries of Meteora**, teetering on towers of rock, are arguably the most spectacular place to visit in Greece. Meaning "suspended in the air," these ancient monasteries perch at an average height of 1,000 feet. Alongside your Local Expert, learn about this jaw-dropping group of monasteries. *Experience on Glories of Greece, p.162, Treasures of Greece & The Islands, and Grecian Fables.*

EXPERIENCE TIME STOOD STILL

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



MODERNIST MASTERPIECE

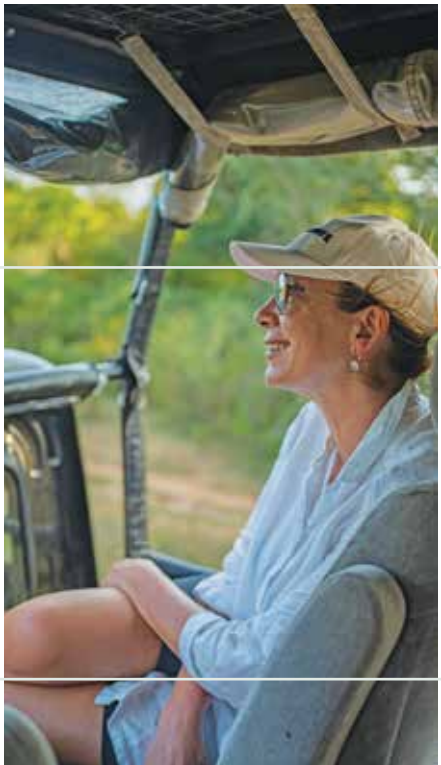
Venture inside Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí's extraordinary **Sagrada Família**, Barcelona (pictured). Admire its towering, tree-like pillars and spectacular vaulted ceilings, illuminated by the vibrant hues of intricate stained-glass windows in this architectural masterpiece, set for completion in 2026. *Experience on Best of Spain & Portugal, p.78, Northern Spain and 3 other tours.*

WANDER AROUND A WORLD WONDER

Built in 1632 by the fifth Mughal Emperor in memory of his beloved wife, the shimmering **Taj Mahal** is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Explore its stunning marble facade, intricate inlay work, majestic domes, and graceful minarets, along with its symmetrical gardens and pools. *Experience on Classic India with Tiger Reserve, p.196.*

GILDED GLAMOUR IN NORTH CAROLINA

The iconic **Biltmore Estate** is the largest privately owned home in America. Built by George Vanderbilt in 1895, the 250-room French Renaissance château is set on 8,000 acres of gardens and forest. Fuel your curiosities and enjoy taking a peek into the glamour of the Gilded Age as you explore the mansion, winery, and grounds, marvelling at its sheer scale, elegance, and historic legacy. *Experience on Spectacular National Parks of Eastern USA, p.224.*



WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Embark on morning and evening game drives through Sri Lanka's most celebrated national park, **Yala**. Covering nearly 1,000 square km, its freshwater and saltwater ecosystems support Asian elephants, crocodiles and an abundance of birdlife. With luck, glimpse the elusive Sri Lankan leopard. *Experience on Wonders of Sri Lanka, p.198.*

WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES

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



A MONUMENTAL NAVAJO EXPERIENCE

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

FIND YOUR RHYTHM IN SEVILLE

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

DISCOVER TRADITIONS IN TROMSØ

Delve into the fascinating history of the **Sámi people** in Tromsø as a local family welcomes you to their reindeer camp. Learn about their traditions and Norway's efforts to protect their unique cultural heritage, all while enjoying a traditional feast. Your visit supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities. *Experience on Northern Lights of Scandinavia, p.152.*

SHARE A 'WEE' WHISKY

Step into the world of **Uile-bheist**, Inverness, where age-old whisky and beer traditions meet modern craftsmanship. Discover how folklore inspires their brews, explore the art of distillation, and savour a 'wee' dram as the locals say. Built with sustainability at its core, it's aiming for net zero by 2030. Your visit supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action. *Experience on Best of Ireland and Scotland, p.48.*

Look for this logo next to experiences featured on your itinerary.

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WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

INSIGHT CHOICE

On chosen days throughout our tours, you're invited to select your preferred experience to personalise your journey.

LANDSCAPES OR LIGHTSCAPES

Let your sense of wonder explore the Icelandic capital with two unforgettable experiences. Choose a magical journey at **FlyOver**, where a state-of-the-art flight simulator transports you over Iceland's breathtaking landscapes. Or explore the **Perlan Museum's** interactive exhibits that provide insights into glaciers, volcanoes, and the Northern Lights. *Experience on Natural Wonders of Iceland, p.154 and Scenic Iceland & The Northern Lights, p.156.*

MICHELANGELO OR MACCHIATO

Let your curiosity guide you through the streets of Renaissance Florence. Choose to marvel at **Michelangelo's 'David'** at the Accademia, or join your Travel Director for a stroll past Renaissance architecture on your way to a charming local cafe, where you'll enjoy an authentic taste of **Italian cafe culture**. *Experience on Treasures of Italy, p.102, Italian Escapade, and 4 other tours.*

POLO OR PASTRY

Set in Buenos Aires' scenic pampas, La Bandada Ranch offers a slice of traditional estancia life. After a classic Argentine lunch, choose between a hands-on **intro to polo** (no riding needed) or an **empanada-making class** where you'll craft regional fillings and perfect the signature repulgue fold. Surrounded by wildlife and wide-open landscapes, it's an authentic taste of Argentine culture. *Experience on Contrasts of Brazil & Argentina, p.204.*

STEPS OR SWEET TREATS

Glide across **Lake Bled** aboard a traditional pletna - a centuries-old boat unique to the region. Upon arrival at Bled Island, climb 99 steps to the Church of the Mother of God and ring the Wishing Bell, said to bring good fortune to all who hear its chime. Or visit **Vila Bled**, the former summer residence of Marshal Tito. Unwind on the terrace with its alpine views and a slice of kremšnita - Bled's famous cream cake. *Experience on Adriatic Escape, p.138.*

FLOAT OR BOAT

Quirky, creative, and rich in frontier history, Talkeetna is a charming former mining town and gateway to Alaska's Denali. Choose your adventure: take a **jet boat tour** along the Chulitna River to explore rugged landscapes and a recreated trapper's cabin, or enjoy a **scenic float** down the Talkeetna River, spotting wildlife and soaking in views of the Alaska Range. *Experience on Jewels of Alaska, p.214.*





The World ***On Your Plate***

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

Always ***Included***

- Daily breakfast
- Included meals are accompanied by wine, beer and soft drinks
- Delicious options for vegetarian guests
- Tipping & Gratuities for included meals

TOP-RATED **RESTAURANTS**

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

WHEN A MEAL BECOMES A WORK OF ART

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

EAT YOUR GREENS IN A GREEN OASIS

Voted the most sustainable city in the world, in Copenhagen sustainability meets culinary excellence with a trip to **Vækst**. An award-winning restaurant set within a greenhouse, celebrated for its sustainable practices and exquisite dishes like fried cod with radish, trout roe, and beurre blanc, as well as salted scallops with green gooseberries. *Experience on Country Roads of Scandinavia, p.146.*

BETTER LAKE THAN NEVER

Opened in 1972 on the shores of Lake Lucerne, **Restaurant Seeblick** offers a uniquely Swiss culinary experience featuring local ingredients from the Rütli region. Delight in dishes such as fillet of pike perch in herb sauce and white wine risotto with vegetables. *Experience on Glorious Switzerland, p.114.*

TURN UP THE HEAT

Fogón Asado, Buenos Aires, featured in the 2024 Michelin guide, reimagines Argentina's traditional and succulent asado (barbecue). Take your seat for an intimate 9-course tasting menu where you can watch the chefs as they prepare each dish over an open flame, right before your eyes, complemented by handpicked Argentine wines. *Experience on Contrasts of Brazil & Argentina, p.204.*

LOVE AT FIRST BITE

At **Bran Castle**, Romania, immerse yourself in the rich history of this iconic fortress, renowned as the legendary home of Count Dracula. Uncover captivating tales while savouring Romanian dishes like creamy polenta with Transylvanian truffles, oven-baked duck leg and coliva — a traditional Romanian dessert in a uniquely enchanting setting. *Experience on Treasures of the Balkans, p.142.*

HOLLYWOOD IN THE HEART OF CASABLANCA

Old Hollywood ambience awaits you at **Rick's Café**, famous for recreating the magic of the 1942 film Casablanca and the movie's fictional "Rick's Café Américain". Step into this beautifully restored mansion where timeless elegance meets cinematic nostalgia. Dine under ambient lighting with classic decor, as your meal is accompanied by live music that winds back the clock to a golden era of romance and intrigue. *Experience on Treasures of Morocco, p.72.*

OLD WALLS, NEW FLAVOURS

Dine in the heart of Cusco's Museum of Pre-Columbian Art at **MAP Café**, a 17th-century courtyard architectural gem set within what was once the Casa Cabrera – a former Spanish mansion. As you sit wondering what these walls would say if they could talk, you'll enjoy a refined culinary experience where contemporary Peruvian flavours seamlessly blend with centuries of history. *Dine here on Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines, p.200.*



DINE-AT-HOME

Relish the company of locals, who open their doors, lay their tables and share their traditions, offering you a unique insight into their lives.

TOAST NEW CULINARY DISCOVERIES

Indulge in the essence of tradition joining the locals for a **Peruvian 'Pachamanca'**. Hot stones, wrapped in leaves, simmered underground for hours as your fragrant feast is cooked to perfection. Once ready, partake in a **ceremonial 'opening' of the Pachamanca** with a toast. Witness the symbolic pouring of alcohol onto the ground, a tribute to Mother Earth. *Experience on Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines, p.200.*

HEAR STORIES OF TRUE RESILIENCE IN SARAJEVO

Set against the backdrop of **Sarajevo**, a city known for its rich history and resilience, listen to inspirational stories about their culture sharing a meal with a Sarajevan family. *Experience on Treasures of the Balkans, p.142, and Eastern Capitals & The Dalmatian Riviera, p.144.*

SAVOUR A SIDE OF HISTORY

Enjoy an exclusive experience at the historic **Thirsk Hall**, a Georgian estate dating back to the 18th century. Nestled in the heart of **North Yorkshire**, you'll enjoy dining in the elegant surroundings of this iconic home, still owned by the **Bell family** after more than 300 years. *Experience on Elegance of Great Britain, p.32.*



THE WORLD'S YOUR OYSTER IN STON

You'll cruise by private boat to meet with a local Oyster Farmer in **Ston** (pictured), you'll discover the freshest flavours while sampling a full Sea-to-Table experience at his specially created floating pontoon and learn about the cultivation of these creamy treasures. *Experience on Country Roads of Croatia, p.140.*



HANDS-ON COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

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

SAY HOLA TO PAELLA

The name '**paella**' comes from the Valencian word for 'frying pan', so it comes as no surprise that in its original home you'll join a local chef at **La Cigrona** to create this aromatic favourite from scratch, alongside chilled sangria. *Experience on Spanish Heritage, p.80, Best of Spain & Portugal, and Highlights of Spain.*

TRY NEW TASTES. LEARN NEW SKILLS

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

A WINNING CULINARY EXPERIENCE

In **Olympia**, a local chef invites you to explore her passion for local ingredients. Join her to learn to create **Authentic Tzatziki** and other exquisite Greek favourites. *Experience on Glories of Greece, p.162, Treasures of Greece, & The Islands p.164, and Grecian Fables, p.165.*

FRAGRANT FEASTING

A decadent day awaits in the company of **Chef Lorenzo** at villa **Casa Segreta**, dating back to 1920. Walk the estate's olive groves and vineyards, followed by aperitivo and a pasta-making demonstration. Later, graze on focaccia, cheese, salami with sliced truffles, pasta and local wine. *Experience on European Dream, p.184.*

DINE-AROUND

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

PRAGUE ON A PLATE

Savour the soul of **Prague** one course at a time with a curated progressive dinner experience through the Malá Strana district. More than a mealtime, this immersive journey of cuisine and culture takes you through three unique venues, each chosen for its distinct ambiance and celebrated flavours. *Experience on Highlights of Eastern Europe, p.130.*

ANCIENT TOWN, NEW TASTES

After exploring the cobbled streets within **Rothenburg ob der Tauber's** ancient town walls, take your pick of two distinctive restaurants. Each offers a unique setting and dishes that reflect the region's rich culinary heritage, whether you opt for traditional Franken flavours or global classics. *Experience on Best of Germany, p.112.*

DO YOURSELF A FLAVOUR

Experience the essence of Sicily through a curated evening in **Palermo**, where each course tells its own story. Guided by a Local Expert, you'll discover diverse eateries throughout the city as you enjoy each course in a different location. *Experience on Sicily in Depth, p.86.*





At Your ***Service***

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



MEET YOUR **TEAM**

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

YOUR TRAVEL DIRECTOR

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

YOUR DRIVER

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

LOCAL EXPERTS

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

BEHIND THE SCENES SUPPORT

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

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We're proud to bring you a collection of Women-Only itineraries across Europe, North Africa and the Americas. Crafted for women, by women, with experiences that support female-owned businesses, these small-group tours enrich and inspire. Tours with Women-Only departures, exclusively for a maximum of 24 guests, include:

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SPLENDOURS OF EGYPT **12 DAYS** 174

CLASSIC INDIA WITH TIGER RESERVE **11 DAYS** 196

PERU WITH MACCHU PICCHU & THE NAZCA LINES **13 DAYS** 200

SOUL OF THE DEEP SOUTH **9 DAYS** 212

NEW ENGLAND'S FALL FOLIAGE **8 DAYS** 222

TREASURES OF CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS **8 DAYS** 228



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INCLUDED AIRPORT TRANSFERS

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

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

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

INCLUDED PORTERAGE & TIPPING

Seamless service extends to your luggage and gratuities.

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

CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE

Select the group size that suits your needs - both options offer a more intimate experience than mainstream tours, with access to unique places larger groups simply can't reach.

AVERAGE OF 33 TRAVELLERS

With an average of 33 and a maximum of 40 guests, enjoy a more personal journey than mainstream tours of 50+ guests, plus access to experiences not available to larger groups.

AVERAGE OF 20 TRAVELLERS

With an average of 20 and maximum of 24 guests, this option offers even more personal attention, space, and a highly tailored experience. Our Women-only tours are exclusively limited to a maximum of 24 guests.



*Put Your Feet Up, **Let Your Hair Down***

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



Gran Melia Hotel, Iguazu.

TOP-RATED **HOTELS**

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

A STEP FJORD-WARD

Combining beauty and style, this 4-star **hotel Union** is perched above Geiranger village, offering panoramic views of the UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord. Enjoy indoor and outdoor pools, the vintage car museum, and just a short walk to the picturesque village. *Experience on Spectacular Scandinavia and its Fjords, p.148 and Grand Scandinavia, p.150.*

GLORIOUS GREECE

Steps from Aristotelous Square in Thessaloniki, Greece, the luxurious 5-star MonAsty Hotel blends Byzantine heritage with contemporary comforts. Savour rooftop dining with panoramic sea views and unwind by the rooftop pool. Perfectly located in the heart of the city, you'll have all the action right at your doorstep. *Experience on Greece Undiscovered, p.168.*

SPLENDID BY NAME. SPLENDID BY NATURE

Nestled just steps away from the iconic St. Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge, the **Splendid Hotel** offers an unparalleled experience in Venice. Arrive to the hotel's private dock aboard your mahogany water taxi, just like you've seen in the movies. Then on arrival, with canal views and gondolas floating by, you'll immerse yourself in the essence of the "City of Canals" like never before. *Experience on Italian Elegance, p.104.*

ACCOMMODATION FIT FOR A KING

Named one of the best luxury hotels in Devon by Harper's Bazaar, **Bovey Castle** offers a refined 5-star experience set within 275 acres of picturesque countryside. You'll see stunning views of the woodland or courtyard from uniquely designed rooms that blend warmth and elegance seamlessly. *Experience on Country Roads of Wales, Devon & Cornwall, p.34.*

STEP INTO THE CITY

Step into history at The Clermont, opened in 1862. This historic Grade II listed building blends Victorian opulence with modern comforts in the heart of London. From there, you can walk to Buckingham Palace and 'The Mall' in less than 10 minutes and explore the historic Westminster Abbey right on your doorstep. *Experience on Elegance of Great Britain, p.32.*

SLEEP WITH A SIDE OF WONDER AT GRAN MELIA IGUAZU

One of the world's best addresses, the only hotel within **Iguazú National Park**, the location, infinity pool and delectable dining options all come together at **Gran Meliá Iguazú** (pictured) for an exceptional experience right next to one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Experience on Contrasts of Brazil & Argentina, p.204.

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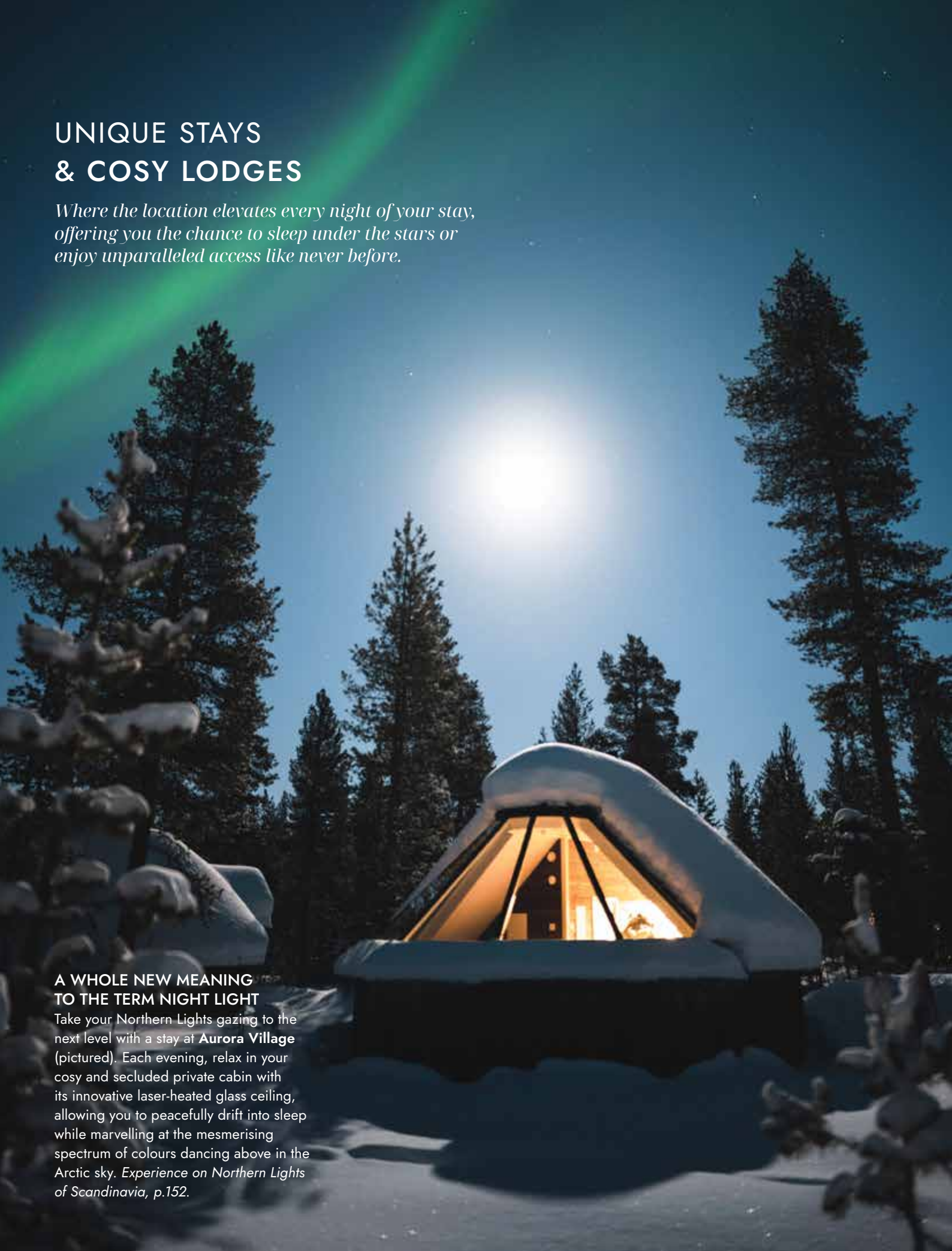


A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO THE TERM NIGHT LIGHT

Take your Northern Lights gazing to the next level with a stay at **Aurora Village** (pictured). Each evening, relax in your cosy and secluded private cabin with its innovative laser-heated glass ceiling, allowing you to peacefully drift into sleep while marvelling at the mesmerising spectrum of colours dancing above in the Arctic sky. *Experience on Northern Lights of Scandinavia, p.152.*

SERENE WITH A SIDE OF SURREAL

Erfoud, often referred to as the Gateway to the Desert, is home to the **Kasbah Hotel Xaluca Arfoud**. This unique hotel is constructed using traditional Moroccan bricks, and offers a serene and luxurious retreat where you can fully immerse yourself in the enchanting desert landscape. *Experience on Treasures of Morocco, p.72.*

A SOUND OF MUSIC IN STOWE

Established by the von Trapp family, whose story inspired "The Sound of Music," this mountain lodge, the **Von Trapp Lodge**, is a European-inspired delight in Stowe, a quintessential New England mountain town. Tick off old-world comforts and mountain views, plus an onsite brewery still run by the von Trapp family today. *Experience on New England's Fall Foliage, p.222.*

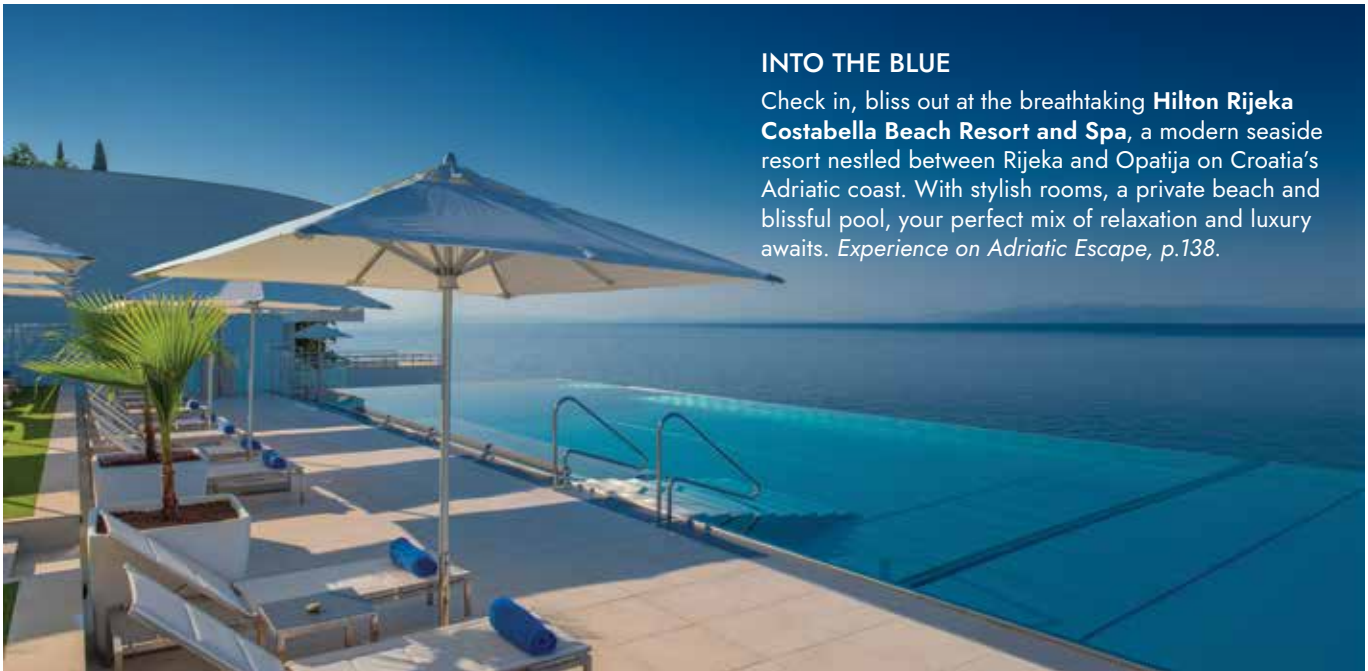
NEW EXPERIENCE, OLD FAITHFUL

Nestled in the heart of **Yellowstone National Park**, just moments from the iconic Old Faithful, Yellowstone National Park Lodge offers more than just proximity. Experience after-hours access to marvel at Old Faithful without the crowds. Unwind in classic wood lodging, featuring cosy accommodation and a roaring open fire, ensuring an authentic and unforgettable American frontier experience. *Experience on America's Magnificent National Parks, p.226 and American Parks Trails (visit insightvacations.com).*



ELEVATE YOUR POINT OF VIEW

Discover the ultimate retreat at **Glacier View Lodge** in Jasper National Park. This premier destination offers exclusive, early access to the Athabasca Glacier and breathtaking vistas. Savour the majestic snowy peaks from the picturesque lounge, or retreat to the serene comfort of your private room. *Experience on Canadian Rockies and Pacific Coast (visit insightvacations.com) and Spectacular Rockies & Glaciers of Alberta, p.218.*



INTO THE BLUE

Check in, bliss out at the breathtaking **Hilton Rijeka Costabella Beach Resort and Spa**, a modern seaside resort nestled between Rijeka and Opatija on Croatia's Adriatic coast. With stylish rooms, a private beach and blissful pool, your perfect mix of relaxation and luxury awaits. *Experience on Adriatic Escape, p.138.*



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THE 5-YEAR STRATEGY

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

OUR JOURNEY TO NET ZERO

Since the inception of our sustainability strategy, the global community has continued to rally in response to the urgent need for climate action. We're committed to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050. Our dedication to this goal is outlined in our Climate Action Plan, with science-based targets to address our carbon footprint. We are proud of the fact that, alongside our sister brands, we became the first global tour operator to have near-term, long-term and net-zero targets validated by the Science-Based Target initiative (SBTi).

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





Insightful ***Insights***

PERUVIAN PATTERNS

Incan textiles remain prized today for their beauty and cultural significance, with some pieces taking over 600 hours to create. In **Peru's Sacred Valley** foothills, you'll meet a **Quechua weaver** for firsthand insights into ancient weaving techniques dating back to 600 BC. Discover how vibrant textiles shape personal and regional identities in the Andes, conveying stories and emotions about the natural world. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality & UN Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities. *Experience on Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines, p.200.*



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | LONDON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

Meet your Travel Director to begin your journey north to Stratford-upon-Avon, with its wealth of black-and-white, timber-framed houses. Discover how William Shakespeare and his incredible works continue to shape society today when you visit his birthplace, full of interesting memorabilia and artefacts relating to his life. Continue to historic York to stroll the narrow lanes including the Shambles and view York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral. Later, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton, York

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

DAY 2 | HADRIAN'S WALL TO EDINBURGH

See a part of Hadrian's Wall, an impressive Roman construction that once spanned 80 miles from coast to coast, marking the northern frontier of the mighty Roman Empire. Continue past Jedburgh Abbey en route to the Scottish capital, Edinburgh, for your two-night stay in this stunning city. This evening, perhaps partake in a traditional optional dinner at Ghillie Dhu. **(B)**
Hotel: Malmaison, Edinburgh Leith

DAY 3 | EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING

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

DAY 4 | LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

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

DAY 5 | THE GLORIOUS LAKE DISTRICT

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

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 6 | THE WELSH MARCHES AND CARDIFF
Stop in ancient Ludlow, one of England's most attractive towns, dominated by its castle, rich in tragic royal history. Why not spend time exploring the traditional open-air market, admiring the local crafts and perhaps sampling the produce? Afterwards, cross into southern Wales and head for the capital of Cardiff for an orientation of the port city, upon the River Taff. See Cardiff Castle and the impressive Principality Stadium. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

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DAY 7 | GEORGIAN BATH AND DEVON
Cross the Severn Bridge back into England and drive to the golden Georgian City of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, before continuing to Glastonbury, steeped in legend and reputed to be the final resting place of King Arthur and the Holy Grail. View the ruined monastery before continuing to your hotel in the heart of Plymouth. **(B)**
Hotel: Leonardo, Plymouth

DAY 8 | DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK
Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a scenic exploration of Dartmoor National Park. Spend time reconnecting with nature amidst the stunning landscape of towering granite tors, open moorland, beautiful rivers and lush, wooded valleys. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing cruise of Plymouth Harbour and see the Mayflower Steps, Barbican, Royal Citadel and Plymouth Hoe. Later this evening, savour an unforgettable dinner at Heskyn Mill during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for the ultimate Farm-to-Table dining experience. Enjoy a mouth-watering meal prepared from organic seasonal produce, freshly picked from the surrounding fields, served with a glass of wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

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



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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Elegance of Great Britain

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

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

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

DAY 3 | ARDGOWAN AND GRETNA GREEN
Journey to Ardgowan, set on a stunning 10,000-acre coastal estate. Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle. Learn the history of the Shaw Stewart family and the conservation efforts to protect the land on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, followed by a degustation of traditional Scottish tea and scones. Visit Gretna Green before continuing to the picturesque English Lake District. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Ro, Windermere

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

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

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

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

DAY 7 | ON TO CARDIFF
Begin your day seeing Anne Hathaway's cottage in Shottery, a 15th-century farmhouse with a timber frame and thatched roof, where Shakespeare is said to have courted his future wife. Then visit Shakespeare's Birthplace in the centre of town. Later, cross into Wales and arrive in Cardiff. **(B)**
Hotel: Indigo, Wales

DAY 8 | CARDIFF
Explore Cardiff Castle with your Local Expert. Join your Travel Director for an orientation to see the city's landmarks, including the Principality Stadium, Wales Millennium Centre, Pierhead Building and The Senedd, home to the Welsh Parliament. You'll have time to explore further at your own pace. **(B) (D) (RS)**

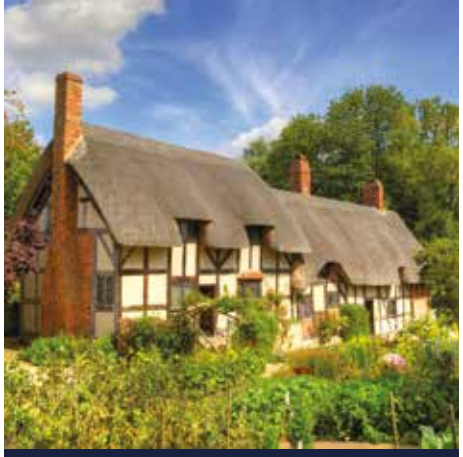
DAY 9 | THE COTSWOLDS, BLENHEIM PALACE AND BATH
Cross the beautiful Cotswold hills and visit the magnificent stately home and gardens of Blenheim Palace. Learn more about Churchill's life at Blenheim during a talk by a historian.

Continue to the elegant Georgian city of Bath, built in amphitheatre style on the surrounding hills. Your Travel Director introduces you to the Pulteney Bridge, built in mellow local stone. **(B)**
Hotel: Lansdown Grove, Bath

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

DAY 11 | ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON
Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the prehistoric and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring megaliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Continue into the heart of Wiltshire to reach the city of Salisbury where you have time at leisure to enjoy lunch and explore the city. See the tallest spire in England, atop the medieval cathedral and walk the streets to observe an architectural timeline from the city's medieval walls and half-timbered Tudor town houses to Georgian mansions and Victorian villas. Your journey concludes upon arrival at the London trip hotel. **(B)**





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Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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Country Roads of Wales, Devon & Cornwall

Delight at seaside villages and country lanes. Sip Devonshire tea, explore manors, learn about Plymouth's Naval Heritage and enjoy a 5-star castle stay at Bovey Castle.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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DAY 1 | OXFORD, THE COTSWOLDS AND BATH
Welcome to England. From lush green rolling hills to old-world villages, this pretty country surprises and delights at every corner. You'll be picked up from the hotel in London before making your way along the scenic Great West Way road to Oxford. A city built to be discovered, Oxford is a wholesome image of leather-bound books, libraries, storybook buildings and picnics. Continue your journey on to the Cotswolds. Just as charming as Oxford, this breath-taking area is about as quintessentially British as it gets. Honey-coloured stone houses line the winding streets of the area's most beautiful towns and villages, while rapeseed fields decorate this colourful part of the UK in splashes of gold. See the pretty market town of Stow-on-the-Wold, before heading to the historic city of Bath, with its Roman and Georgian architecture. Enjoy an orientation of the city, before ending your day with a delicious traditional Sunday roast at dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Apex, Bath

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

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

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

DAY 4 | CARDIFF
Enjoy a Relaxed Start this morning. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of this vibrant city. See Principality Stadium, home of Welsh Rugby, and Cardiff Castle. The rest of your day is at leisure. **(B) (RS)**

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

DAY 5 | GLASTONBURY ABBEY AND PLYMOUTH

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

DAY 6 | EXPLORING THE SOUTHWEST

Today, journey to the quaint coastal town of Looe, a holiday hotspot of the Victorian Era. Continue to St. Ives, where art galleries, surf shops and fashion boutiques line the streets. Later, visit Penzance, made famous by the comic opera "The Pirates of Penzance," which recounts the adventures of pirates who arrived at the city's shores in the late 18th century. **(B)**
Hotel: The Royal and Fortescue, Barnstaple

DAY 7 | LEGENDS OF CORNWALL

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

DAY 8 | BREATHTAKING NATIONAL PARKS

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

DAY 9 | COUNTRY HOUSES OF DORSET

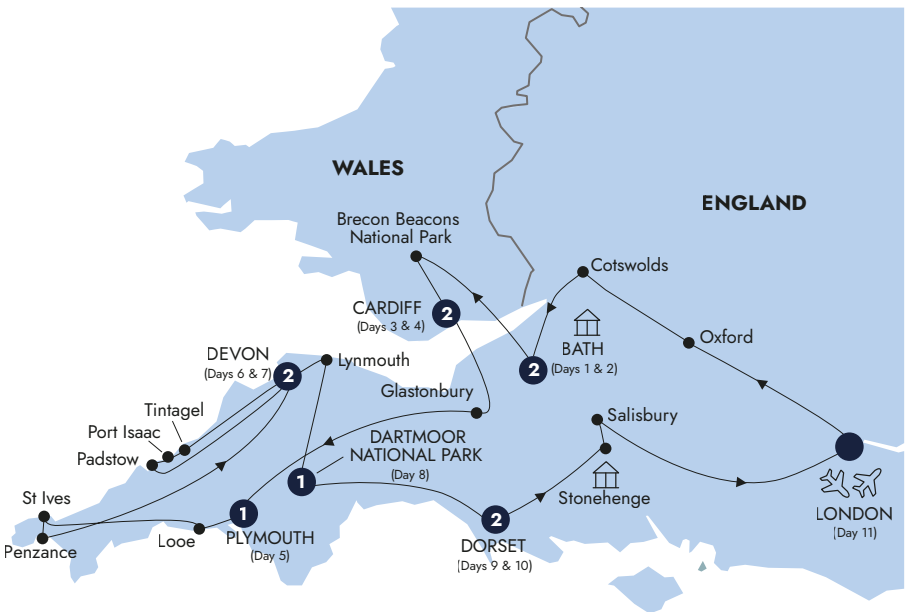
Stop at Athelhampton, a 500-year-old Tudor manor house in the heart of Dorset. Join Estate Manager Owen for a walk through one of the world's greatest estates, and enjoy time at leisure to explore the tranquil Elizabethan gardens. Delight in a quintessential Devonshire high tea with freshly baked scones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

DAY 10 | JURASSIC COAST AND WEYMOUTH

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

DAY 11 | SALISBURY AND STONEHENGE

This morning, journey to iconic Stonehenge to appreciate the history, and mystery, of this prehistoric monument. The ring of standing stones is believed to have been constructed between 3000 BC and 2000 BC. It was made a legally protected Scheduled Ancient Monument in 1882 and, as one of Britain's most celebrated sites, draws visitors from around the world. Continue to Salisbury and visit the 13th-century cathedral. Witness Britain's tallest spire and see the world's best-preserved original copy of the Magna Carta. Your tour through Wales, Devon and Cornwall comes to an end as you arrive at the London hotel. **(B)**



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Join/Leave Options | UNESCO Heritage Site | 1 Hotels and Nights | ● Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

Glastonbury | Visit the historic Glastonbury Abbey, founded in the 7th century.

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

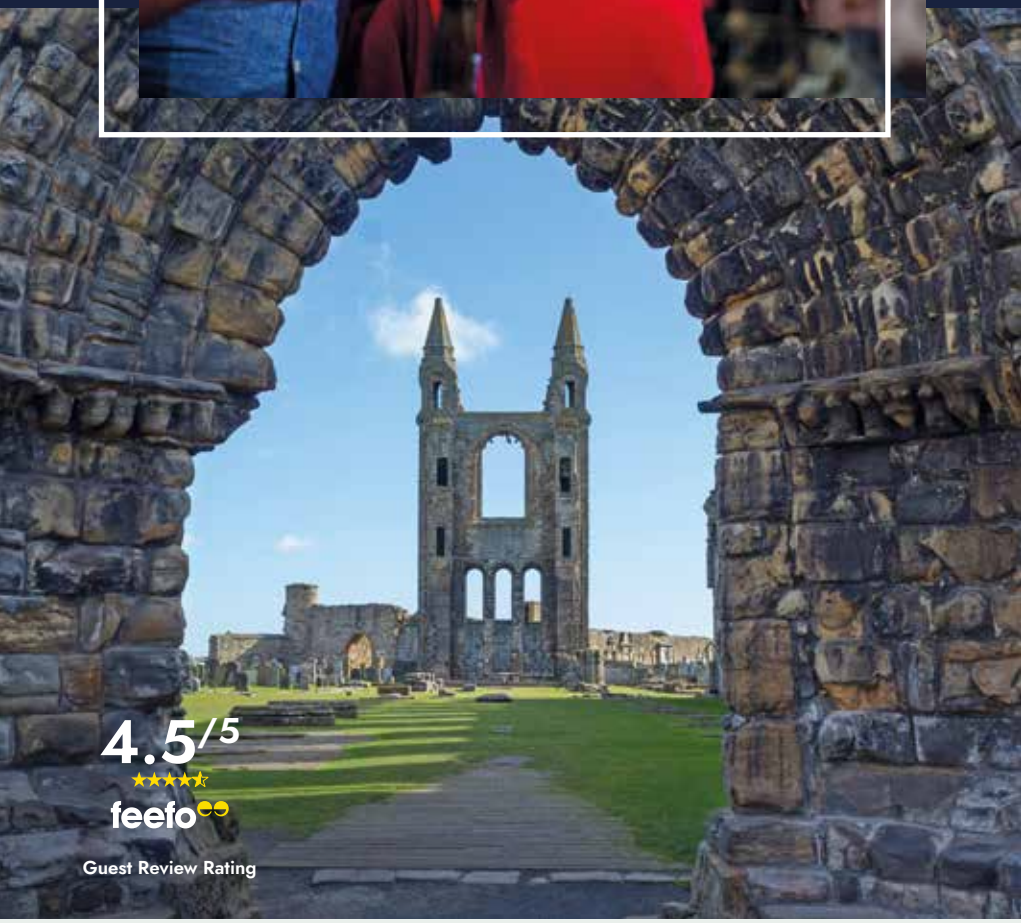
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Scotland

Be captivated by Scotland's wild beauty and rich heritage on this immersive journey. Explore the Isle of Skye, cross the Pentland Firth to the Orkney Islands and uncover royal history at Edinburgh Castle.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Join your Travel Director for dinner at a local restaurant. On select departures, during your time in Edinburgh you will also attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo — a colourful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. **(D)**

Hotel: Malmaison Edinburgh, Leith

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 | EDINBURGH, THE CAPITAL OF CULTURE

Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the King. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Monument, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg and Scotland's Crown Jewels. The rest of the day is at leisure; why not visit the art treasures in the National Gallery? **(B) (RS)**

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

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

Hotel: Kingsmills, Inverness

DAY 4 | CULLODEN, LOCH NESS AND ONTO THURSO

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

Hotel: The Pentland, Thurso

DAY 5 | A DAY IN THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

Start the day by boarding the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands where the countryside is breathtakingly majestic and the tranquillity

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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supports a quieter pace of life. Here the hardy locals say they live 'below the wind and above the water'. Your Travel Director accompanies you as you visit the small chapel built by Italian prisoners during World War II, the old Norse Town of Kirkwall, 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae and the mysterious Ring of Brodgar. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

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

DAY 7 | THROUGH THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS TO GLENCOE

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

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

Spend time around peaceful Loch Lomond or the 'Queen of Scottish Lochs', according to Sir Walter Scott. Perhaps experience the beauty and tranquillity of the loch with an optional cruise before continuing to Glasgow? An orientation drive through the city will show you the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. Then the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

DAY 9 | DEPART GLASGOW

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

Isle of Skye | Take in the wild beauty, from the jagged Cuillin Hills to the harbour village of Broadford.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

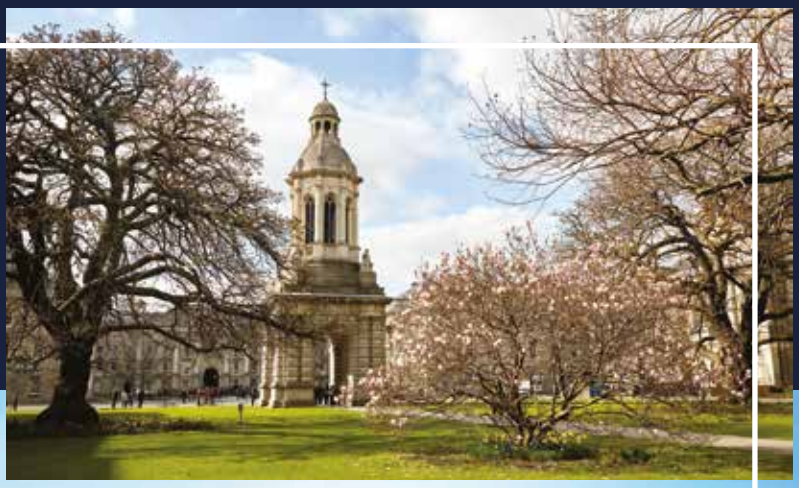
Glencoe | Your adventure culminates with a wonderful evening enjoying the best Highland hospitality and market-fresh ingredients.

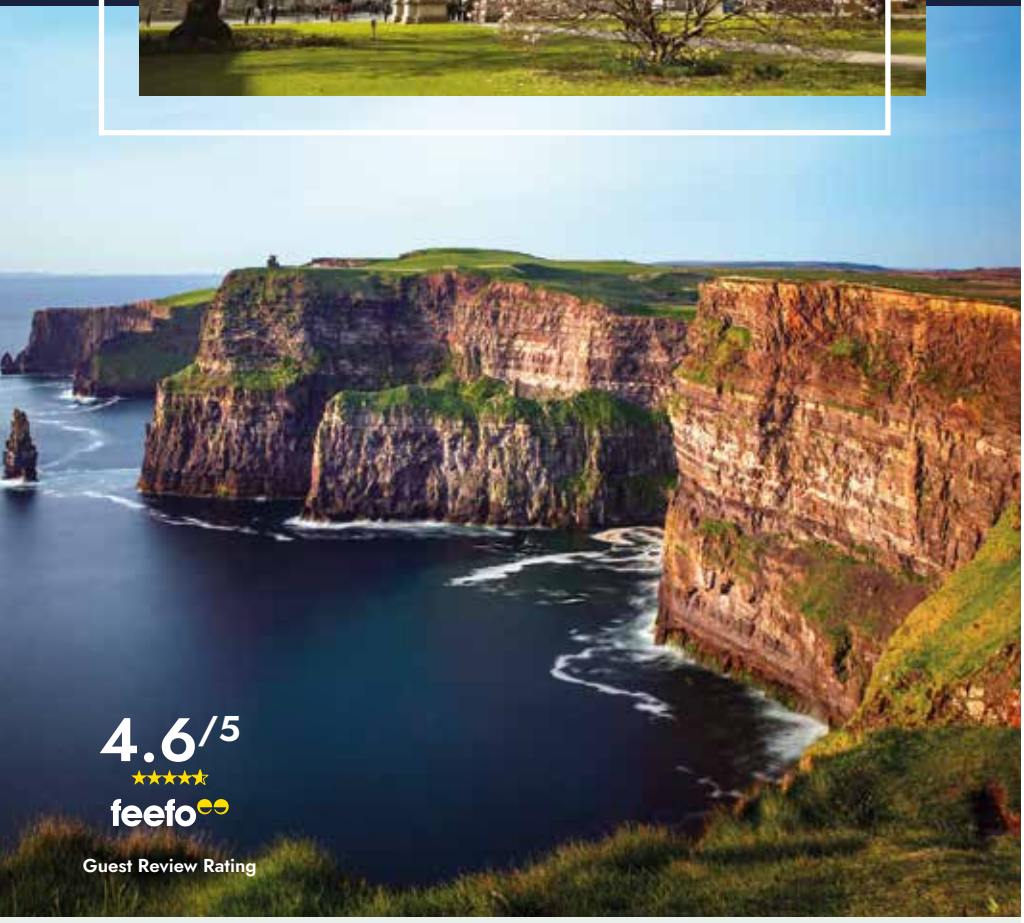
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Focus on Ireland

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

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Start your exploration of Dublin with an orientation tour with a Local Expert that brings to life Dublin's architectural treasures and history, stretching back more than 1,000 years. Travel along the River Liffey, see the Custom House, Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. View the 9th-century Book of Kells. Walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Enjoy a warm and friendly dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over the course of the evening. **(D)**

Hotel: Clayton Burlington Road, Dublin

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | TO GALWAY, CITY OF THE TRIBES

Leave Dublin and set off through the delightful landscapes of the Emerald Isle. Cross Ireland's longest river, the River Shannon, to reach historic Galway, the City of the Tribes, at the mouth of the Corrib River. Easily one of Ireland's most fun and lively cities, the streets are lined with buskers, the region is known for its famous oysters and the pubs are full of Irish charm. Join your Travel Director to see the Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before setting off for his discovery of America. Also see the pre-medieval Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late U.S. President, John F. Kennedy. **(B)**

Hotel: Harbour, Galway

DAY 3 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER, ADARE AND KILLARNEY

Take the scenic route through the mysterious rocky limestone landscape of the Burren, with its underground caverns, streams and rare flora. Stop at the Exhibition Centre, situated next to the 214 m (702 ft)-high Cliffs of Moher with breathtaking views of the Clare Coast. Continue past the city of Limerick, stop in the quaint village of Adare and take a relaxed village walk to see its thatched-roof cottages. In the evening, stay in the centre of the action in lively Killarney. Gateway to the famous Ring of Kerry, Killarney has been welcoming travellers, who appreciate the spectacular scenery of woodlands and lakes, for over 250 years. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa

DAY 4 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose to join a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, admire incredible scenery on a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and National Park. Take an excursion around the magnificent Ring of Kerry with stunning views of mountains and sea. Pass through the small towns of Killorglin, where the famous Puck Fair takes place, and Cahersiveen, birthplace of the great patriot, Daniel O'Connell. Follow the narrow road as it winds along the cliffs to the

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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fishing town of Waterville. Continue through delightful villages like Sneem and cross the peat bogs of the Black Mountains to Moll's Gap to admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a Farm-to-Table dinner. Enjoy some Irish home cooking at the family-run kitchen of chef John Sheehan. Join John and his wife, Freda, for drinks and a personal insight into classic Irish recipes that are loved throughout the world and help preserve this intangible cultural heritage. Then, settle down for a night of great food and drink in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. **(B) (D)**

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

DAY 5 | COBH AND BLARNEY CASTLE ON THE WAY TO CORK
Drive to the historic port town of Cobh, which was the last port of call for the Titanic. Walk through the Queenstown Story exhibition at the Heritage Centre, which recounts the era of Irish emigration and the life of this once great passenger port. Continue to visit the 15th-century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! Then continue on to Cork along the spacious Grand Parade and South Mall and see the City Hall and fine Georgian houses en route to your hotel. In the evening, raise your glass and revel in rich flavours at a lively dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Maldron South Mall, Cork

DAY 6 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN
Drive through Ireland's lush midlands, a region that has nurtured poets, playwrights and storytellers for centuries, before arriving in Kilkenny. Enjoy free time to explore, walk in the footsteps of medieval merchants along the cobbled lanes of the Medieval Mile, home to the 800-year-old St. Canice's Cathedral and the atmospheric Rothe House, once the dwelling of a prosperous Tudor silk merchant. Today, the city is Ireland's unofficial capital of craft, renowned for its thriving community of potters, glassblowers and textile artists. Return to Dublin, where the evening is yours to explore further if you wish. From Viking settlement to capital of literature, Dublin brims with stories. Seek out the stately Long Room of Trinity College's Old Library, marvel at the colourful doors of Georgian Dublin or settle into a local pub where literary greats once raised a glass. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton Burlington Road, Dublin

DAY 7 | DEPART DUBLIN
Your memorable trip through the Emerald Isle has come to an end. Say "Slán go fóill" as you bid farewell to your Travel Director and fellow travellers. **(B)**

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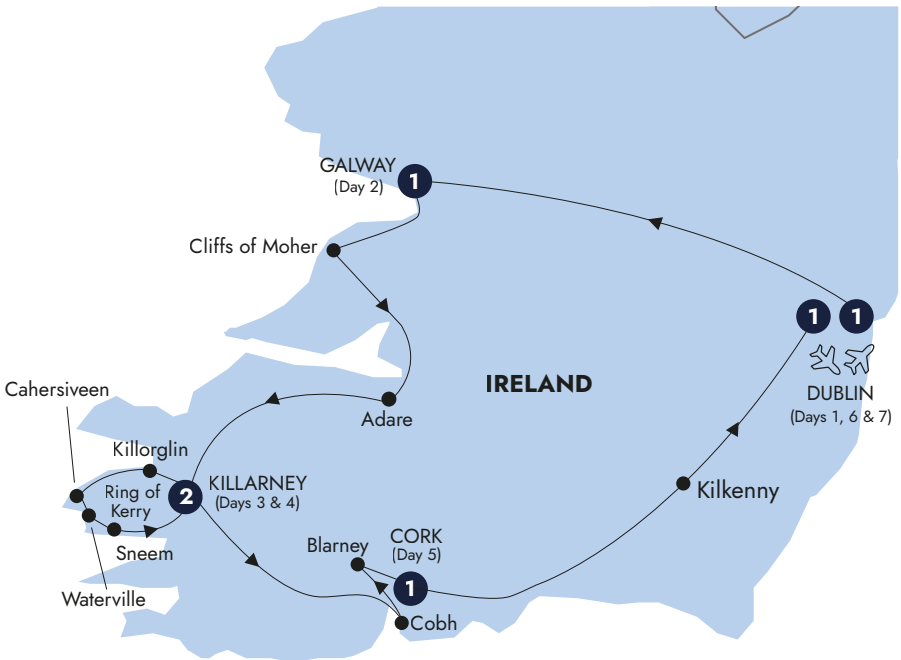

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Dublin | Visit Trinity College and marvel at the ancient Book of Kells, dating from A.D. 800.
See Custom House and travel along the River Liffey. See the Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Irish Elegance

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

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY
Start your exploration of Dublin with an orientation tour with a Local Expert that brings to life Dublin's architectural treasures and history, stretching back more than 1,000 years. Travel along the River Liffey, see Custom House, Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Visit the 9th century Book of Kells and enjoy a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Back at your hotel, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a pleasant evening. **(D)**
Hotel: Clayton Burlington Road, Dublin

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | CASHEL AND BLARNEY, HEADING FOR KILLARNEY
Depart Dublin, and pass the famous Curragh Racecourse and green meadows where many of the finest Irish racehorses are bred. Drive south and take a photo-stop to see the spectacular Rock of Cashel, crowned with medieval buildings that dominate the flat countryside for miles around. Then on to explore Blarney with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Blarney Castle and kiss the magical stone to ensure a lifetime of eloquence. Alternatively, meet a senior gardener for a tour of Blarney Gardens. Head to Killarney, where you may fancy a 'pint of porter'. This town on the lakes is famous for its lively pubs so in the evening why not join in the 'craic'? **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa

DAY 3 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE
In the morning, marvel at spectacular mountain and sea views as you travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as the Ring of Kerry. Meet John for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit his family-run seaweed farm to learn about sustainable farming practices that protect the wild Irish Atlantic coasts. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND ON TO GALWAY
Cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry and enter County Clare. Stop at the Exhibition Centre and enjoy a walk along the Cliffs of Moher, raised approximately 214 m (702 ft) above the pounding Atlantic waves. Then travel north across the Burren, a suddenly stark and barren landscape, scarred with interesting limestone creases. Journey to Galway, the City of Tribes, and visit the last cathedral built in Ireland. Take in the scenery from your hotel which is spectacularly set on the Wild Atlantic Way. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Connemara Coast, Galway

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

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

> *Staying at The Lodge at Ashford Castle is one of my personal highlights. On the property once owned by Ireland's famous Guinness family - this fantastic stay is an experience you'll never forget.*
>
> **JACQUELINE, TRAVEL EXPERIENCES**

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

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

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

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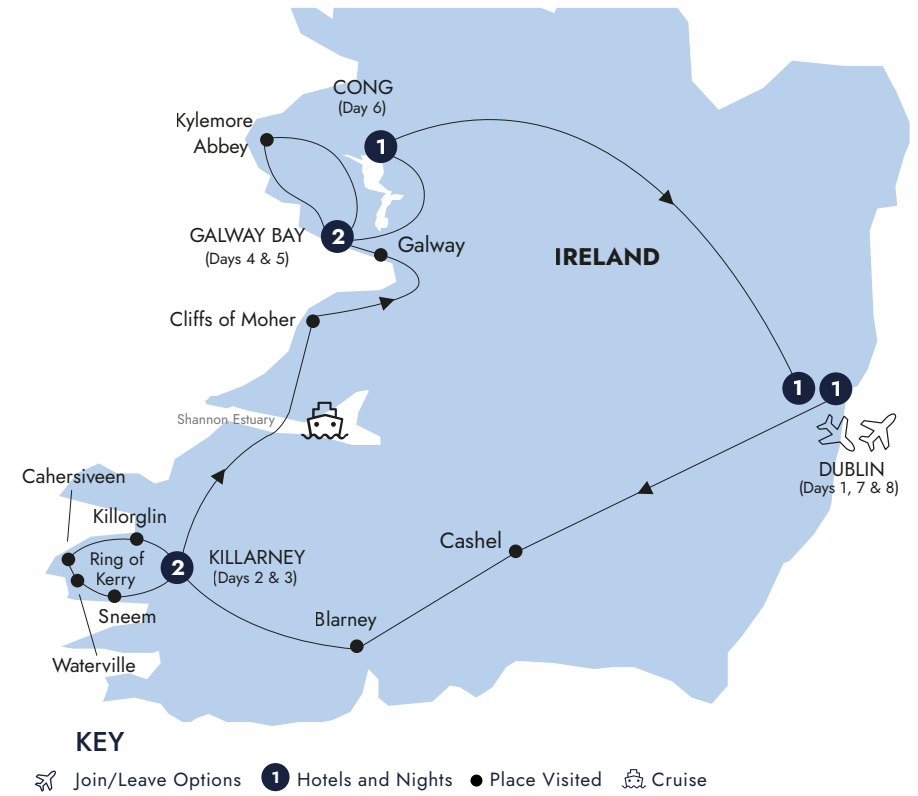



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Enchanting Ireland

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

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | HELLO DUBLIN

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | EXPERIENCE IRISH HISTORY AND ON TO SLIGO

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

DAY 3 | JOURNEY TO WESTPORT AND GALWAY

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

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

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

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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a Dine-Around evening of local cuisine. You also have your pick of Optional Experiences including a Celtic Steps performance or a Gaelic Roots show of song and dance. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: The Gleneagle, Killarney

> *From tracing roots at EPIC to standing on the edge of the Cliffs of Moher, Ireland's beauty, history and spirit will steal your heart.*
>
> **CHRISTY, TRAVEL EXPERIENCES**

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

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

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

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Ireland's Icons

Discover Ireland's legendary landscapes and enduring traditions—from the Georgian squares of Dublin to the windswept shores of Connemara—as you experience ancient sites, historic estates and vibrant cities.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | HELLO DUBLIN

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 14:00.

DAY 2 | DISCOVER DIVERSE DUBLIN

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

DAY 3 | ADMIRE COUNTY KILDARE AND ON TO CORK

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

DAY 4 | JOURNEY TO BLARNEY AND ON TO KILLARNEY

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

DAY 5 | A DAY ON THE RING OF KERRY

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

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in Killarney, end your day with a decadent three-course dinner infused with Irish flavours. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | ONWARDS TO THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

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

DAY 7 | GALWAY

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

DAY 8 | KYLEMORE ABBEY

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

DAY 9 | RETURN TO LIVELY DUBLIN

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

DAY 10 | JOURNEY HOME

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

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



KEY

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

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

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

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

Galway | See the Lynch Memorial Window and St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church - the largest medieval parish church in Ireland.

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Ireland

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

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: B909

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY
Become acquainted with Dublin's elegant squares during an orientation of the city. Discover Custom House, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Enjoy entrance to the 9th-century Book of Kells and a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Clayton Burlington Road, Dublin

DAY 3 | A JOURNEY FROM DUBLIN TO CORK
Visit one of the country's main racehorse breeding centres and meet an equine professional. Visit the 100-year-old Japanese Gardens. Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny to visit the majestic Kilkenny Castle. Learn how the castle was built in 1195 after the Norman Conquest of Ireland and admire its beautifully restored Victorian-era rooms. Continue through Cahir and see its 13th-century castle. In Cork, your Travel Director shows you around the university city, with its vibrant waterfront and grand Georgian parades. **(B)**
Hotel: The Kingsley, Cork

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS TO KILLARNEY
Travel to Blarney Castle and Gardens, then venture across the majestic Derrynasaggart Mountains to the lively town of Killarney. Join John and Freda, your hosts at the 19th Green Guesthouse, and savour the delicious flavours of fresh local cuisine on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Gather together at a Farm-to-Table dinner, using responsibly sourced ingredients from the local community, and gain personal insight into classic Irish recipes that are loved throughout the world. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa

DAY 5 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE
Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore through the National Park. Then explore around the magnificent Ring of Kerry. Here, mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is breathtaking beyond words. Journey past lush lakelands and around towering cliffs as you appreciate sweeping sea views. **(B)**

DAY 6 | AROUND THE DINGLE PENINSULA
Journey to the rugged beauty of the Dingle Peninsula, following the scenic Slea Head

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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Drive. In the afternoon, head north to Tarbert, where you'll board a ferry to cross the Shannon Estuary before arriving in Ennistymon for the evening. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Falls & Spa, Ennistymon

DAY 7 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND GALWAY
Travel to the Visitor Centre at the 214 m (702 ft) Cliffs of Moher. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Clare Coast before a delightful drive through the strange, rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway Bay. On arrival, see the Lynch Memorial and Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before his voyages to America. See the Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Connemara Coast, Galway

DAY 8 | FREE DAY GALWAY OR ARAN ISLANDS
Spend a day at leisure to relax and enjoy Galway. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Aran Islands? A genuine highlight of the Wild Atlantic Way. With their cliffs and spectacular coastal views, the islands are a true Irish experience. **(B) (RS)**

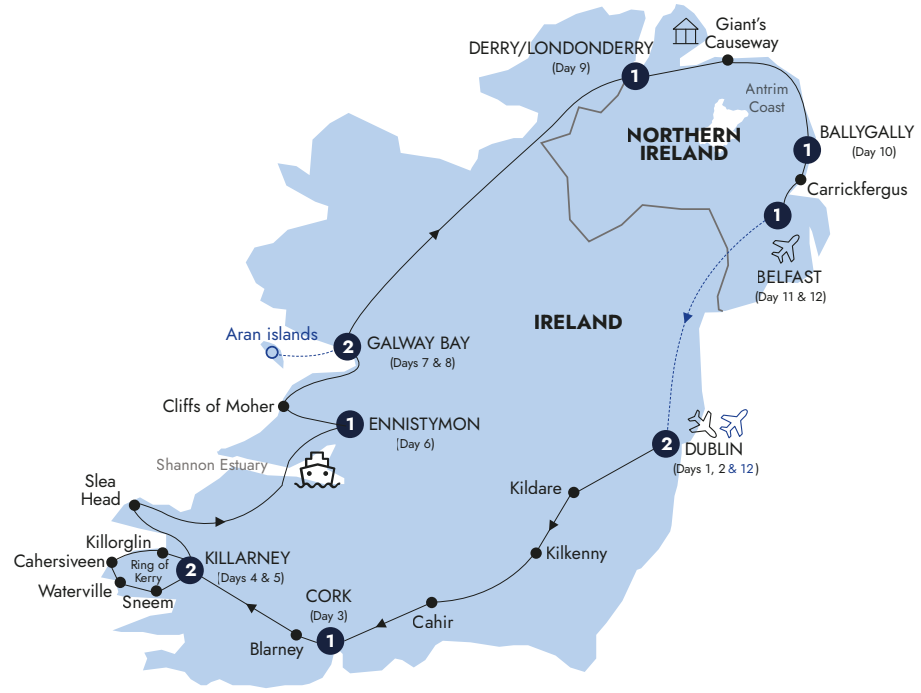
DAY 9 | EXPLORE DERRY/LONDONDERRY
Cross into Northern Ireland, bound for the ancient walled city. On arrival, one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, will fascinate you as he takes you inside the city walls. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maldron Hotel Derry, Londonderry

DAY 10 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS
Visit the iconic Giant's Causeway. Continue along the scenic Antrim Coast Road, renowned for its dramatic cliffs and coastal views to your hotel overlooking Ballygally Bay. Later, gather with your fellow travellers to enjoy a final evening of warm hospitality and regional cuisine. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Ballygally Castle

DAY 11 | THE ANTRIM COAST TO BELFAST
Follow the Antrim Coast, past the huge Norman castle at Carrickfergus, to arrive in Belfast. Meet your Local Expert for a passionate city tour including views of the City Hall, Queen's University, the Parliament Building at Stormont and murals in different locations indicating political sentiments of local residents. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Titanic, Belfast

DAY 12 | DEPART BELFAST OR DUBLIN
As your journey through Ireland comes to an end, bid farewell to your Travel Director and fellow travellers, taking with you stories and insights of this spirited island. An additional transfer will arrive at Dublin airport at 08:00. **(B)**

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



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Join/Leave Options · UNESCO Heritage Site · 1 Hotels and Nights · ● Place Visited
Cruise · O Optional Place Visited · Trip Options



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

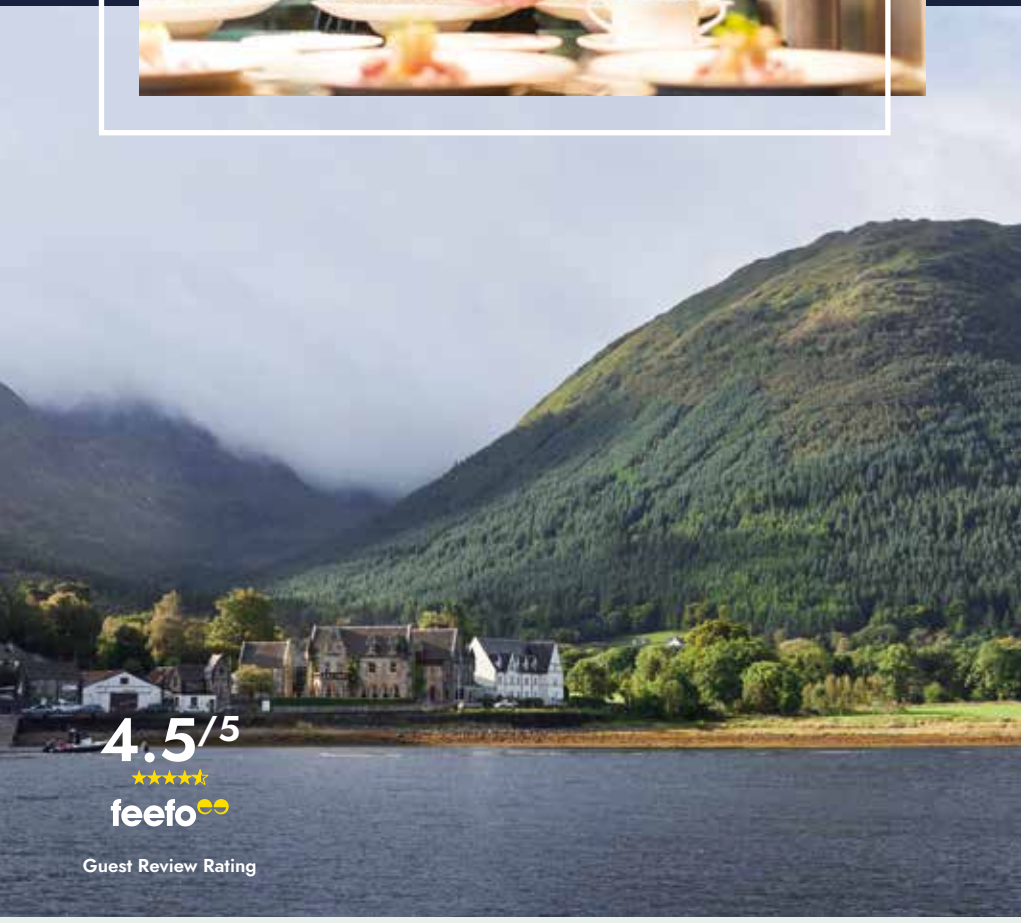
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Best of Ireland & Scotland

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

14 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Your Local Expert takes you past the Custom House to see the Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College and gain an insight into its history. Enjoy entry into its famed library and the 9th-century Book of Kells exhibition. **(B)**

DAY 3 | KILDARE AND CORK

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

DAY 4 | BLARNEY CASTLE, KILLARNEY AND DINGLE

Today's Insight Choice invites you to experience one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Opt to explore Blarney Castle, climbing its medieval tower to kiss the famous Blarney Stone, long said to grant the 'gift of the gab.' Alternatively, skip the climb and take time to roam the castle's 1,500-acre estate, discovering the Wishing Steps, Witch's Kitchen and a series of imaginative themed gardens, from the tranquil Water Garden to the tropical Fern Garden. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Skellig Hotel, Dingle

DAY 5 | DINGLE PENINSULA

Enjoy a Relaxed Start before setting out along the Dingle Peninsula, a region rich in Gaelic culture and striking Atlantic views. Drive the Slea Head route, one of Ireland's most scenic stretches, passing rugged cliffs, ancient stone huts and panoramic lookouts across the Blasket Islands. Along the way, gain insight into Ireland's early Christian heritage and the daily life of this remote, Irish-speaking region. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Begin the day with a short ferry ride across the Shannon Estuary. Enjoy magnificent views of the Clare coast, as you journey to the Visitors' Centre at the 214 m (702 ft) Cliffs of Moher. Continue on to your hotel, located at the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way. Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas. **(B)**
Hotel: Connemara Coast, Galway

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

DAY 7 | GLORIOUS GALWAY TO SLIGO BAY
Tour the wild Connemara region, a scenic wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Drive along the scenic shores of Sligo Bay. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Clayton, Sligo

DAY 8 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS
Cross into Northern Ireland and arrive in Derry/Londonderry for a walking tour along the original 17th-century city walls. Later, visit the UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway, where over 40,000 basalt columns were formed by ancient volcanic activity. Continue along the scenic Antrim Coast to your hotel overlooking Ballygally Bay. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ballygally Castle, Co. Antrim

DAY 9 | CREAM TEA AT ARDGOWAN ESTATE
Set sail across the Irish Sea this morning, heading for the land of the brave. Arrive at the Ardgowan Estate, where Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle, set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate. Explore the history of the area and learn the Shaw Stewart family's conservation efforts to protect the land on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, followed by traditional Scottish tea and scones. Continue to Glasgow to see the city's grand public buildings. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Glasgow

DAY 10 | GLENCOE AND LOCH NESS
A scenic drive takes you along the banks of Loch Lomond and the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, before reaching The Great Glen. Experience a journey of discovery on a Loch Ness cruise. Soak up the scenery and intriguing tales of Nessie. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Kingsmills, Inverness

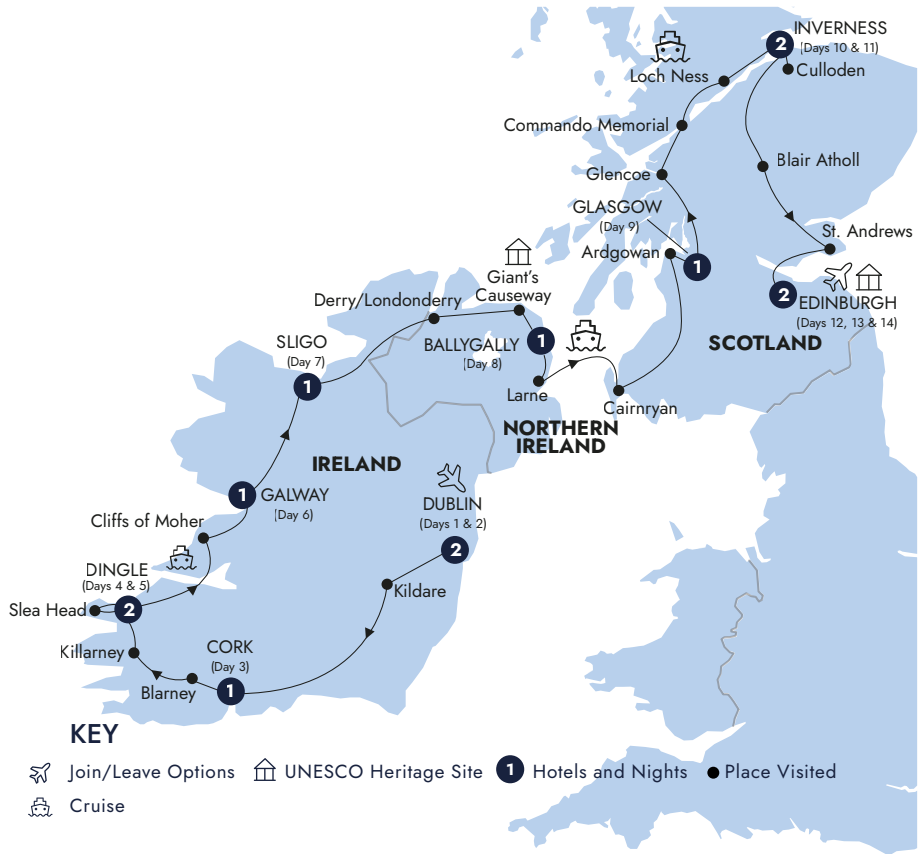
DAY 11 | A HIGHLANDS EXPERIENCE
Enjoy an orientation of Inverness, before driving out to the Culloden Moor Visitor Centre, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was defeated. Then, enjoy a 'wee dram' with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Uile-bheist distillery. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH
A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains passing Blair Atholl. Cross the Tay to visit St. Andrews and see the Old Course, the home of golf since the 15th-century, before enjoying free time to explore. Continue to Edinburgh. In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. **(B)**
Hotel: Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Edinburgh

DAY 13 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE
Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then see the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. In the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the King. Venture up the Royal Mile to visit Edinburgh Castle, home of Mons Meg and Scotland's Crown Jewels, the Honours of Scotland. Join your friends for a dinner of modern Scottish cuisine, served with wine. **(B) (D)**

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

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





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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

Edinburgh | Enjoy a memorable dinner, reflecting on your journey in the company of newfound friends.

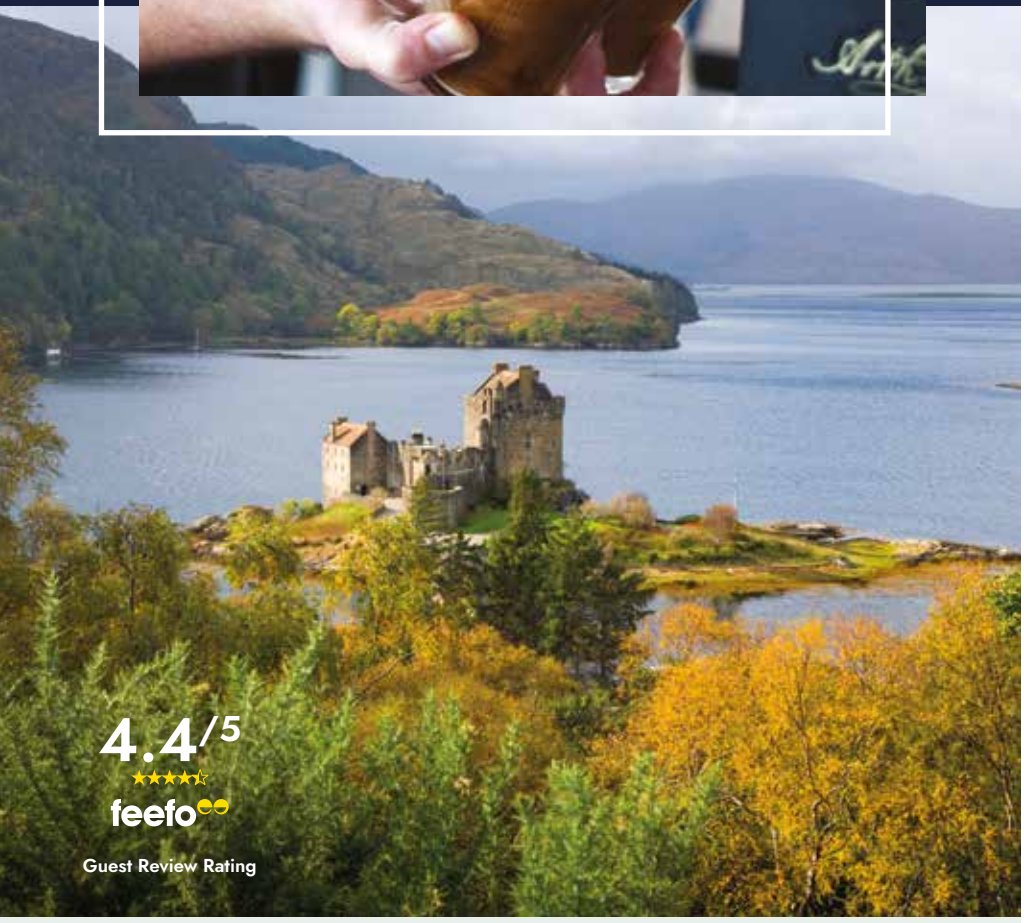
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Romantic Britain & Ireland

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

18 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 25 MEALS | BALANCED





DAY 1 | OXFORD AND STRATFORD
Meet your Travel Director at the hotel in London. Depart for the famous university town of Oxford with its beautiful spires. With time at leisure, why not visit the world-famous Ashmolean Museum or browse through the local indoor market? Continue via pretty Cotswolds villages to Stratford-upon-Avon. Discover how William Shakespeare and his incredible works continue to shape society today when you visit his birthplace, full of interesting memorabilia and artefacts relating to his life. Tonight, join your Travel Director for dinner at a local pub. **(D)**
Hotel: Swan's Nest, Stratford-upon-Avon

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

DAY 2 | LINCOLN AND MEDIEVAL YORK
Visit Lincoln and travel to see the York Minster. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hilton, York

DAY 3 | THE ENGLISH LAKES TO EDINBURGH
Stop in Wordsworth's village of Grasmere to see the poet's grave. **(B)**
Hotel: Virgin, Edinburgh

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

DAY 5 | ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS
See the world's oldest golf course as you arrive in St. Andrews, and perhaps wander to St. Andrews University, where Prince William met his princess when they were students there. Stop at Atholl Palace and Gardens for a delicious cream tea. Originally opened in Victorian times, the hotel retains many of its traditional features. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Kingsmills, Inverness

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

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

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

Trip code: B908

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

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

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

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

DAY 11 | GALWAY AND THE CLIFFS OF MOHER
Cross the limestone landscape of the Burren, to see the Cliffs of Moher. **(B)**
Hotel: The George, Limerick

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

DAY 13 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE
Meet John for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit his family-run seaweed farm on the Ring of Kerry. Learn about sustainable farming practices that protect the wild Irish Atlantic coasts. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 14 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD
Visit Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence. Join a guided visit of the House of Waterford Crystal and meet an artisan. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Granville, Waterford

DAY 15 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CARDIFF
See Cardiff Castle and the impressive Principality Stadium. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAY 16 | BATH AND GLASTONBURY
Visit the Roman Baths before continuing to Glastonbury. **(B)**
Hotel: The Imperial Torquay (Sea view rooms)

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

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



KEY

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Britain & Ireland Explorer

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

13 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: B904

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | STRATFORD-UPON-AVON AND MEDIEVAL YORK
Meet your Travel Director at the trip hotel in London and journey to Stratford-upon-Avon, beautifully situated on the River Avon. Visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare, full of interesting memorabilia and artefacts relating to his life. Continue on to York, where you walk within the old city walls to the crooked houses of the Shambles and see York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral. Join your travelling companions for the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton, York

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

DAYS 2 - 3 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE
Stop in Durham to see the castle and Romanesque cathedral. Then view part of Hadrian's Wall, Britain's most renowned Roman monument. Head to the elegant Scottish capital, Edinburgh. Journey down the Royal Mile to see the Palace of Holyroodhouse before crossing over to New Town. Walk with your Local Expert inside Edinburgh Castle and see the Scottish Crown Jewels and Mons Meg. The afternoon is free to shop on Princes Street or visit one of the historical museums or artistic galleries that fill this city. In the evening, select departures will enjoy the spectacle of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.
Hotel: Leonardo Royal, Edinburgh

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

DAY 5 | LOCH NESS AND GLENCOE
In the morning, travel along Loch Ness and hear tales of the famous Nessie. Continue past Glencoe to reach the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond. Admire the incredible scenery as you cruise what is arguably one of Scotland's most beautiful lochs, whilst enjoying a light lunch. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Castle Green, Kendal

DAY 6 | THE ENGLISH LAKES TO LIVERPOOL
In the morning, discover the beauty of the Lake District. Continue to your hotel in Liverpool. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Maldron, Liverpool

DAYS 7 - 8 | NORTH WALES AND OVER TO DUBLIN
Journey through Wales, passing the massive Conwy Castle before crossing over to the Isle of Anglesey. From the port of Holyhead, set

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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sail for Dublin in Ireland. Head to the Guinness Storehouse and enjoy a tasting of Ireland's world famous drink. With your Local Expert see the famous O'Connell Street, the Custom House and Dublin Castle.
Hotel: Hilton Dublin/Trinity City Hotel

DAYS 9 - 10 | KILLARNEY AND THE RING OF KERRY

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

DAY 11 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD

Explore Blarney with Insight Choice. Choose to climb up the ramparts and see the famous Stone of Eloquence. Alternatively, visit the lush gardens of the estate with a senior gardener. Travel to the historic walled city of Waterford, for a guided visit of the world-famous House of Waterford Crystal and see artisans at work. After miles of fun and fascinating sights, spirits will be high during your dinner. Toast to your newfound friends — Sláinte! **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Granville, Waterford

DAY 12 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CARDIFF

From the port of Rosslare, board your ferry to cross the Irish Sea. A pleasant drive takes you to the Welsh capital, Cardiff, famous for its imposing castle and the brilliant Principality Stadium. **(B)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAY 13 | ROMAN BATHS AND STONEHENGE

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. See the incredibly well-preserved remains of one of the greatest spas of the ancient world, still flowing with the natural hot water from the springs below. Your journey continues across Salisbury Plain for a visit to mysterious Stonehenge - no-one can be sure why they were built, or even how prehistoric man could move such huge blocks of stone. Your exploration of Britain and Ireland draws to a close upon your return to the hotel in London. **(B)**



KEY

Join/Leave Options · UNESCO Heritage Site · 1 Hotels and Nights · ● Place Visited · Cruise



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Killarney | *Insight Choice* Explore on a horse-drawn jaunting car with local jarveys, *or* admire the incredible scenery of Killarney National Park during a gentle hike.

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

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

County Tipperary | Meet entrepreneur Ailbhe and hear about her passion for sustainable farming and the secret to the most delicious honey on the island. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 & 12: Quality Education & Sustainable Production and Consumption.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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

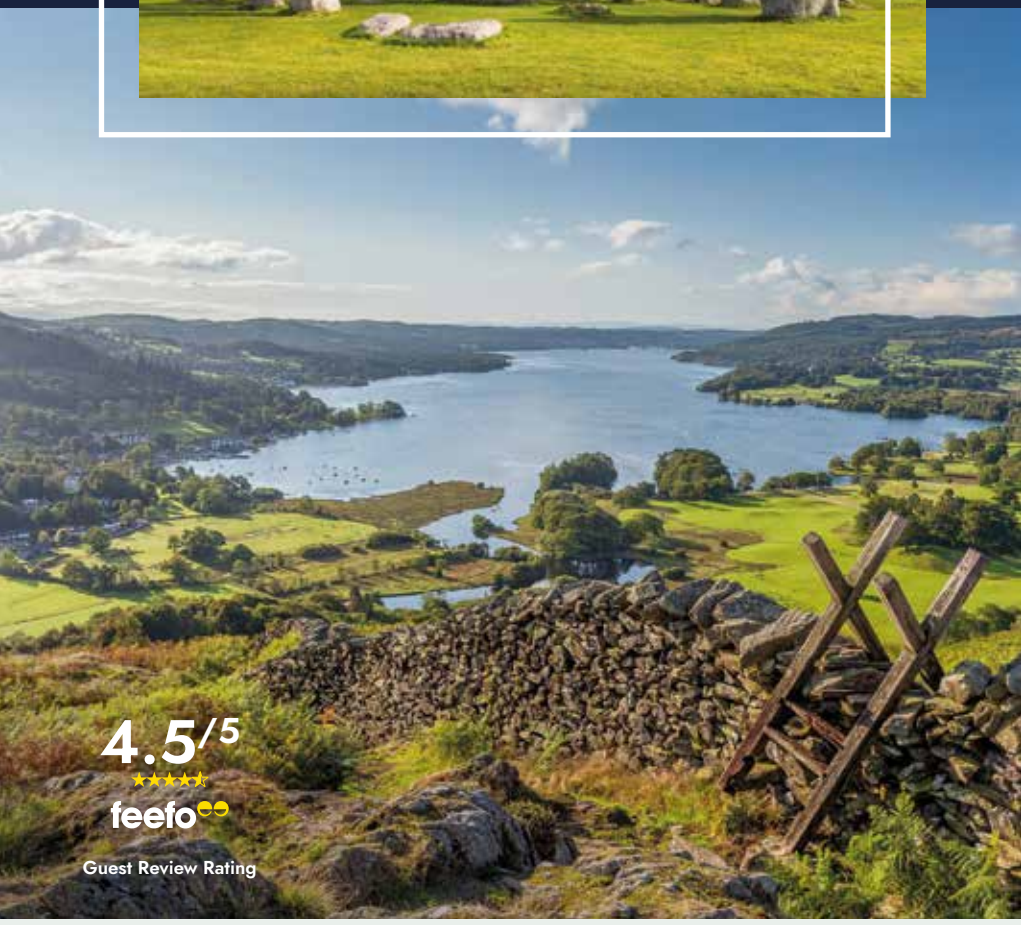
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Britain & Ireland Discovery

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

22 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 33 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

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

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

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

DAYS 3 - 4 | THE LAKE DISTRICT AND EDINBURGH
Travel to the picturesque Lake District. In Edinburgh, join a Local Expert to explore Princes Street, the New Town, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, and Edinburgh Castle. In the evening, select departures will attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.
Hotel: Edinburgh Marriott Holyrood

DAY 5 | FIFE AND ABERDEEN
Make your way to St. Andrews, the birthplace of golf. Enjoy free time to explore. Test your senses on a visit to a local Whisky Distillery for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before continuing to our hotel in Aberdeen. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ardoe House Hotel and Spa, Aberdeen

DAYS 6 - 7 | WICK AND ORKNEY ISLANDS
Set sail on a Loch Ness cruise. From Wick, visit John o'Groats and board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands.
Hotel: The Norseman, Wick

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

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

DAY 10 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS ON THE WAY TO DERRY/LONDONDERRY
Cross the Irish Sea with views of the Isle of Arran en route to the UNESCO-listed Giant's Causeway, one of the country's most recognised natural wonders. Later, continue to Derry/Londonderry, where centuries of history are preserved within its original 17th-century ramparts. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Da Vinci's, Londonderry

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
HOTELS: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

DAY 11 | BELLEEK AND SLIGO BAY
Meet Ronan, one of the nation's great storytellers in Derry/Londonderry. Meet artisans at Belleek Pottery and Visitor Centre. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Clayton, Sligo

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

DAYS 13 - 14 | ADARE TO KILLARNEY
Explore Limerick. Lunch at a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius. From Adare continue to Killarney, eat locally at your Dine-Around meal and enjoy a trip around the Ring of Kerry.
Hotel: Aghadoe Heights/Great Southern

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

DAYS 16 - 17 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN
Visit Kilkenny Castle and learn about its rich history on a guided tour. Head to the Guinness Storehouse for a tasting. A Local Expert shows you Dublin's elegant Georgian squares and O'Connell Street.
Hotel: Trinity City, Dublin

DAY 18 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO LIVERPOOL
Cross the Irish Sea for a stop in Wales and see Conwy Castle. Return to England and stop in Liverpool for an orientation of the city. Consider an Optional Experience tour featuring the history of The Beatles. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maldron, Liverpool

DAY 19 | THE WELSH MARCHES TO CARDIFF
Continue through the countryside to the Welsh capital and see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Clayton, Cardiff

DAYS 20 - 21 | BATH, SOMERSET AND PLYMOUTH
Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths. Make a stop in Wells to visit its Cathedral. Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a walk and scenic exploration in Dartmoor. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing cruise on Plymouth harbour, where 400 years ago the pilgrim ship, Mayflower, set sail for America. Back in Plymouth enjoy dinner with your Travel Director and newfound friends.
Hotel: Crowne Plaza/Copthorne Hotel, Plymouth

DAY 22 | ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON
Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the prehistoric and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring monoliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Your discovery of Britain and Ireland concludes upon your return to the hotel in London. **(B)**



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Join/Leave Options | UNESCO Heritage Site | 1 Hotels and Nights | ● Place Visited | Cruise



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Belgium, Luxembourg & the Netherlands

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

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BRUSSELS

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | THE BATTLEFIELD OF WATERLOO OR CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE MAKING LESSON

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

DAY 3 | GHENT AND ON TO BRUGES

In the morning, admire the contrast of the Chinese and Japanese Pavilions and the impressive, metallic spheres of the Atomium, an international symbol of Brussels and Belgium. Your journey then crosses the pasture lands of Flanders to reach Ghent, the City of Flowers, offering a fascinating cultural mix of medieval heritage and modern urban life. With a Local Expert, take a stroll through the historical streets and be mesmerised by the outstanding beauty of its quays, churches and squares. Visit St. Bavo's Cathedral, former home of the Eyck masterpiece, and see the Castle of the Counts. Continue to Bruges, where you'll stay for the next two nights. Meet your Local Expert in Bruges for a stroll along cobbled streets, lined with high-gabled houses from the 16th century. Visit the Market Square dominated by the 83 m (272 ft) medieval bell tower, the Belfry of Bruges. Explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall and glorious frescoes on the walls of the Holy Blood Chapel. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Bruges

DAY 4 | BRUGES

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

DAY 5 | LUXEMBOURG

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

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

Luxembourg to arrive at your 18th-century château home for two nights. In the evening, you will be served a fresh and delicious Farm-to-Table dinner at restaurant Les Écuries du Parc. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Château d'Urspelt (Castle Rooms), Clervaux

DAY 6 | LUXEMBOURG CITY AND COUNTRYSIDE

Visit the grave of U.S. General George S. Patton in the Luxembourg American Cemetery. Gain insights into the Grand Duchy from your Local Expert as you explore its UNESCO-listed old town and admire the view over the Pétrusse Ravine from the Pont Adolphe. The afternoon is free for you to explore Luxembourg City at your leisure, or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the ancient Roman city of Trier, birthplace of Karl Marx, to explore with a Local Expert. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 | EXPLORE BASTOGNE THEN ON TO ROTTERDAM

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

DAY 8 | DELFT AND THE HAGUE

Visit one of the manufacturers of original Delft blue pottery and see the potters at work. Journey to the Hague to see the Binnenhof courtyards, view the Parliament and admire the impressive Peace Palace. Select departures visit Keukenhof Gardens, one of the world's largest flower gardens, an unforgettable experience not to be missed. Pass through picturesque villages and windmills of the Dutch countryside to Amsterdam. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

DAY 9 | AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING

Explore Amsterdam and cruise through the canal district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and admire the elegant merchant houses from the 16th and 17th centuries. Later, savour a delicious meal at a charming restaurant in the heart of the city. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | A TRUE DUTCH DELIGHT

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

DAY 11 | DEPART AMSTERDAM

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Normandy, Brittany & The Loire Valley

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

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS

After checking in upon arrival, the capital is yours to explore. Meet your Travel Director for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROUEN, HONFLEUR AND DEAUVILLE

Follow the River Seine to Rouen, capital of Normandy, to admire its ancient cathedral - a masterpiece of Gothic style and the subject of a series of paintings by Claude Monet. Wander through the narrow streets beneath the Great Clock to the Old Market Square. Here, a superb modern church memorialises the burning of Joan of Arc on this very spot in 1431. Continue to the charming fishing town of Honfleur and wander along the harbour or stroll through the colourful streets. Close by, visit a family-owned apple farm for apple juice, cider and calvados tasting. Later, arrive at your luxurious hotel, located in the chic seaside resort of Deauville. **(B)**
Hotel: Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf, Deauville

DAY 3 | NORMANDY BEACHES AND D-DAY LANDINGS

Visit the bunkers and the Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc with a Local Expert, then spend a few reflective moments at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent, near Omaha Beach. Explore Normandy with Insight Choice, visiting the D-Day Museum or Bayeux Cathedral, before being treated to a delightful dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 4 | MONT SAINT-MICHEL AND SAINT-MALO

Journey through bocage country and explore the hilltop abbey of Mont Saint-Michel with your Local Expert. Situated on an island, the abbey is reached by a bridge across the shining sands. Behind the outer ring of defences huddles the small town – its singular street containing shops, cafes and hotels. Continue along the Emerald Coast to stunning Saint-Malo, situated on the Rance Estuary and one of the most charming places in France. A Local Expert will take you on an exploration of the City of the Corsairs. Walk through the maze of streets of Intra Muros, the walled city, home of Jacques Cartier and other celebrated voyagers. At your leisure, you can wander around the ramparts of the thick city walls, offering fantastic views over the old town and the bay. By night, the town's medieval maze of winding streets is abuzz with quaint bars and restaurants. Alternatively, you may wish to join an Optional Experience to Cancale, known throughout France for its oyster beds, for a delicious meal of fresh seafood and other Breton specialities. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Nouveau Monde, St-Malo

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

> *Standing on Omaha Beach, you'll feel the history and the courage of those who gave everything - it is humbling beyond words.*
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> **SOPHIE, TRAVEL EXPERIENCES**

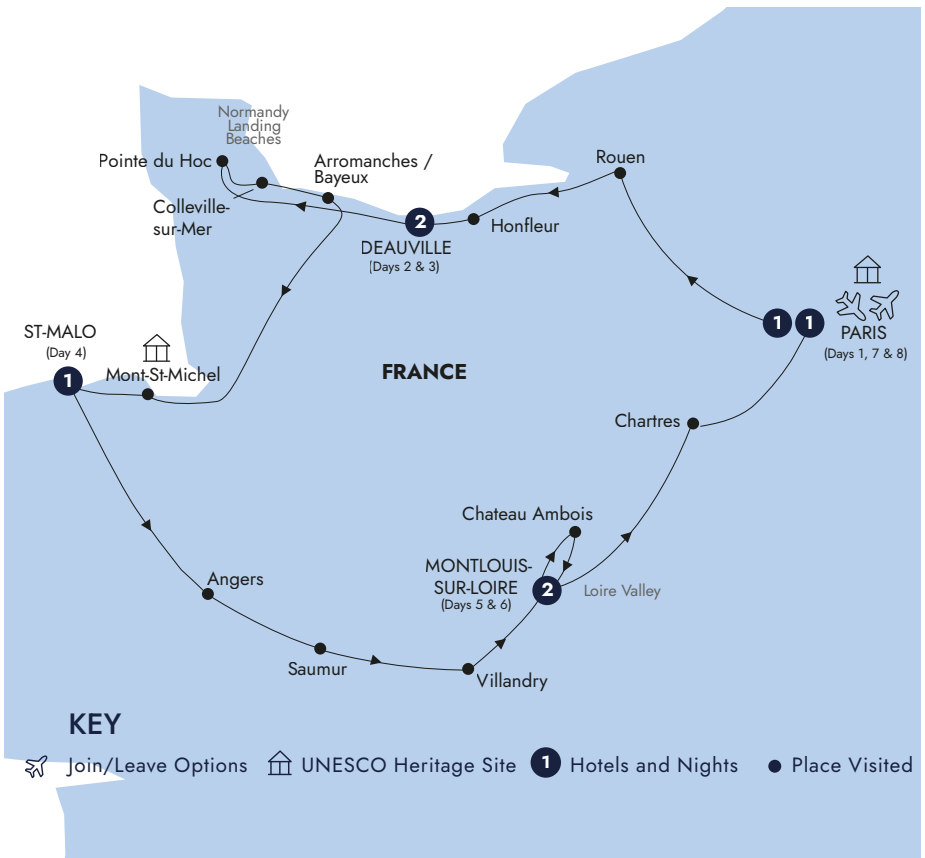
DAY 5 | VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE
Head south to follow the valley of the Loire, passing the moated Château d'Angers. Cross the Loire to Saumur, where a local vintner will guide you through tastings of the region's delicious wines. Head to Château de Villandry, the jewel of the Loire, to visit the glorious sustainable gardens on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy a guided birdwatching experience with Local Expert Manon, and explore France's finest formal gardens, now a hub for sustainability, preserving the estate's biological diversity. Continue to your very own castle hotel and admire its extensive gardens and potager. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Château de la Bourdaisière

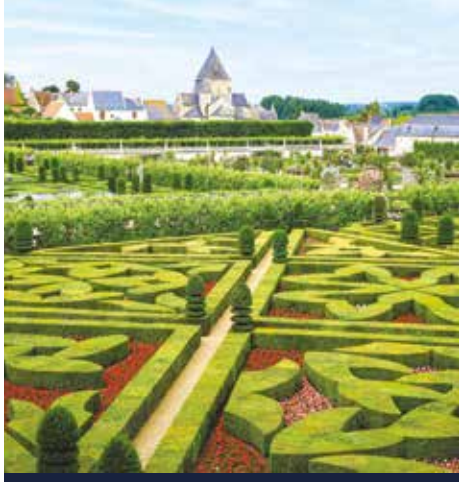
DAY 6 | SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY
Journey to the elegant Château d'Amboise, once home to French kings and the final resting place of Leonardo da Vinci. Here, your Local Expert reveals how this clifftop residence played a pivotal role in the history of the French Renaissance. This evening, your dinner starts with a glass of local sparkling wine and continues with excellent service and delicious Farm-to-Table dishes in the most wholesome setting, ensuring the memory of your meal will linger long after you've returned home. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | LA BEAUCE AND CHARTRES TO PARIS, CITY OF LIGHT
Travelling through the vast wheat fields of the Beauce region, Chartres Cathedral, nicknamed the 'Acropolis of France' by August Rodin, looms large on the horizon. Enjoy a guided tour of this architectural delight. From here, return to the French capital where your Travel Director introduces you to the fabulous sights of Paris, including the vast Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood. Travel up the Champs Élysées to Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe. After dark, the City of Light really lives up to its name, when the monuments, buildings and bridges are lit up in all their glory. Add a special touch of excitement and glamour to your evening with the unforgettable thrill of a world-famous cabaret show—an Optional Experience not to be missed. **(B)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

Angers | View the formidable château, a 13th-century fortress famed for its 17 towers.

Loire Valley | Embark on a birdwatching journey with Local Expert Manon through the gardens of Château de Villandry. Now a hub for sustainability, preserving the estate's biological diversity, learn about the sea of fragrant green herbs, silvery cabbages and purple basil grown organically to regenerate the local ecosystem. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of France

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

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 22 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: E723

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS
On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers to the hotel leave terminal 2F. Meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before joining a dinner at a classic local restaurant with cuisine inspired by country recipes. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

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

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

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

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

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

DAY 7 | NICE AND THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO
Unlock the secrets of the French perfume industry with a visit to a perfumery. Then enjoy a drive along part of the Grand Prix circuit in Monaco and with Insight Choice enter the Oceanographic Museum dedicated to the concept of the Mediterranean Science Commission or visit the Royal Palace of Monaco and see Monaco Cathedral, housing the tomb of Princess Grace. **(B)**

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

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

DAY 9 | AVIGNON AND PONT DU GARD
Marvel at the ancient Roman aqueduct, Pont du Gard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before exploring the storied streets of Avignon, home to the seat of the Pope and Christianity in the 14th century. Move on to a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a local olive estate, where you'll stroll through scenic groves. Learn about sustainable olive oil production from tree to table and indulge in a tasting of artisanal oils where you'll learn to differentiate the rich palette of aromas, colours and textures. Return to your hotel in Aix-en-Provence for a free evening to relax and unwind or explore the city's vibrant cafes and boutiques. **(B)**

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

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

DAY 12 | CAHORS AND ROCAMADOUR
Sample some local Dordogne specialities when you visit the market at Cahors, famous for its black wine. Travel to Rocamadour and enjoy free time to explore this medieval town. Enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner this evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Le Perigord, La Roque-Gageac

DAY 13 | EXPLORING THE DORDOGNE VALLEY
Start the day with a morning drive into the Valley of the Dordogne to visit Lascaux II, where the world-famous prehistoric cave paintings have been faithfully reproduced. Continue to the beautiful town of Sarlat-la-Canéda, its medieval core blessed with fine golden limestone houses. Relax this evening in the beautiful surroundings of the Dordogne region whilst you dine at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

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

DAY 15 | ROMANTIC CAPITAL ON THE SEINE
See the Eiffel Tower and the Luxor obelisk in Place de la Concorde, and drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe. Celebrate your unforgettable tour with French cuisine and wine as you dine at a local restaurant in the City of Light. **(B) (D)**

DAY 16 | AU REVOIR PARIS
Today, bid farewell to your journey through the French countryside as you transfer to the airport. **(B)**

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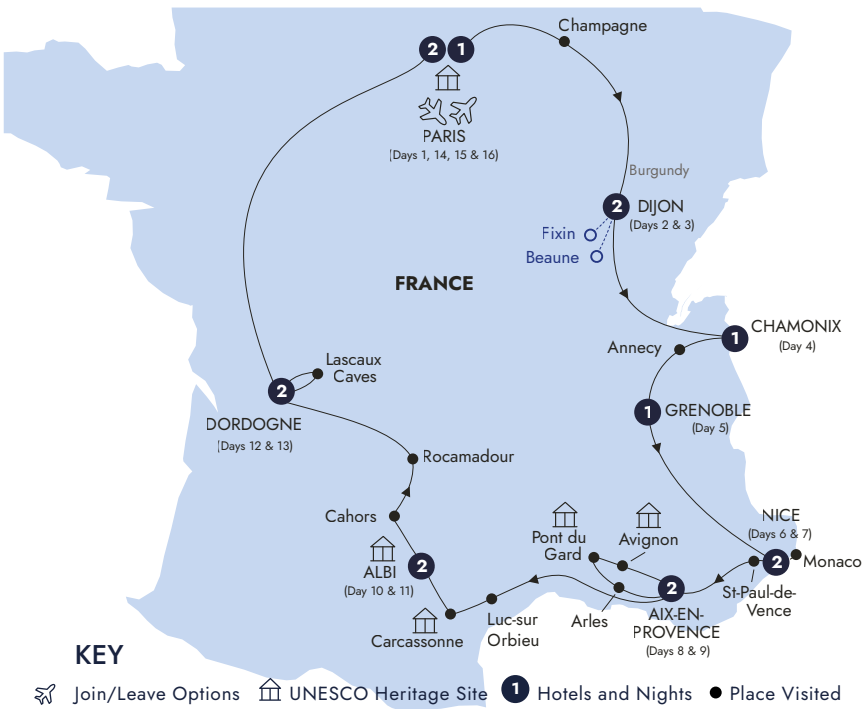




HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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

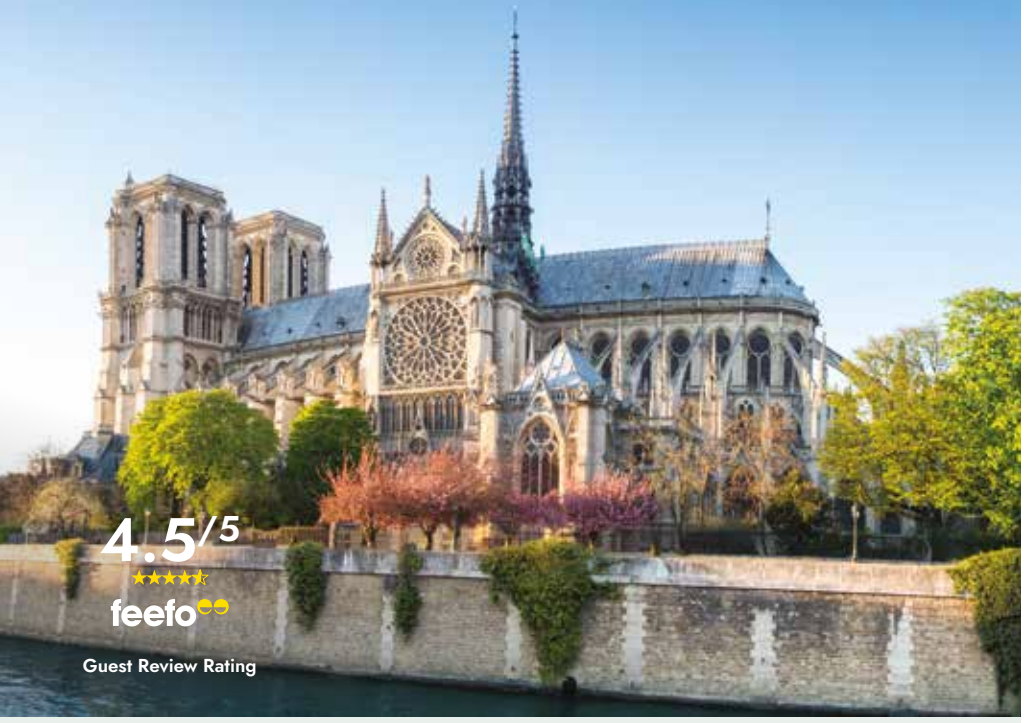
For all inclusions see tour page online.

French Heritage

Adventure across France—play pétanque in Provence, take in alpine splendour in Chamonix and mingle with the jet set on the French Riviera.

22 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 31 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS
On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers to the hotel leave terminal 2F. Meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before joining a dinner at a classic local restaurant with cuisine inspired by country recipes. **(D)**
Hotel: Grand Chicago

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WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

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

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN DIJON
With your day at leisure, perhaps visit the wine capital of Beaune? **(B) (RS)**

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

DAY 5 | LAKESIDE ANNECY AND GRENOBLE
Embark on a beautiful journey to Annecy. Enjoy free time for lunch. This evening, savour a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Park Grenoble-MGallery

DAY 6 | THE FRENCH RIVIERA TO REACH NICE
Continue to the French Riviera to reach the elegant resort town of Nice. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Nice

DAY 7 | NICE AND THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO
Unlock the secrets of the French perfume industry with a visit to a perfumery. Then enjoy a drive along part of the Grand Prix circuit in Monaco. Enjoy an Insight Choice experience with a visit to the Oceanographic Museum or Royal Palace of Monaco. **(B)**

DAY 8 | PICTURESQUE PROVENCE
Enjoy the winding streets of Saint-Paul de Vence before taking a lesson in the French sport of pétanque. Your day concludes in Aix-en-Provence. **(B)**
Hotel: Aquabella Hotel & Spa, Aix-en-Provence

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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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DAY 10 | CARCASSONNE AND TO ALBI
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DAY 12 | CAHORS AND ROCAMADOUR
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Hotel: Le Perigord, La Roque-Gageac

DAYS 13 - 15 | DORDOGNE VALLEY AND PARIS
Visit Lascaux II, the world-renowned site of pre-historic cave paintings. Stop in Sarlat-la-Canéda before arriving in Paris. Luxuriate in the charm of the City of Light as you savour French cuisine and regional wine at dinner.

DAY 16 | ROUEN, HONFLEUR AND DEAUVILLE
Follow the River Seine to Rouen, capital of Normandy, and walk beneath the Great Clock to the Old Market Square. Continue to the fishing town of Honfleur, and visit a family-owned farm for apple juice, cider and calvados tasting. Later, arrive at your hotel in the seaside resort of Deauville. **(B)**
Hotel: Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf, Deauville

DAY 17 | NORMANDY BEACHES AND D-DAY LANDINGS
Spend a few reflective moments at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent, near Omaha Beach. Explore Normandy with Insight Choice. **(B) (D)**

DAY 18 | MONT SAINT-MICHEL AND SAINT-MALO
Explore the abbey of Mont Saint-Michel with your Local Expert. Continue along the Emerald Coast to stunning Saint-Malo. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Nouveau Monde, St Malo

DAY 19 | VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE
Follow the valley of the Loire to Angers. After wine tasting in Saumur, head to Château de Villandry for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue to your very own castle hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Château de la Bourdaisière

DAY 20 | SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY
Journey to the elegant Château d'Amboise, once home to French kings and the final resting place of Leonardo da Vinci. Here, your Local Expert reveals how this clifftop residence played a pivotal role in the history of the French Renaissance. Return to your château for relaxation. **(B) (D)**

DAY 21 | LA BEAUCE AND CHARTRES TO PARIS, CITY OF LIGHT
Stop at Chartres Cathedral before returning to Paris, where you can opt to experience a world-famous cabaret show. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Méridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

DAY 22 | AU REVOIR PARIS
Today, bid farewell to your journey through the French countryside as you transfer to the airport. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Battlefields of WWI and WWII

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

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON
Begin your tour in stylish London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy this city famous for its grandeur and famous landmarks. Perhaps relax with a walk along the Serpentine in Hyde Park or window shop in the boutiques of Knightsbridge. Or, stroll along the Thames to the iconic Tower Bridge and Tower of London. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Park Plaza Victoria, London

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM
See London's iconic landmarks on a guided tour with a Local Expert, from the stately Houses of Parliament to Buckingham Palace. Then, delve into Britain's wartime past at the Imperial War Museum. Explore thought-provoking exhibits, from a recreated World War I trench to the Holocaust Gallery, and see the machine that once decrypted enemy codes in WWII. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure or choose to join an Optional Experience. Step inside St. Paul's Cathedral, a masterpiece of British architecture crowned by Sir Christopher Wren's magnificent dome. Then, venture to the Tower of London, where tales of imprisoned monarchs, legendary ravens and the dazzling Crown Jewels await. **(B)**

DAY 3 | THE BEST OF BRUSSELS
Journey on the Eurostar™ to Brussels where you can explore the city with Insight Choice. Opt to visit the historic battlefield of Waterloo. At the site of the final battle of the Napoleonic Wars, learn about Napoleon's June 18 defeat in 1815, which marked the end of his attempts to dominate Europe. Should you prefer to indulge your sweet tooth, join your Local Expert on a city tour of Brussels and chocolate-making class. Conclude your day dining with your travel companions at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cardo Brussels Autograph Collection

DAY 4 | YPRES BATTLEFIELDS
Embark on your journey to Ypres. The next two days are dedicated to the First World War – viewing Hill 60, Polygon Wood, the Passchendaele Memorial and Tyne Cot Cemetery. Uncover the history of the Battle of Messines, a prelude to Passchendaele, where Australian and New Zealand Forces combined to attack the German defensive position. In the town of Ypres, sample the local beer before concluding your day hearing the Last Post sounded at the Menin Gate. **(B)**
Hotel: Mercure Lille Centre Grand Place

DAY 5 | FROMELLES AND VIMY RIDGE
Arriving at the Australian cemetery of Fromelles, pause to pay your respects and to learn about this monument commemorating one of the darkest days in Australian military history. Explore the town of Arras and make an insightful stop at the Vimy

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Ridge Visitors Centre, dedicated to a battle that defined Canada. On your history tour, consider joining an Optional Experience to Wellington's Quarry Museum, named after a network of tunnels used during World War I. Then learn about the efforts of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission that commemorates the 1.7 million casualties from the First and Second World Wars. Finish your day in medieval Amiens rebuilt after World War II. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Mercure Amiens Cathédrale

DAY 6 | THE BATTLEFIELDS OF THE SOMME

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

DAY 7 | HIGHLIGHTS OF NORMANDY

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

DAY 8 | NORMANDY BEACHES AND D-DAY LANDINGS

Follow the route of the Rangers and visit the bunkers and the Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Then delve into the sights and insights over a D-Day Experience. You'll even step aboard a genuine C-47 built in 1943 for a simulated flight over the D-Day Landing beaches. Enter the house dubbed Dead Man's Corner used in the film Band of Brothers. Visit the Utah Beach Museum, illuminating the story of D-Day from its preparation to its conclusion. Stop at the Omaha Beach Memorial before spending a few reflective moments at the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial. Enhance your evening with an optional dining experience to taste Normandy's renowned local cuisine. **(B)**

DAY 9 | VERSAILLES AND PARIS

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

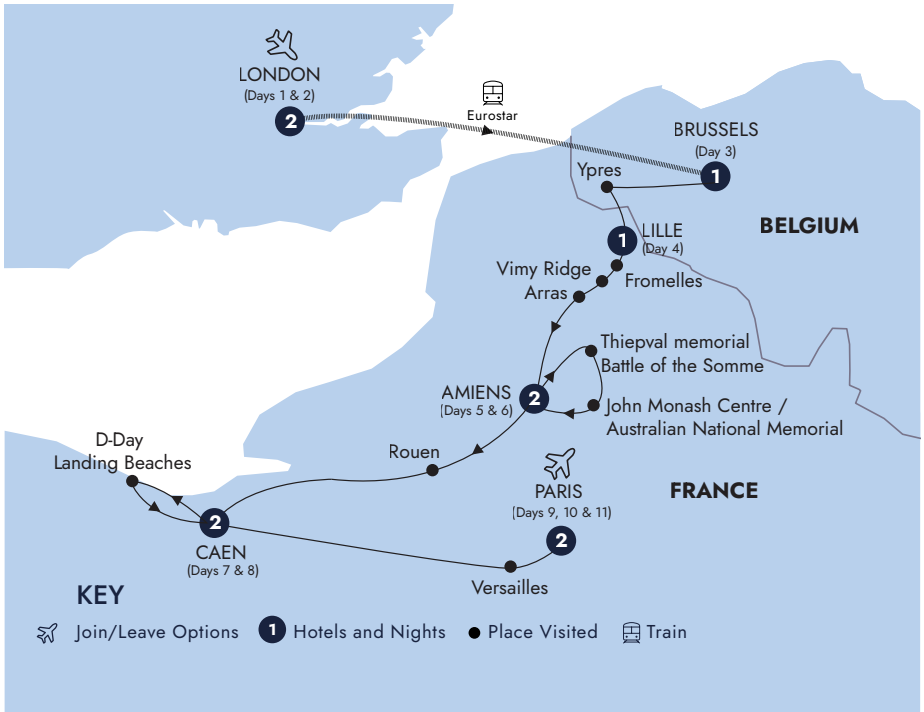
DAY 10 | PARIS, CITY OF LIGHT

With a Local Expert, explore the iconic sights and streets of Paris. See famous landmarks including the Eiffel Tower, the 3,000-year-old Luxor obelisk in the centre of the Place de la Concorde and enjoy a drive along the Champs Elysées to Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe. Curate your day with an Optional Experience of a romantic Seine Cruise. You are in for a memorable evening which begins with a dinner featuring delicious French cuisine and wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | FAREWELL PARIS

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

Auchonvillers | Visit the WW1 museum at Ocean Villas and meet owner and founder Avril Williams, who created this private museum on battlefields, including original war trenches. The museum displays memorabilia and artefacts from the war, recovered during the construction and through private donations. See what is known as the first private Remembrance Wall on the Western Front, commemorating both those who survived and those who were killed in action. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Highlights of Spain

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

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | BALANCED





DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA
Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at local restaurant La Pau. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports teenagers and young people to transition to their adult life. Learn about local life through the eyes of the youth. **(D)**
Hotel: NH Collection Constanza/Gran Melia Torre Melina, Barcelona

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ
With your Local Expert, drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and some of the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district for a visit inside Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família, to see the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the intricate stained-glass windows. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore or perhaps join an Optional Experience to Montserrat and The Black Madonna. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA
Follow the sunny Costa Dorada, past the rice fields of the Ebro Delta. Stop at the seaside resort of Peñíscola and see the hilltop castle used in the film 'El Cid'. Pass through the famous orange groves to Valencia and see the City of Arts and Sciences. Later see the Old City and take in its medieval charm. Valencia is home to one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local speciality during a cooking demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of wine at your dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Barceló Valencia

DAY 4 | EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA
Travel south toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings hollowed out of the soft rock near Guadix. Enjoy views of the Sierra Nevada mountains from a distance as you reach glorious Granada. This historic city was a Moorish kingdom for almost eight centuries and was the last stronghold to fall to the Catholic monarchs of Spain in 1492. Overlooking Granada stands the Alhambra, one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite palace, built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century. A fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Later, stroll through the elegant exotic gardens of the Generalife, the royal summer residence. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Gran Luna de Granada

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

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

DAY 5 | A SCENIC DRIVE TO SEVILLE
The morning is at your leisure to explore as you wish. Perhaps join an Optional Experience and visit the Albaicín Quarter with a Local Expert. Here, in addition to falling in love with Granada, you will also uncover its pivotal role in European history. Continue your travels to Seville, past gleaming white villages and olive groves that stretch as far as the eye can see. **(B)**
Hotel: Meliá Sevilla/Catalonia Giralda, Seville

DAY 6 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN
Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city. This evening, visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | MOORISH CÓRDOBA AND ON TO MADRID
Set off early along the Guadalquivir Valley, passing villages and towns studded with Moorish towers and fortresses. Stop in the perfectly preserved Moorish city of Córdoba and see the famous Roman bridge, built in the 1st century BC. Meet a local historian and visit the magnificent Mezquita, a beautiful 8th-century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it. Make the most of your time at leisure and stroll the narrow streets of the city. Follow in the footsteps of Don Quixote as you travel through La Mancha and on to the capital, Madrid. **(B)**
Hotel: Canopy by Hilton Castellana/NH Balboa, Madrid

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

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

Peñíscola | See the seaside castle, former papal palace and filming location for the film 'El Cid'.

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

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

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

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

Seville | Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 11: Quality Education & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Easy Pace Spain

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

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY





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Trip code: E303

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel. Join your Travel Director for dinner at local restaurant La Pau. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience supports teenagers and young people to transition to their adult life. Learn about local life through the eyes of the youth. **(D)**
Hotel: NH Collection Barcelona Constanza

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

The lively port of Barcelona boasts an impressive Old Town, although it's the daring architecture of the Catalan Art Nouveau that really sets it apart. Sightseeing with your Local Expert begins with a drive down the Passeig de Gràcia to Gaudí's Sagrada Família. Venture inside the leviathan of the Eixample where a tree canopy carved from stone, holds up the roof as sun pours through stained glass. Then you are free to explore this amazing city at your own pace. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | BARCELONA AT LEISURE

Enjoy a Relaxed Start and a full day at leisure to explore Spain's most vibrant city. From its geographical location, boasting coastal vistas, to the city's extravagant architectural landscape, Barcelona is a delight to explore. Consider a stroll along the famous Las Ramblas or explore Gaudí's fascinating Park Güell. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to ascend the sacred mountain of Montserrat, Catalonia's most important pilgrimage site for a thousand years, for sweeping views? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | PAMPLONA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

Journey past Zaragoza on the way to Pamplona in the region of Navarre, famous for the Running of the Bulls. With free time to explore as you wish, perhaps stroll to the famous Estafeta Street. Travel to the aristocratic seaside resort of San Sebastián. Northern Spain's Basque Country has evolved into the best place to eat in the Western world, so in the evening, discover the city's rich gastronomic tradition in the heart of Lo Viejo, the Old Town. **(B)**
Hotel: Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián

DAY 5 | BILBAO AND GUGGENHEIM

Few places have been able to reinvent themselves quite like Bilbao. The former industrial city has changed its ways and is now a pin-up for urban redevelopment. Explore Bilbao with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the spectacular Guggenheim Museum to marvel at its modern architecture and contemporary works of art. Alternatively, join your Local Expert and take the funicular to Mount Artxanda. On return, join a Local Expert to admire San Sebastián and the crescent-shaped La Concha Bay from the heights of Monte Igueldo. After

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

DAY 6 | SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

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

DAY 7 | BURGOS AND MADRID

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

DAY 8 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert as they take you along the main historical areas in the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the Bourbons. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city. Learn about the growth of this city, from humble beginnings to a thriving European metropolis. A highlight of your escorted journey will be to visit the Prado Museum. Discover countless works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and others as you are guided by a local art historian. Gain new perspective on classic artworks as your art historian shares historic anecdotes and provides new insights into the Prado's collection. The afternoon is free for you to relax at a cafe or shop in the boutiques. **(B)**

DAY 9 | THE MEDIEVAL STREETS OF SEGOVIA

Venture northwest to visit the fascinating city of Segovia. Walk the medieval streets of this fortified city with your Local Expert and see the 14th-century Alcazar Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After returning to Madrid, you are at leisure. Make the most of your final night as you join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy delightful regional produce paired with the finest local wines, as you toast to a holiday done well. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | DEPART MADRID

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

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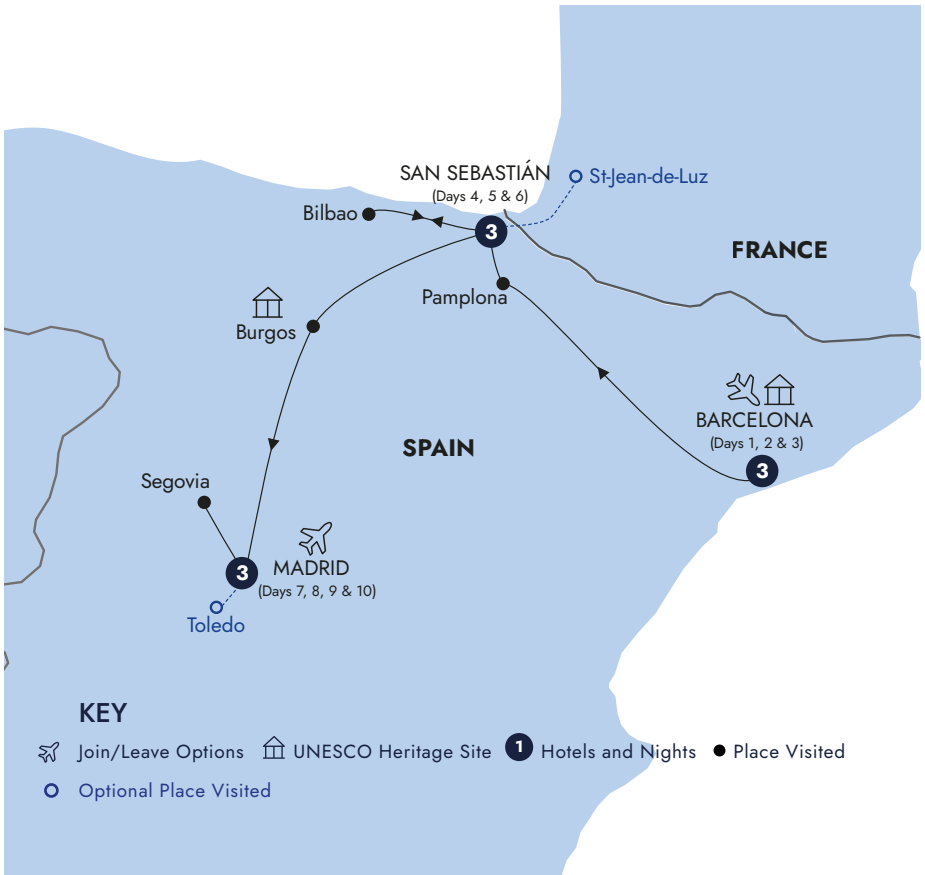



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Northern Spain

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

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner in a local restaurant and enjoy an evening of typical madrileño flavours. **(D)**
Hotel: Barcelo Torre de Madrid/Canopy by Hilton, Madrid

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WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

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DAY 3 | THROUGH THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Journey through the Guadarrama Mountains to the infinite horizons of Old Castile and pass the impressive Castillo de la Mota. Continue past historic Tordesillas, and on to Santiago de Compostela. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Collection, Santiago de Compostela

DAY 4 | SAINTLY SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert and visit the cathedral, festooned with architectural frills. Alternatively, embark on a scenic walk along the Way of St. James, through scenic parks and gardens. Relax during your free time, or explore the narrow streets and old city squares. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | ALONG THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

Pass through the ancient forests of Galicia and cross to the Green Coast of Asturias. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Be treated to a homemade meal and learn about traditional cider product, including a tasting. Continue to Oviedo where a Local Expert will show you the 9th-century churches built when the city was the capital of Christian Spain. Visit the Cathedral

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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of the Holy Saviour. Admire one of the finest altarpieces in Europe. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: Barceló Oviedo Cervantes

DAY 6 | PICTURESQUE SANTILLANA DEL MAR AND ON TO SANTANDER

Visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery. Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria whilst travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue on to the sophisticated beach resort of Santander where you have free time in the evening to explore. **(B)**
Hotel: Eurostars Real, Santander

DAY 7 | BILBAO, COSTA VASCA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

In nearby Bilbao, admire the striking modern architecture of the Guggenheim Museum, one of the world's most spectacular buildings. Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca, dotted with small coastal fishing villages and pause in the seaside city of Getaria to see 'El Ratón', the mouse-shaped rock. Continue to San Sebastián and admire its beauty as you walk with your Local Expert through the Old Quarter to see the Plaza de la Constitution. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián

DAY 8 | SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk and with the city harbour filled with fishing boats and pleasure crafts, you can enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. Perhaps you'll want to explore the nearby French villages of Saint-Jean-de-Luz, also known as Little Paris, and Biarritz. You could also stroll along the promenade of the famous La Concha Bay or enjoy the boutiques of the Old Town. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

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

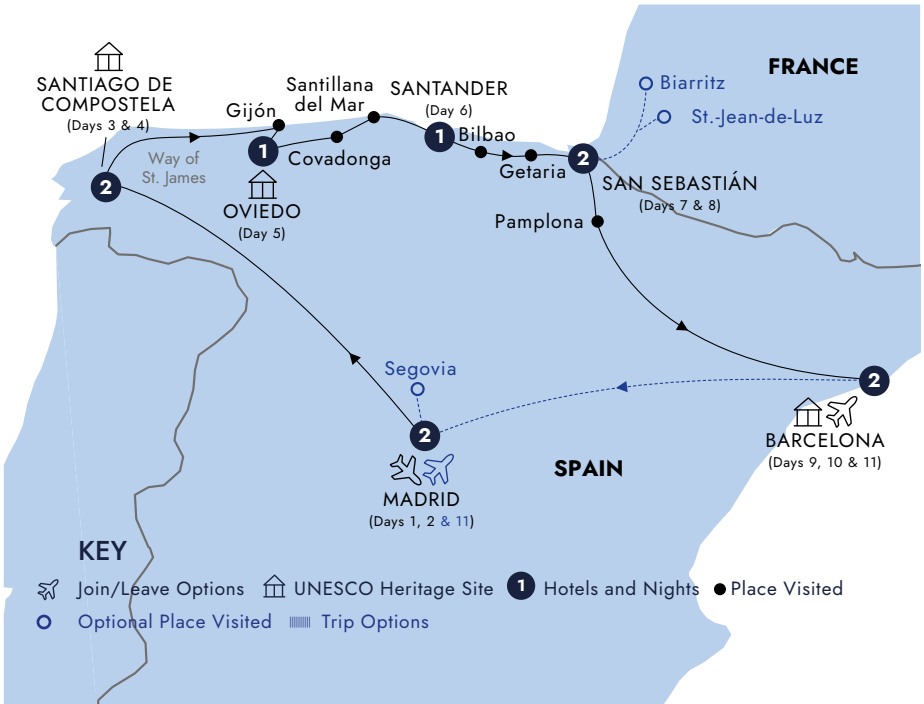
DAY 10 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

Wake up ready to embrace the city's artistic heritage. Join a Local Expert and drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to behold Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. As you venture inside, look up to see its giant, tree-like pillars and spectacular vaulting. Admire the wonderful rainbow of the incredible stained-glass windows. With the afternoon at leisure, you are free to relax or continue your exploration on your own. In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast your travels during dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Morocco

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

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 21 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

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

DAY 3 | FES SIGHTSEEING
Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to the non-profit American Fondouk. Led by your Local Expert, wander the maze of streets that make up the ancient Medina. Pass one of the world's oldest universities and see the hidden courtyards, mosques and workshops. Continue through the souks where an array of vendors sell food, clothes, leather goods and beautiful lights. **(B) (D) (RS)**

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

DAY 5 | DESERT TOWN OF RISSANI
Today, discover the authentic desert town of Rissani. See the Tomb of Moulay Ali Cherif, one of the founders of the Alaouite family who reigned during the second half of the 17th century. Next, a visit to the quarries of marine fossils with an antiquity of 360 million years. Stop at the famous Ksar Oulad Abdelhalim. This afternoon experience a traditional lunch of Madfouna, also known as 'Berber Pizza', this dish is a delight for the senses with seasonal fillings and spices. The rest of the afternoon will be free time to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities. This evening dinner will be served at the hotel. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

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

DAY 6 | SPECTACULAR OUARZAZATE
Venture towards the oasis of Tinehir and explore the Todra Gorge, often called the Grand Canyon of the Sahara. Stop at a traditional farm to learn how local produce is cultivated using time-honoured methods. Then, enjoy a Farm-to-Table lunch of traditional Moroccan cuisine at Restaurant Yasmine. At Boumalne du Dadès, take in the stark beauty of the Dades Valley, where oases of figs, olives and date palms punctuate the slopes, dotted with castellated mudbrick houses. Later, meet the locals as you visit a traditional Nomad house and share authentic Berber tea. The Road of a Thousand Kasbahs concludes in Ouarzazate, Morocco's film capital, where epics like Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars were filmed. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Le Berbère Palace, Ouarzazate

DAY 7 | TO MARRAKESH
Marvel at and photograph the architectural wonder of Ksar of Aït Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your journey continues via the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass, before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre-coloured city of Marrakesh. With the rest of the day at your leisure, why not relax and enjoy the immaculate facilities of your hotel? **(B)**
Hotel: Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi, Marrakesh

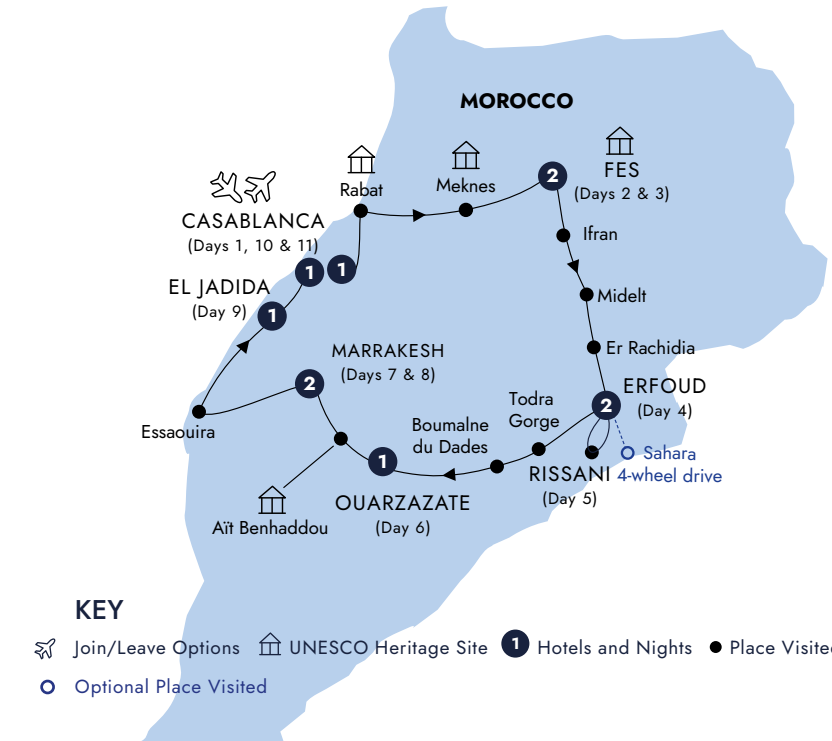
DAY 8 | MARRAKESH, PEARL OF THE SOUTH
In the morning, visit Dar El Bacha - an iconic landmark in the city of Marrakesh. Meet your Local Expert and wander the maze of the Medina and see the Koutoubia Mosque, with its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline. Next, to the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, where you can take a moment to watch the dancers, snake charmers and storytellers. With time at leisure, you are free to continue exploring: enjoy the sensorial experience of strolling through the souks or maybe visit a museum. In the evening, perhaps choose to join fellow guests at a vibrant restaurant on Jemaa el-Fnaa Square. Here, you will enjoy a slew of classic Moroccan dishes as you absorb the ambience and watch twirling belly dancers balance plates of lit candles on their heads. **(B) (RS)**

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

DAY 10 | RETURN TO CASABLANCA
Once you've experienced the traditional charms of the country, Casablanca is a fascinating place to return to and offers a unique insight into modern Morocco. Perhaps visit the magnificent Hassan II Mosque famous for its intricate Islamic architecture and one of the largest in the world. In the evening 'of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world' there really is only one place to be. Join your Travel Director at Rick's Cafe, recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you kid! **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Mogador City Center, Casablanca

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

Dades Valley | Visit a Nomad home, meet the locals and enjoy Berber tea with traditional pancakes.

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Portugal

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

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E928/W928

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES
Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you to the ancient Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries. Explore more of the Belém Quarter as you visit the Cloister of Jeronimos Monastery and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years. This evening, gain further insight into Portuguese culture with an Optional Experience dinner. **(B)**

DAY 3 | THE ALGARVE
Cross the River Tagus to reach Lagos, a coastal fishing port nestled in the bay of Meia Praia. After free time to explore, continue to your resort hotel. A short walk away, specialised Portuguese seafood restaurants hug the coastline, overlooking the Atlantic. **(B)**
Hotel: Ria Park Hotel & Spa, Algarve

DAY 4 | EVERLASTING ÉVORA
Journey to the medieval walled city of Évora where cathedrals, churches, aqueducts and ancient castle walls all serve to create the feeling that this beautiful city is a living, breathing museum to Portugal's rich past. Join your Local Expert to explore the highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. See the Roman Temple and visit the cathedral as well as the Capela dos Ossos, an extraordinary 16th-century chapel made of bones. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: M'Ar de Ar Aqueduto, Évora

DAY 5 | MONSARAZ AND ÉVORA
Travel to the striking white village of Monsaraz and take in the spectacular views from the castle ruins. Join a local boat captain for a leisurely cruise on the tranquil waters of Lake Alqueva. Relax and enjoy picturesque views and tales of river life. Sit down to a delicious lunch at local restaurant Sem Fim, once an olive mill. Enjoy a wide range of tasty tapas dishes showcasing the local cuisine, and soak up the vibrant, cheerful atmosphere. Return to Évora where the evening is at your leisure to explore this beautifully preserved regional capital. **(B) (L) (RS)**

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

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

family-run estate produces exceptional wine through innovative water-saving techniques. Continue your journey to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned pilgrimage site. Here, you may visit the basilica or the Chapel of the Apparitions, commemorating the Virgin Mary's appearance to three young shepherds in 1917. Journey across central Portugal's rolling hills to explore Tomar with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site Convento do Cristo with a Local Expert, where you'll admire the octagonal Templars' Rotunda and the Manueline Window, and learn about the daily life of a warrior monk. Alternatively, join a guided city tour and visit the Synagogue of Tomar, one of the best-preserved medieval synagogues in Portugal, as your Local Expert reveals the town's rich architectural and cultural history. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Templários, Tomar

DAY 7 | COIMBRA AND THE DOURO VALLEY

In Coimbra, your Local Expert will guide you through the Old Town, before visiting the baroque university library, one of the finest in the world. Your journey continues past verdant hills and lush vineyards, along the tranquil waters of the Douro River. Enjoy a wonderful Farm-to-Table lunch, freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients, with a Port wine tasting. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: Douro Palace Resort & Spa, Douro Valley

DAY 8 | GUIMARÃES AND PORTO

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

DAY 9 | PORTO, GRANDE DAME ON THE DOURO

With a full day free to enjoy at your own pace, why not take a stroll to admire the multicoloured houses and churches covered in beautiful glazed tiles. Perhaps choose to visit Braga, the capital of Baroque. **(B) (RS)**

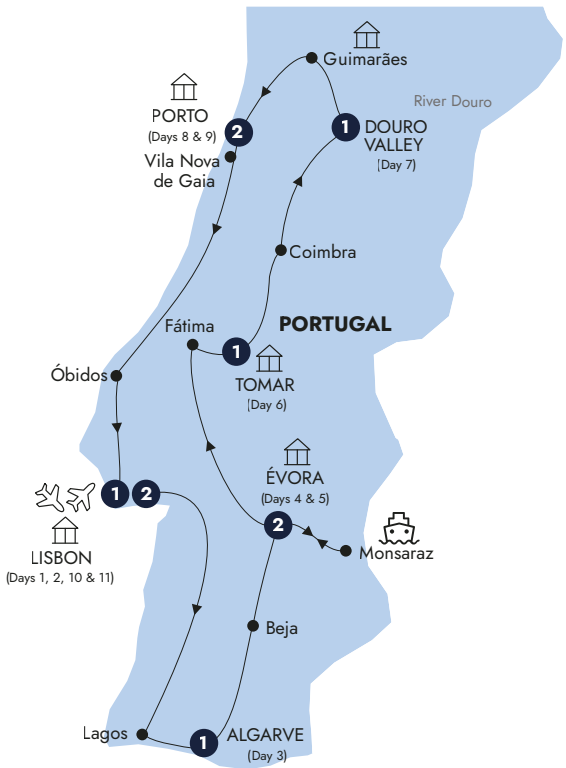
DAY 10 | ANCIENT ÓBIDOS AND LISBON

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

DAY 11 | DEPART LISBON

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

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



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lisbon | Explore the capital with your Local Expert.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Amazing Spain & Portugal

Alhambra Palace, flamenco and a custard tart made from a 200-year-old secret recipe - embrace the old-world cultures of Spain and Portugal.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E300/W300

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

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

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

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

Visit the fascinating city of Toledo, situated high above the River Tagus. This was Spain's capital during the Golden Era, where Arab, Jewish and Christian cultures flourished side-by-side through the Middle Ages. From here you will venture south to meet a local artisan in a Damascene workshop for a personal insight into this ancient craft, handed down by the Moors centuries ago. Then enjoy a walk within the city walls of Toledo, through the narrow cobbled streets, led by your Local Expert. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé, housing El Greco's famous painting, 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz'. Your journey continues to Granada. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Vincci Albayzín, Granada

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

'Give him alms, woman, because there is nothing sadder in life than being blind in Granada', proclaims the inscription on the walls of the Alhambra. Bathed in the morning light, the Alhambra Palace awaits—a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Explore with your Local Expert before visiting the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals. Take a moment to relax in the sunshine as you enjoy the fine views over the town and its three verdant hills before continuing on to Seville. Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore the city with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a drive with panoramic views. **(B)**
Hotel: Meliá Sevilla

DAY 4 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

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

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

DAY 5 | ÉVORA AND ON TO LISBON
Continue to the lively university town of Évora, one of the best preserved medieval towns in Portugal, with architectural styles dating back to Roman Times. Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with 5,000 bones, before making your way to Lisbon. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Dom Pedro Lisboa/The Emerald House Curio by Hilton, Lisbon

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

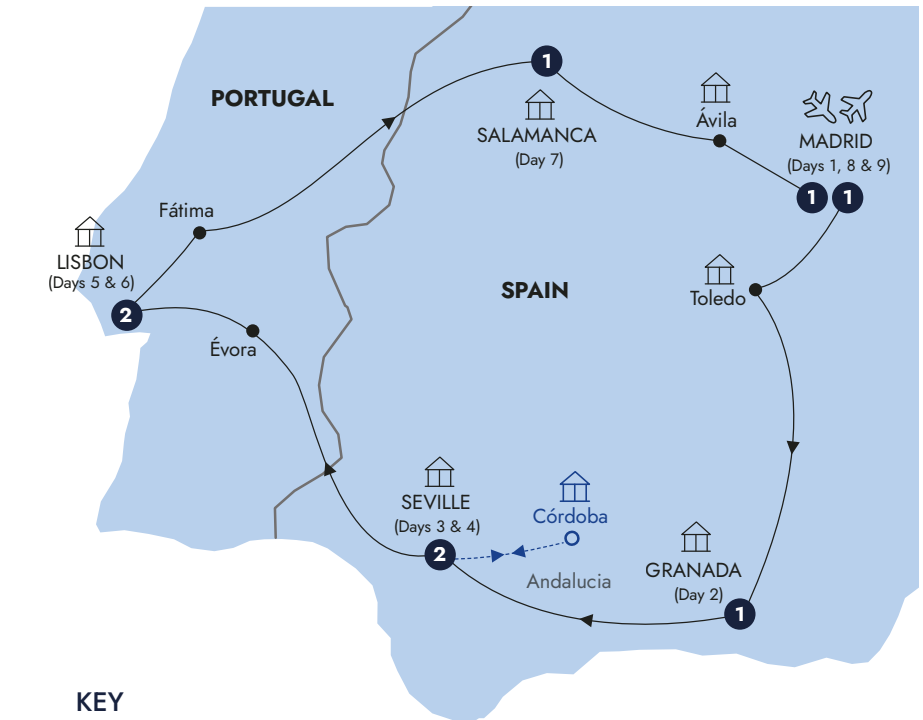
DAY 6 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE DISCOVERIES
During your stay, a guided sightseeing tour of the city with your Local Expert takes you to visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years. View the Monument to the Discoveries and the historic Belém Tower. This fortress was originally set in the middle of the river, but is now left high and dry on the riverbank. Visit the National Coach Museum. With the afternoon at your leisure, consider joining an Optional Experience to the beautiful Portuguese Riviera. **(B)**

DAY 7 | HOLY FÁTIMA AND SALAMANCA
Travel into the green hills north of Lisbon to visit Fátima, the most celebrated place of pilgrimage in Portugal. Visit the chapel commemorating the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three children in 1917. Cross the border, returning to Spain and continue to Salamanca, famous for its golden stone buildings and the handsome arcades of the Plaza Mayor. Across the River Tormes, see the Puente Romano with 15 of its 26 arches dating from the time of the ancient Romans. **(B)**
Hotel: Alameda Palace, Salamanca

DAY 8 | ÁVILA AND MADRID
Cross the rock-strewn hills of the Castile, to arrive at Ávila. Admire the impressive city still entirely enclosed within its 11th-century walls, a unique occurrence in Europe. Return to Madrid to explore more of the capital with your Local Expert. At a local restaurant, join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a lively dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Meliá Princesa, Madrid

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

Lisbon | Explore the capital with your Local Expert.

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

Seville | Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 11: Quality Education & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Madrid | Indulge in delicious food and wine at a characteristic restaurant of the city's vibrant centre.
Toast to your travels and enjoy local specialities in one of the city's elegant central neighbourhoods.

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Best of Spain & Portugal

Grand castles, the Prado Museum's masterpieces and bountiful tastings of Port, olive oil and wine — the best flavours and insights await.

15 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E932/W932

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

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

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS
Guided by your Local Expert, visit the Spanish capital's most historic neighbourhoods. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city. Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. **(B)**

DAY 3 | SEGOVIA AND SALAMANCA
Continue your 15-day Spain and Portugal itinerary with a visit to the fortified city of Segovia. Walk through the medieval streets with a Local Expert. Journey west, overlooking the ancient walls of Ávila, before arriving in Salamanca. During your guided sightseeing tour, admire the golden stone buildings the city is famous for. **(B)**
Hotel: Alameda Palace, Salamanca

DAY 4 | PORTO
Cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Visit the Vila Nova de Gaia wine cellars and get to know your tawnys and vintages during a tasting. Continue your exploration of the city, admiring the multicoloured houses, churches adorned with glazed tiles and iconic bridges. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Collection Porto Batalha

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

DAY 6 | LISBON
Sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you to the Belém Quarter, whence sailing ships set forth to explore uncharted ocean and land. Enjoy a taste of the famous Pastéis de Belém and visit the National Coach Museum. With the afternoon at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience along the Portuguese Riviera. **(B)**

DAY 7 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN
Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus and explore Seville with Insight Choice. You can choose to embark on a guided walk through the Santa Cruz Quarter,

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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or join a scenic drive around the city to enjoy panoramic views. **(B)**
Hotel: NH Collection Sevilla, Seville

DAY 8 | FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE
Enjoy a Relaxed Start and a morning to unwind, shop or join an Optional Experience to the ancient city of Córdoba. Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation where you can put your rhythm to the test during a flamenco dance lesson. **(B) (RS)**

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

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

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

DAY 12 | ON TO VALENCIA
Journey to Valencia. Pass through the Old City to see its ancient gates, and the City of Arts and Sciences. Valencia is home to one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local speciality during a cooking demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish at dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Barceló Valencia

DAY 13 | ALONG THE COAST TO PEÑÍSCOLA AND ON TO BARCELONA
Follow the coast to Peñíscola to view the sea-lapped castle used in the film 'El Cid'. At Cava Bodegas in Sant Sadurni d'Anoia, enjoy a light lunch and savour a tasting of cava as you learn about the production and traditions of Spanish sparkling wine. Continue along the coast to reach Barcelona. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Meliá Sarria/Labtwentytwo, Barcelona

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

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

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



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Join/Leave Options · UNESCO Heritage Site · 1 Hotels and Nights · ● Place Visited · O Optional Place Visited · Trip Options

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

Lisbon | Explore the capital with your Local Expert.

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

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

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

Seville | Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 11: Quality Education & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Spanish Heritage

Experience the magic of Spain on an 18-day tour. Discover Barcelona's architectural delights, Seville's flamenco spirit, and Madrid's Prado Museum.

18 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 24 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E396

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ
A Local Expert joins you for a drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and some of the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to visit Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA
Stop at Peñíscola to see the sea-lapped castle. Continue to Valencia. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make a local speciality during a cooking demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavours of this classic dish with a glass of wine at dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Barceló Valencia

DAY 4 | EXQUISITE GRANADA AND ALHAMBRA
Travel toward Andalucía, passing the castle at Lorca and troglodyte dwellings. Overlooking Granada stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert, explore this exquisite 13th-century palace and stroll through the elegant exotic gardens of the Generalife. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Gran Luna de Granada

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

DAY 6 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN
Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the old Jewish Quarter. Alternatively, enjoy a drive around the city with panoramic views. Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. **(B) (RS)**

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

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

DAY 8 | WONDERFUL MADRID
Guided by your Local Expert, visit the Spanish capital's most historic neighbourhoods. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, discovering the origins of the city. Enjoy a special visit to the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Join your newfound friends at a local restaurant for dinner. **(B) (D)**

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

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

DAY 11 | SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
Explore Santiago de Compostela with Insight Choice. Choose to join a city tour with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join a scenic walk on the Way of St. James. **(B) (RS)**

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

DAY 13 | SANTANDER
Head into Picos de Europa to visit the Holy Cave of Covadonga. Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria whilst travelling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. **(B)**
Hotel: Eurostars Real, Santander

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

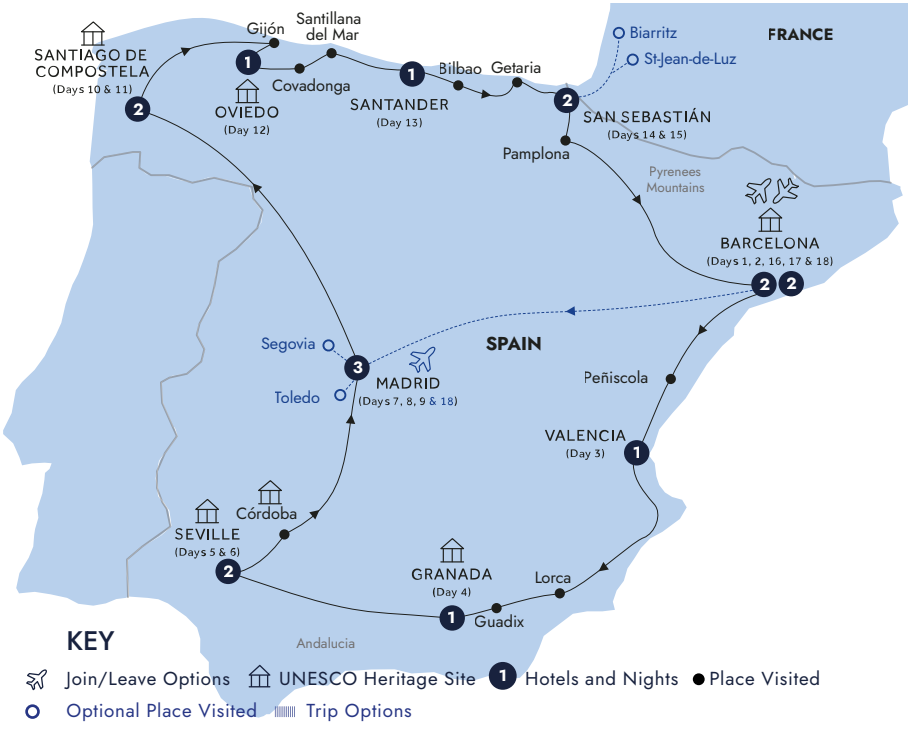
DAY 15 | THE CANTABRIAN COAST
Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk or enjoy several sporting activities on its large sandy beach. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 16 | PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA
Journey to the famed town of Pamplona where you are free to explore. Perhaps stroll to Estafeta Street or visit Cafe Iruña, immortalised in Ernest Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises'? Your travels continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia. **(B)**
Hotel: Labtwentytwo, Barcelona

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

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

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seville | Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 11: Quality Education & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

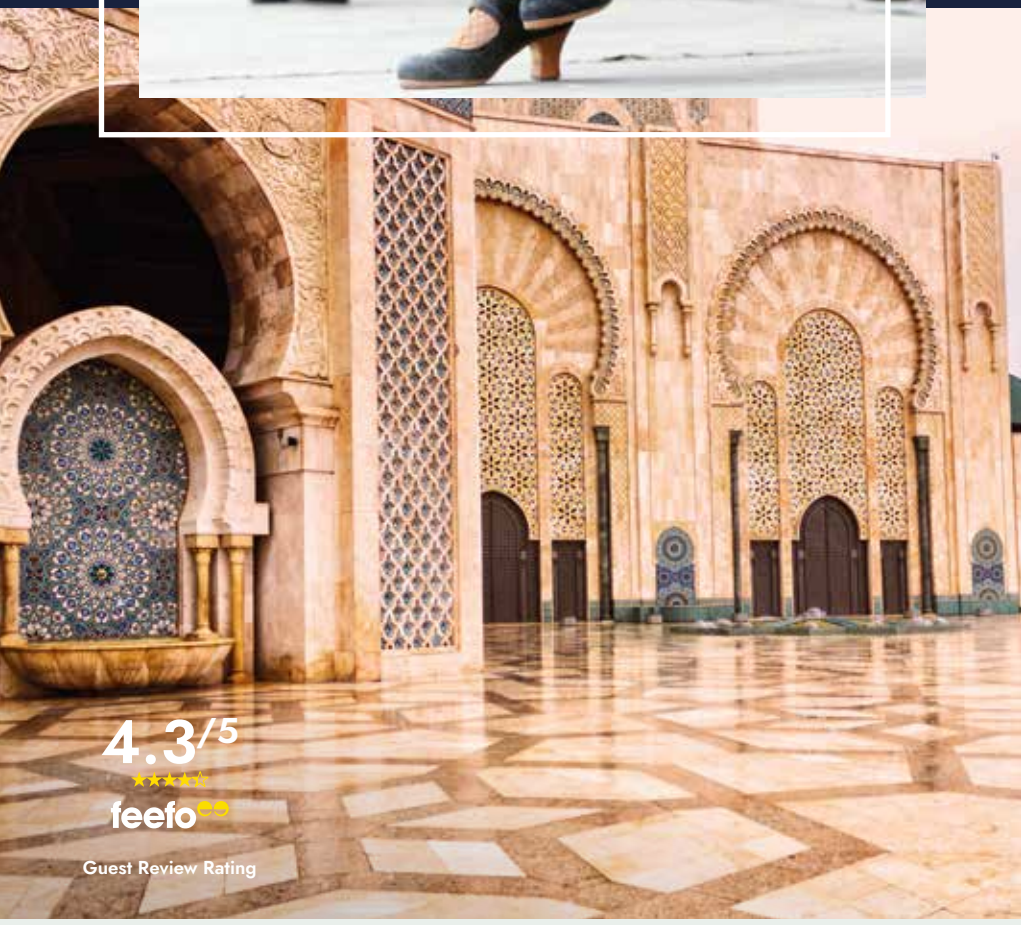
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Spain, Portugal & Morocco

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

16 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 22 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: E942

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - November

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

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

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

DAY 3 | TO SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN
Visit Seville's Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Explore the city with Insight Choice. **(B)**
Hotel: Catalonia Giralda, Seville

DAY 4 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE
This morning is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Córdoba? Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson. **(B) (RS)**

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

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

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

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

DAY 9 | PLAY IT AGAIN SAM IN CASABLANCA
Journey to the west coast of Africa to reach Casablanca. Your Local Expert will reveal the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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truth to this and other fascinating elements of this storied city. See the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Mogador City Center, Casablanca

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

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

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

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

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

DAY 15 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS
Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert as they guide you through the most historic neighbourhoods in the Spanish capital. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter to discover the origins of the city. Visit the renowned Prado Museum with an art historian who will guide you through the collective works of Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Rubens and more. With the afternoon at leisure, perhaps travel to Toledo with an Optional Experience. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant to toast your adventures during a delicious dinner served with wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lisbon | Explore the capital with your Local Expert.

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

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

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

Granada | Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens.

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

Seville | Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation to learn flamenco steps and watch an evocative performance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 11: Quality Education & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Italian Intermezzo

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

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 10 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 15:15.

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

DAY 3 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, sailing past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy the local traditional songs, as you drift along in awe. Whilst here, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassmaking workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Spend the afternoon and evening as you wish. Or, leave the hustle of St. Mark's Square behind on a delightful private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon on an Optional Experience to the island of Burano. Alight at the island of Burano, famous for its candy-coloured houses, artisan lace makers and leaning bell tower that would give Pisa a good run for its money. Enjoy a superb meal sampling the local specialities with wine included. **(B)**

DAY 4 | TRANQUIL TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE
Stop in Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower, an architectural marvel that seems to defy gravity and has intrigued visitors for centuries. It is from this very tower that Galileo is said to have conducted his famous experiments on velocity and gravity, helping to shape the future of science. Explore Florence with Insight Choice: choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Afterwards, continue on foot to admire the multicoloured

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marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune, Hercules and Cacus in front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Albani Firenze, Florence

DAY 5 | FREE TIME IN RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

The rest of the day is yours to fully immerse yourself in the Tuscan capital at your own pace. Perhaps shop for high-quality leather or handcrafted gold goods around the lively Santa Croce area, or unwind at a charming street cafe whilst enjoying the vibrant local atmosphere. Don't miss the magnificent museums and world-renowned galleries that house some of the greatest masterpieces in art history. You may choose to join a guided excursion to Tuscany's most iconic hilltop town, San Gimignano. Stroll through its timeless streets, browse local artisan shops and admire the medieval architecture of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the evening, consider an Optional Experience featuring a traditional Tuscan dinner paired with local wines— including, of course, Chianti from the region's famous vineyards. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ORVIETO AND ON TO ROME

Journey to Umbrian Orvieto, a hilltop village overlooking a vineyard-covered plain. Explore the town with your Travel Director and visit Piazza del Duomo to admire the cathedral, before continuing towards the Eternal City of Rome. Enjoy the backstreets and hidden corners of pedestrian Rome on an Optional Experience, taking a passeggiata (stroll) with your Local Expert to discover its piazzas and fountains. Be amazed by sights such as the fascinating Pantheon and the beauty of 17th-century fountains and elegant squares. Why not throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city? **(B)**
Hotel: Villa Pamphili, Rome

DAY 7 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN

In the morning, enjoy the very best of the city's highlights, including fast-tracked entry to the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection, a treasure trove of masterpieces gathered over centuries, and step inside the breathtaking Sistine Chapel, where you'll marvel at Michelangelo's iconic ceiling fresco, a true triumph of Renaissance art. Afterwards, view the magnificent exterior of St. Peter's Basilica, before enjoying some free time to explore at your own pace. In the evening, dine on Lazio's culinary specialities in a local restaurant as you celebrate your unforgettable journey through Italy's heritage and culture with your fellow travellers. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

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

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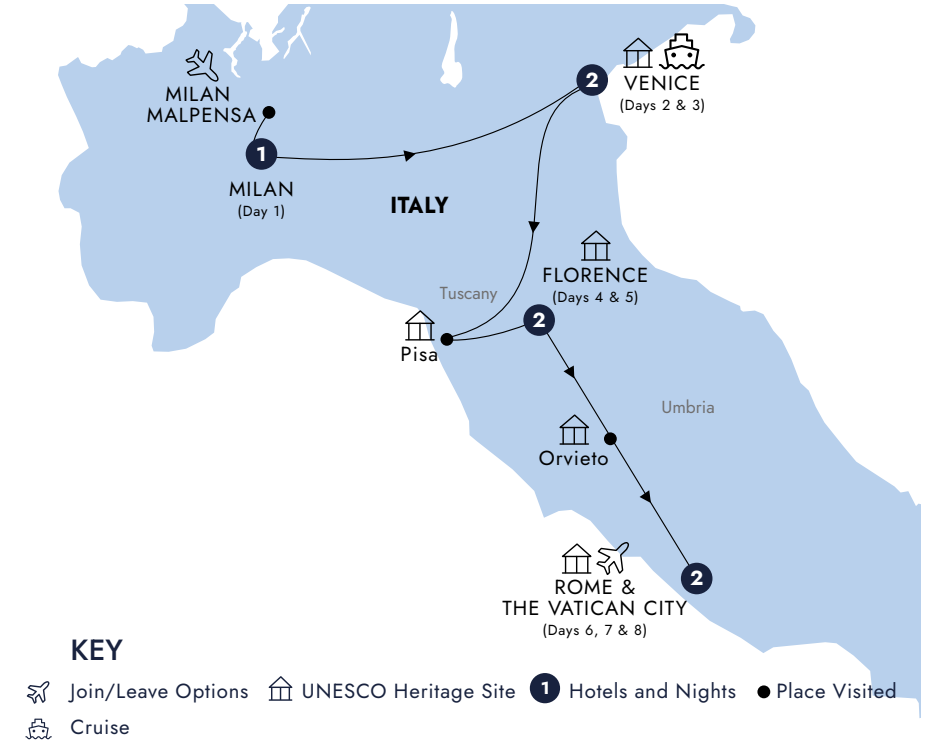

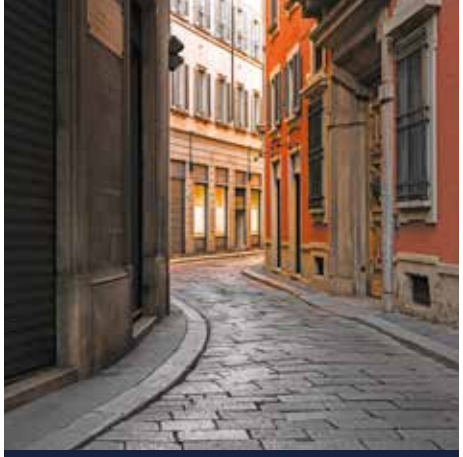

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Venice | Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.
Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Sicily in Depth
with Malta Option

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

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

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

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | PALERMO & THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS
Discover Palermo on a walking tour featuring a visit to the stunning 12th-century Palatine Chapel with a Local Expert. This afternoon, enjoy leisure time exploring Palermo Cathedral, a fascinating site with its unique blend of architectural styles reflecting centuries of history. For your dining pleasure, you can try the foods the locals like to eat and experience how they like to eat it on your Dine-Around Evening. **(B) (D)**

DAY 3 | TRAPANI AND MARSALA
Nestled along its crescent-shaped coastline, Trapani is embraced by the Mediterranean Sea. Discover the tradition of salt production on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, visiting colourful salt pans and an ancient windmill where seawater becomes salt crystals. Then, enjoy a tasting of Marsala's renowned wine at a local winery in beautiful surroundings. **(B)**
Hotel: Seawater, Marsala

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

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

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

DAY 6 | MODICA

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

> *A must-try treat is cannoli and Sicilian variations, from the classics in Palermo to a lightly whipped ricotta filling in Catania and local chocolate in Modica, all delicious!*
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DAY 7 | ANCIENT SYRACUSE

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

DAY 8 | TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE

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

DAY 9 | DEPART CATANIA

During your transfer to Catania airport, appreciate the vistas of Mount Etna one last time. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:30 and 08:30.

Customise your holiday by adding a six-day Malta post-extension. Visit insightvacations.com for more details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Agrigento | Admire magnificent Hellenistic remains in the Valley of the Temples, such as the massive Temple of Concordia and clifftop Temple of Juno.

Syracuse | *Insight Choice* Visit the island of Ortigia in Syracuse, *or* explore Paradise Quarry, hear the Ear of Dionysius and see the Greek theatre.

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

Trapani | Discover how the ancient tradition of salt extraction has been handed down from generation to generation. Set in a breathtaking natural landscape, home to pink flamingos and various aquatic birds, the salt pans and windmills create a picturesque scene against a backdrop of sea and sky. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 11 & 12: Sustainable Cities and Communities & Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

Marsala | Discover the elegant flavour of the distinctive Sicilian wine.

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

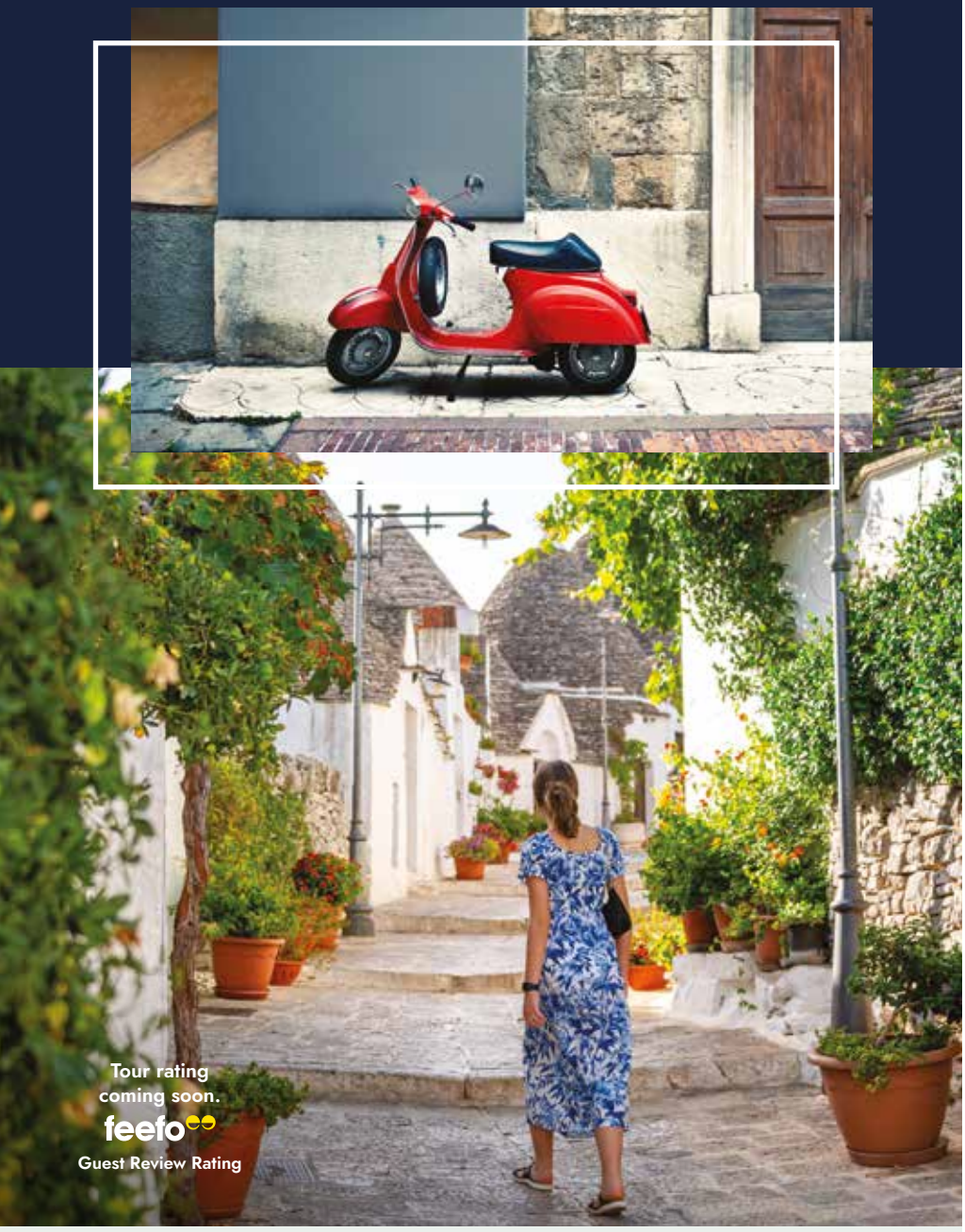
Giardini Naxos | Your celebration dinner reflects some of Sicily's top culinary heritage.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Southern Italy

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

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | BALANCED



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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and getting to know your fellow travellers over a delicious dinner with wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL
Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and palaces. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth experience bringing millennia of history to life. Journey from the Vatican City across the Tiber River to ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Admire the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine and discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit. As you stroll with your Local Expert, imagine the gladiatorial battles and roaring spectators around the arena. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon and the stunning piazzas and fountains of the city. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ALBEROBELLO
The brilliant blue sky set against the whitewashed buildings of southern Italy's towns and villages is sure to inspire any curious traveller. It's a photographer's paradise around every corner—from field marigolds in early spring to date palms, fig and pomegranate trees, and groves of olives creating picture-perfect settings. Exploring southern Italy offers a chance to step away from the tourist crowds and experience how Italians truly live and enjoy life. Rub shoulders with UNESCO World Heritage Sites and friendly locals who will enchant you with their warmth and hospitality. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello

DAY 4 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO
Admire another of Italy's record number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites with a Local Expert. The Trulli of Alberobello are circular structures with conical roofs that are domed within, built from local limestone and stacked without using mortar. Get up close learning the insights behind these unique structures and their fascinating origins, rooted in centuries-old building traditions. Relax this afternoon with your time at leisure or take the opportunity to join an Optional Experience to explore more of the picturesque Puglian countryside and rich cultural heritage. **(B)**

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

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

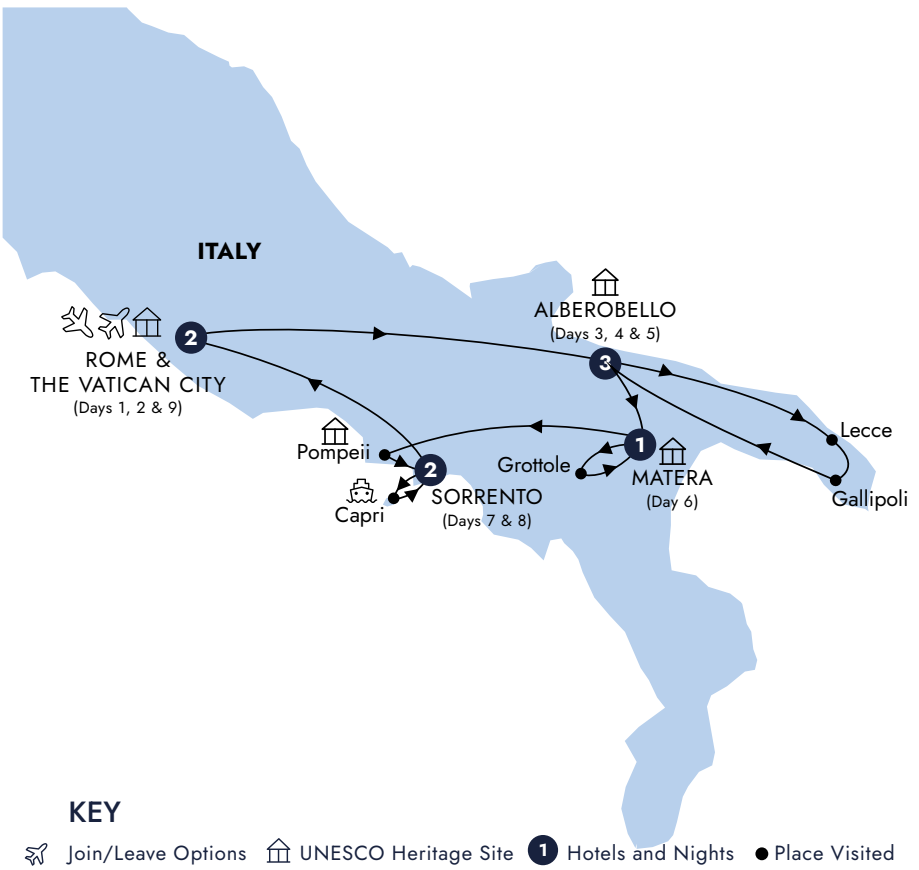
DAY 6 | JOURNEY SOUTH TO MATERA
Visit Matera with a Local Expert for an in-depth exploration of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi — a labyrinth of cave dwellings, churches, staircases and arches, hewn out of the solid rock. You may recognise Matera as the biblical backdrop for the film 'The Passion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

DAY 7 | POMPEII AND SORRENTO
Buried in A.D. 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius, discover the archaeological site of Pompeii in the region of Campania. Walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets to see a city frozen in time. Venture on to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, perched upon the southern cliffs of the Bay of Naples and looking over to Mount Vesuvius. **(B)**
Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 8 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
The impossibly blue sea welcomes you to the sun-drenched island of Capri as you cruise by jetfoil. On arrival, meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through the narrow alleyways. Explore Capri with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire the views over the Faraglioni Rocks. Alternatively, enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur. **(B) (D)**

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

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

Grottole | Meet Andrea for an aperitif and a tour of the village.

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

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

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

Capri | *Insight Choice* Learn about local traditions as you enjoy a tasting of limoncello, *or* discover the luxuriant Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire views of the Faraglioni rocks.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Alberobello I Savour a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table meal featuring recipes and flavours typical of the region.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Tuscany & Central Italy

Live 'la dolce vita' from ancient Rome to hilltop Siena.
Learn pasta-making and truffle-hunting in Umbria.
Indulge in the world's best gelato in San Gimignano.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | DYNAMIC





Trip code: E822

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome—a glorious city brimming with classical antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces, and Baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: NH Roma Centro, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | UMBRIA AND ON TO PERUGIA

See the imposing Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican City before crossing the Tiber into Ancient Rome and imagining the gladiatorial combats and sounds of roaring spectators as you visit the mighty Colosseum with your Local Expert. Journey north to the Umbrian village of Baschi. Immerse yourself in the flavours and culture of the region and learn about the secrets of Italian food culture as you join Giovanni and his dog Chris for a truffle hunting session. Afterwards, be entertained by Chef Lorenzo with a fun pasta demonstration and enjoy a delicious lunch accompanied by Orvieto Classico wine. Join a Local Expert in Perugia to navigate the underground labyrinth of little streets, alleys and arches. Walk along Corso Vannucci, resplendent in pale-pink stone, passing the princely Priors' Palace, the cathedral and the finely sculptured Great Fountain in the main square. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Sangallo Palace, Perugia

DAY 3 | PERUGIA SIGHTSEEING & FREE TIME

This morning, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, visit an artisanal workshop to meet Marta—recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant—and her team of weavers. Discover how the fascinating art of loom weaving has been passed down through generations and learn how this ancient craft is being preserved today. Later, enjoy free time to explore the many delights of Umbria's capital city or join an Optional Experience to Cortona. In the evening, take your pick from a hand-picked selection of Perugian restaurants for a Dine-Around experience—choosing the ambience and menu that suit you best. Buon appetito! **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ASSISI, IN SEARCH OF ST. FRANCIS

Journey to Assisi, one of Italy's most beautiful medieval hilltop towns, set high up in the mountains and enclosed by fortress walls. In the valley, see the famous Church of St. Mary of the Angels, much venerated as the place of St. Francis' death, then continue up Mount Subasio to the upper town. Step inside the massive, 13th-century Basilica of St. Francis with your Local Expert to learn how Giotto masterfully painted frescoes that inspired a variety of Renaissance artists. **(B) (RS)**

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

> *Tuscany is one of the most photographed countryside areas in the world. Our stops in Bagno Vignoni and Pienza are perfect to enjoy the outstanding natural beauty and charm of this region before arriving in Rome.*
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> **KRISTA, TRAVEL EXPERIENCES**

DAY 5 | TUSCANY TO SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO
Follow the shores of Lake Trasimeno and continue to the narrow cobbled streets of Siena. Standing in the shell-shaped Campo, imagine the frenzied atmosphere of the biannual Palio horse race and see the Town Hall. Explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval Cathedral, or, alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert. Travel to the medieval town of San Gimignano where your Travel Director will show you the medieval skyscrapers, serpentine streets and hidden squares. The town is also home to world champion gelato maestro Sergio Dondoli. At his artisan ice cream parlour on Piazza della Cisterna, the silky smooth, frozen treats are beautifully displayed in a range of unique flavours for you to try. Your home for the next three nights is a delightful villa near this jewel of medieval architecture. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Villasanpaolo, San Gimignano

DAY 6 | SAN GIMIGNANO AND FREE TIME
Enjoy your day at leisure, taking in your Tuscan surroundings. Relax at your hotel or you could opt to join an Optional Experience to Pisa and Lucca. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | FLORENCE AND TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE EXPERIENCE
The morning is devoted to the Renaissance city of Florence. A fascinating walking exploration with a Local Expert takes you to the marble-clad cathedral crowned by Brunelleschi's dome. See the baptistery with its beautiful Gates of Paradise and Giotto's splendid bell tower. Walk on to Piazza della Signoria with its open-air gallery of Renaissance sculptures, followed by free time to shop for top-quality Florentine leather or gold. Toast to your travels during a delicious Farm-to-Table dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy tasting flavoursome dishes prepared with locally grown ingredients, home-made pastas, traditional Chianti wine, all sourced from the farm in the Tuscan region. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | COUNTRY DRIVE TO ANCIENT ROME
Leave behind the tower-topped town of San Gimignano and enjoy the rolling Tuscan hills as you journey south through the Italian countryside. This morning, visit the medieval spa town of Bagno Vignoni, renowned for its mineral-rich thermal baths, then continue to the 'model' Renaissance town of Pienza, famous for its delicious pecorino cheese, before making your way to Rome. **(B)**
Hotel: St. Martin, Rome

DAY 9 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA
Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Visit the Colosseum, echoing with crowds and ghostly gladiator cries.

Assisi | A Local Expert reveals why the Basilica of St. Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of Europe.

San Gimignano | Visit the Tuscan town of San Gimignano, often called the 'Medieval Manhattan' of Italy.

Siena | *Insight Choice* Visit the cathedral with your Local Expert, *or* enjoy a tasting of Panforte.

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Umbria | Explore the art of Italian cooking with Chef Lorenzo and take part in a truffle-hunting walk followed by lunch.

Perugia | Choose your own ambience, cuisine and drinks for an intimate culinary experience on your Dine-Around Evening.

San Gimignano | Try Sergio Dondoli's award-winning gelato.

Tuscany | Admire the beautiful views at Il Vecchio Maneggio before sitting down to your Farm-to-Table dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Northern Italy

From the Dolomites to the shores of the Italian Lakes, discover the romance of Verona, the glamour of Milan and sip prosecco in Veneto.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E823

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ITALY
After a warm welcome at Milan's Malpensa Airport, transfers depart for your hotel. Later meet your Travel Director and join a local historian to navigate through Milan's history. See the impressive facade of Milan Cathedral and the world-famous La Scala Opera House. Linking the two is the elegant glass-vaulted shopping arcade of Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, lined with luxury boutiques. Mingle and get to know your fellow travellers during dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Duo Milan Porta Nuova, Milan

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 15:30.

DAY 2 | FAIR VERONA AND TRENTO
Cross the fertile plains of Lombardy to fair Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. Explore its maze of elegant squares and see the well-preserved Roman Arena, still used for opera performances. Explore Verona with Insight Choice. Choose a walking tour through the grand piazzas, see the statue of Dante and admire the Gothic tombs of the Scala family. Alternatively, embark on a Shakespeare-themed walk to recount famous moments from the story of Romeo and Juliet. Continue on to Trento, regarded as one of Italy's most appealing cities to live in. **(B)**
Hotel: NH Trento

DAY 3 | CLIMB UP TO CORTINA D'AMPEZZO
Follow the Adige River north into the magnificent mountains and the distinctive limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive at the town of Bolzano, where Italy and Austria culturally collide and you are at leisure to explore the arcaded streets and squares. Continue along the zig-zagging scenic route to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy's most exclusive ski resort and a beautiful alpine haven during summer. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo

DAY 4 | THE DOLOMITES AT LEISURE
Enjoy a day at your leisure in this fashionable playground of the rich and famous, surrounded by towering cathedrals of rock. Take in the fresh mountain air as you stroll the pedestrianised Corso Italia, lined with designer stores and backed by the impressive green and white bell tower of the parish church. Why not ascend to the summit of one of the nearby peaks for magnificent panoramic views of the Dolomites? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | THROUGH PROSECCO COUNTRY TO VENICE
Travel down through more majestic Dolomite scenery to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. Protected by the Alps to the north and caressed by the warm breezes from

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

the Adriatic, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Stop in Conegliano, where great care is taken to ensure these hand-picked grapes produce the world's finest prosecco. See how production differs from its more famous French counterpart, Champagne. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavours. Continue on to the unique and remarkable island city of Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic and check into your hotel. **(B)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 6 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, cruising past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy traditional local songs as you drift along in romantic awe. Spend the afternoon as you wish. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's Square with its orchestras and alfresco cafes? **(B)**

DAY 7 | ITALY'S LAKE DISTRICT

Depart enchanting Venice and journey to Lake Garda. Admire the castle and views over the lake from the stylish resort of Sirmione perched on the tip of its peninsula. Cross the fertile lands of Lombardy to Lake Maggiore where Baveno beckons. Later you have a choice of cuisine and ambience from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

DAY 8 | LAKE COMO AND LAKE MAGGIORE

Nestled in the foothills of the Alps, the Italian Lakes offer glamour and charm, serving as a prime people-watching spot where Europe's rich and famous like to spend their time. Revel in the ambiance of Como town, renowned for its celebrity clientele, beautiful silk scarves and lakeside location, which you can admire during your orientation. Stroll charming streets, browse elegant boutiques or simply relax with a coffee whilst soaking up the alpine scenery. **(B) (RS)**

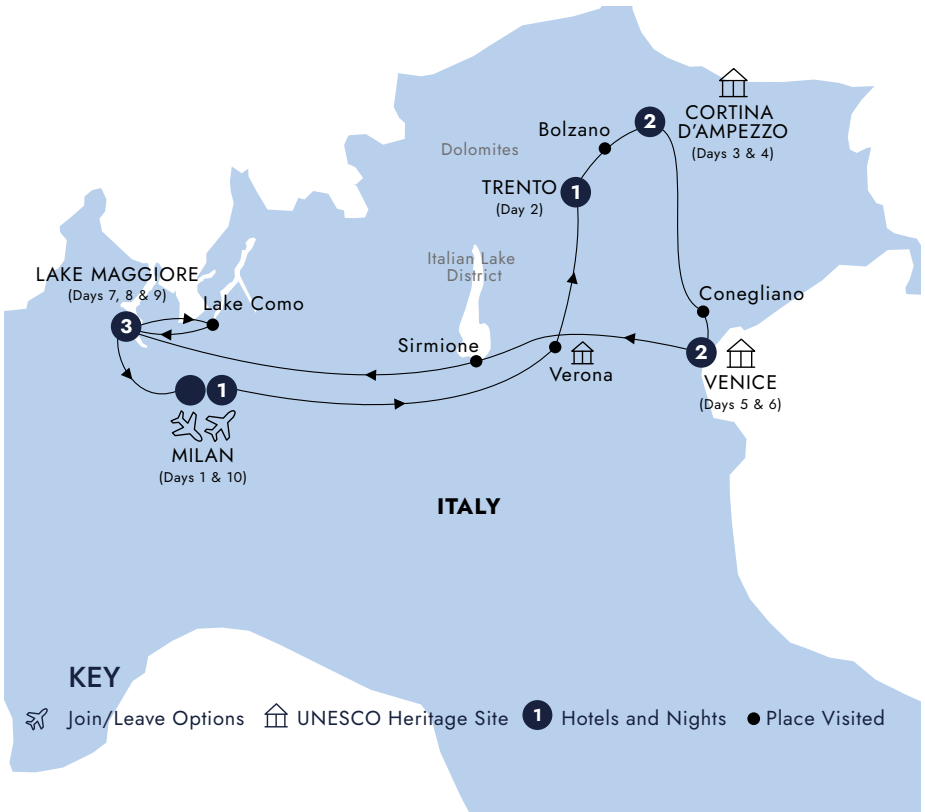
DAY 9 | ITALIAN LAKES AT LEISURE

Relish a full day to relax and enjoy this popular resort and beautiful lake. Napoleon came here to plan his Italian Campaign, and Mussolini and Chamberlain met here before World War II to sign the Treaty of Stresa. Perhaps take a cruise out to the lovely Borromean Islands? Isola Bella is where Carlo Borromeo built his charming Palace. Savour delicious Farm-to-Table cuisine during your dinner, accompanied by some exquisite Italian wines. Raise a glass to your travels and newfound friends. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | DEPART ITALY

Your journey draws to a close in the morning and transfers arrive at Milan's Malpensa Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Depart your hotel to arrive at Malpensa airport at 07:30 and 10:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

Cortina d'Ampezzo | Enjoy an orientation of Cortina, a small town framed by the Alps.

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

Venice | Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Conegliano | Taste prosecco in a local winery and learn how it rivals French sparkling wine.

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

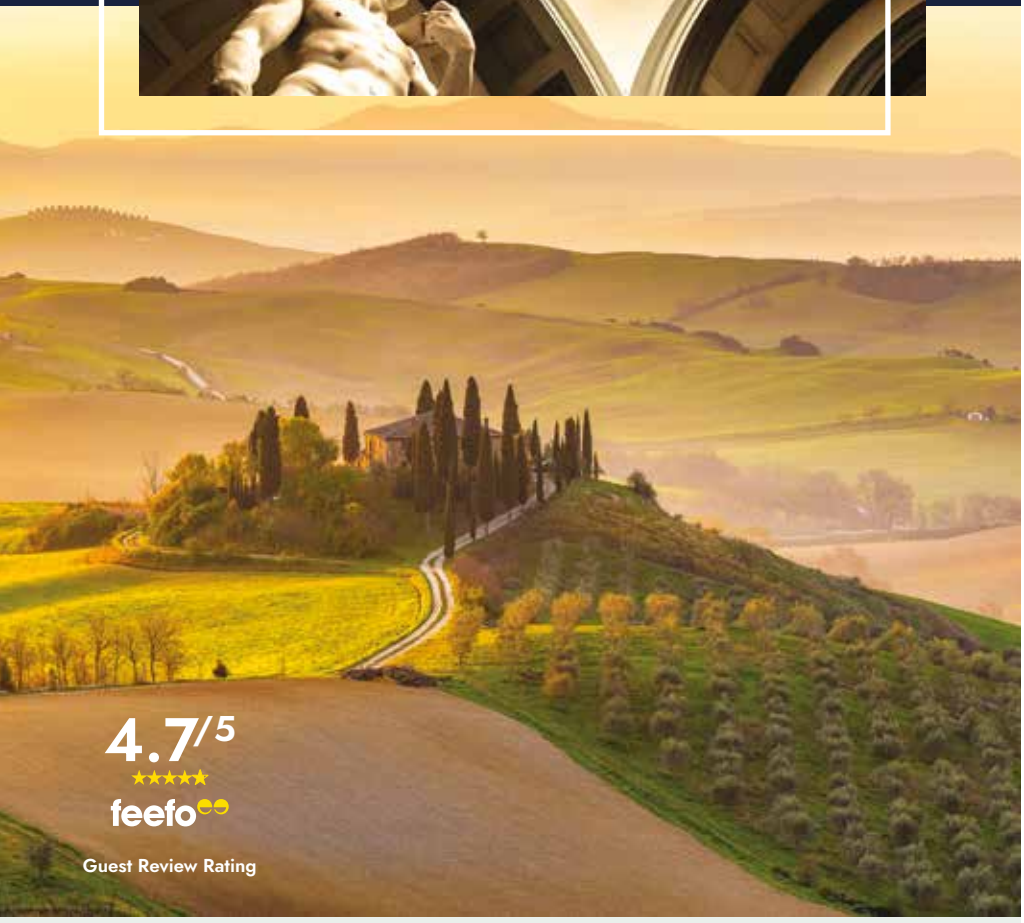
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Best of Italy

Live a true Italian experience: discover the Renaissance at the Accademia in Florence and savour a serenade as you glide through Venice on a gondola.

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director and get to know your fellow travellers over Roman specialities during dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**

Hotel: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

The day is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, full of priceless art treasures collected by the Popes. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, and see the beautiful exterior of St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the Tiber River to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Admire the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine and discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit. As you stroll with your Local Expert, imagine the gladiatorial battles and roaring spectators around the arena. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon and the stunning piazzas and fountains of Rome. **(B)**

DAY 3 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE

Continue this guided tour of Italy with a drive to the picturesque Chianti Hills and the historic city of Florence. Travel north from Rome, passing through the rolling landscapes of Lazio and into the heart of Tuscany. This evening, indulge in a delicious meal at a local restaurant, savouring the authentic flavours of Florentine cuisine. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Starhotels Tuscany/Columbus Urban Resort

DAY 4 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After, continue on foot to admire the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. **(B)**

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

> *Italy is the world's biggest wine producer, with the largest number of native wine grape varieties. Experience delicious cuisine as we travel throughout the peninsula and enjoy a range of Italian wines.*
>
> **CHRIS, TRAVEL DIRECTOR**

DAY 5 | PISA TO VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey to the coastal town of Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles, as well as the baptistery and colonnaded bell tower behind the cathedral. Relax and enjoy the scenery as you cross the spectacular Apennine Mountains, passing through the Emilia-Romagna region, one of Europe's most intensely farmed and fertile plains. Continue through the marshes of the Venetian Lagoon before crossing the causeway into the enchanting floating city of Venice. As evening falls, day-trippers leave the city to return to the mainland, allowing you to appreciate the peace and tranquillity of Venice from your centrally located hotel. Tonight, indulge in a delicious dinner, savouring the unique flavours of Venetian cuisine. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: NH Venezia Santa Lucia/Avani Rio Novo Venice

DAY 6 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Cruise by private boat on a journey of discovery past churches and palaces reflecting the rich architectural history of Venice from the 13th to the 18th centuries. Marvel at the intricate facades and learn about the stories behind these historical buildings. Arrive close to St. Mark's Square and stroll along the waterfront, passing the iconic Bridge of Sighs and the majestic Doge's Palace. It was from here that the infamous Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner into St. Mark's Square and be captivated by the grandeur of the basilica. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and witness the artistry of expert glassblowers as they create beautiful, handcrafted glass pieces, preserving centuries-old techniques and traditions. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ASSISI

Continue your 11 days in Italy with a journey to the peaceful town of Assisi, nestled on the slopes of Mount Subasio and renowned for its medieval churches, vibrant frescoes and sun-dappled courtyards. In the valley, see the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, revered as the place of St. Francis' passing. Then ascend to the upper town to meet your Local Expert. Step inside the monumental Basilica of St. Francis, a 13th-century marvel whose frescoes by Giotto marked a turning point in European art. Enjoy free time to soak up the serenity of Assisi. You might choose to stroll along Via San Francesco, lined with quaint stone buildings offering artisan foods, devotional keepsakes and locally crafted wares. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Giotto, Assisi



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

Venice | Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.

Assisi | A Local Expert reveals why the Basilica of St. Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of Europe.

Capri | Explore whitewashed houses, winding lanes, chic boutiques and artisans' studios on a guided tour of this island once favoured by film stars.

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

Vesuvius National Park | Visit Casa Barone, a small family-run farm and one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes. Learn about their commitment to sustainability and taste the flavours of this special tomato during your Farm-to-Table lunch. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 12 & 15: Responsible Production and Consumption & Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Rome | Savour dinner at a uniquely Roman restaurant, offering a perfect exploration of Lazio's typical flavours.
Enjoy delicious Italian cuisine and wine accompanied by the rich tremolo of some of Italy's best-loved songs.

Florence | Experience local Florentine flavours whilst relaxing over dinner with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

We saw so many amazing cities, wonderful dinners, worthwhile excursions, historic sites, best service, great hotels and accommodations, and learned a lot of history. Met great people. Life changing experience.

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DAY 8 | SORRENTO ON THE COAST
Travel south, passing Cassino, the site of a fierce and pivotal battle during World War II. Continue your journey along the spectacular clifftop road, offering breathtaking views, to reach the resort of the Sorrento coast. This charming area overlooks the Bay of Naples and provides stunning vistas of Mount Vesuvius. After checking in to your hotel, spend the rest of the day at your leisure, exploring the beautiful surroundings or relaxing in the comfort of your accommodation. **(B)**
Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 9 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
Cross the Bay of Naples to reach the beautiful Isle of Capri, a rock rising sheer from the Mediterranean! For 2,000 years, Capri has beckoned visitors from Emperor Tiberius to Gracie Fields. Arriving at the Marina Grande by boat, ascend to Capri town. A Local Expert joins you for an exploration of the narrow alleyways. Browse in deluxe boutiques and wonder at the views over the Tyrrhenian Sea. Descend to the port by funicular railway and return to Sorrento, where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. Perhaps head to Positano for an exploration of the colourful Amalfi Coast? **(B)**

DAY 10 | POMPEII, FROZEN IN TIME AND ON TO ROME
Continue to Pompeii, the opulent Roman town preserved by layers of ash from the disastrous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. Walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets and extensive excavations to learn about the daily life of ancient Roman civilisation. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Vesuvius National Park and visit Casa Barone. This small family-run farm on the slopes of the volcano is one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes, an endangered fruit that only thrives in the fertile volcanic soil. Each harvest is sustainably farmed and cared for by the extended Barone family. Savour the unique flavours of this rare tomato at lunch during your Farm-to-Table experience. Your journey continues to Rome, where an elegant dinner with local wine awaits you at a Roman restaurant. As you dine, enjoy a private performance of popular songs and arias from some of Italy's best-loved operas.
(B) (L) (D)
Hotel: NH Roma Centro, Rome

DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA
Bid farewell to the glories of Italy, savouring the memories of its enchanting cities, historic landmarks and stunning landscapes. Italy's unique allure will linger in your heart long after you leave. **(B)**

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

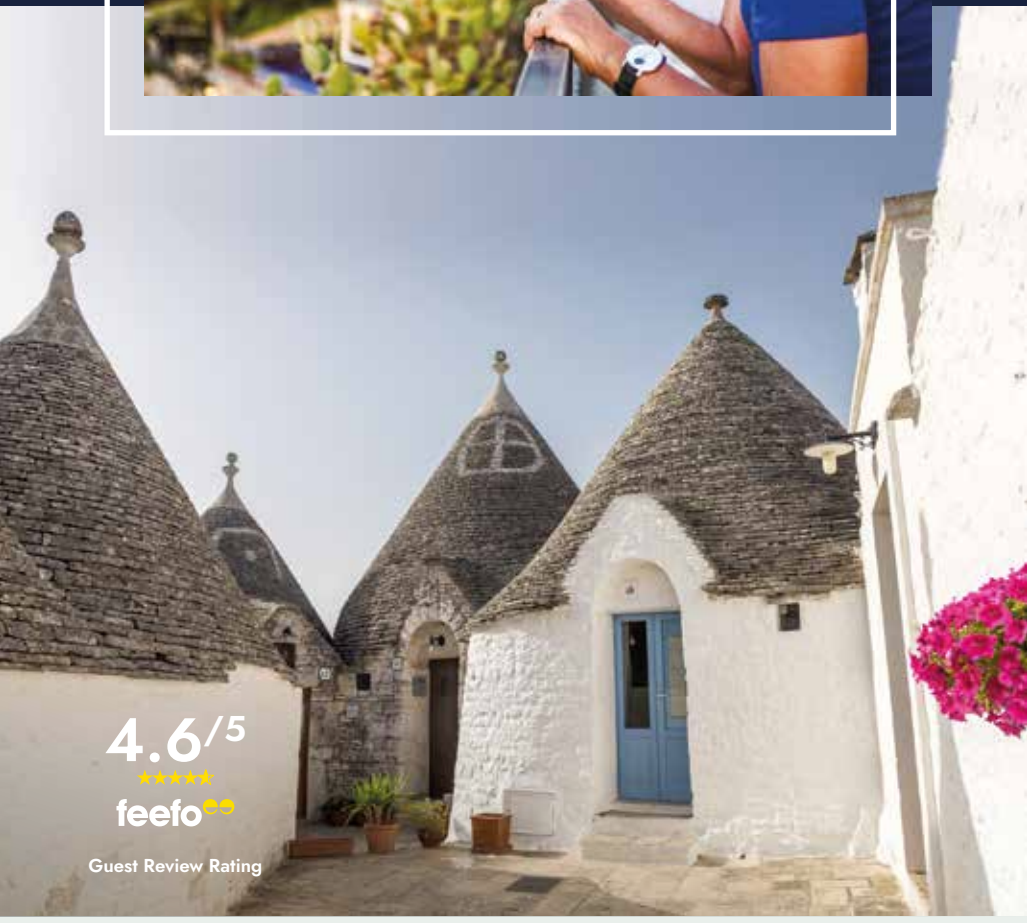
For details on how to book this trip, please see page 94.

Grand Italy & Sicily

Embrace the sights and insights of Italy's Renaissance art, Florentine cuisine and scenery of the largest island in the Mediterranean.

17 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 24 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome—a glorious city brimming with classical antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces, and Baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: St. Martin, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL
Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and palaces. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth experience bringing millennia of history to life. Embark on an enriching journey as you explore the Vatican Museums, home to an extraordinary collection of priceless artworks collected by the Popes over centuries. Marvel at Michelangelo's iconic frescoes in the Sistine Chapel, where the election of new Popes takes place, and admire the dome of St. Peter's Basilica. Continue across the Tiber to ancient Rome to see the Circus Maximus and the Arch of Constantine. Discover the legends of the Colosseum on a guided visit, and imagine the roar of the crowds as you stroll the arena. Later, perhaps visit the Pantheon and Rome's stunning piazzas and fountains. **(B)**

DAY 3 | PISA AND SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE
Enjoy a delightful drive to Pisa through rolling countryside dotted with cypress trees, passing vineyards and olive groves. With a Local Expert, view the incredible Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles from which Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Your journey continues to the pretty seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure

DAY 4 | THE CHARMS OF THE CINQUE TERRE
Head to the famous Cinque Terre, which translates to Five Lands. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is located on a gorgeously wild yet hospitable part of the coastline. With a Local Expert, approach one of the fishing villages by boat (weather permitting). In Monterosso, spend some time exploring the medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach before continuing to the village of Portofino, famed for its colourful houses. Should weather permit, return with a cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to your hotel in the resort of Santa Margherita. **(B)**

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

DAY 5 | LAKE MAGGIORE
Head north to beautiful Lake Maggiore in the Italian Lakes District and the town of Baveno, noted for its narrow cobbled streets and charming square. On arrival, settle into your hotel and take in the magical scenery. In the afternoon, why not join an Optional Experience cruise to Isola Bella to explore the palace and admire the stunning and immaculate Italian style gardens. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Simplon, Baveno

DAY 6 | ON TO VENICE
Your Italy and Sicily tour continues past the Soave vineyards, the city of Padua and on to the canals of Venice. In the evening, enjoy dinner with your travelling companions. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Indigo - Sant'Elena, Venice

DAY 7 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Cruise by private boat on a journey of discovery past churches and palaces reflecting the rich architectural history of Venice from the 13th to the 18th centuries. Marvel at the intricate facades and learn about the stories behind these historical buildings. Arrive close to St Mark's Square and stroll along the waterfront, passing the iconic Bridge of Sighs and the majestic Doge's Palace. It was from here that the infamous Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner into St Mark's Square and be captivated by the grandeur of the basilica. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and witness the artistry of expert glassblowers as they create beautiful, handcrafted glass pieces, preserving centuries-old techniques and traditions. **(B) (RS)**

"We saw so much of Italy – more than we would have with a cruise or on our own. Our Travel Director was organised and kept us informed about what was happening and when, so we were never caught off guard or surprised. The coach was very clean and comfortable, and our driver was skilled; we felt very safe with him behind the wheel.

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DAY 8 | A SCENIC JOURNEY TO FLORENCE
Bid farewell to Venice and journey to Renaissance Florence. With Insight Choice, opt to visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's David, then continue on foot to admire the cathedral, bell tower, and baptistery with Ghiberti's recreated Gates of Paradise. Explore Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Alternatively, stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. End the day with a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with local wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Florence Novoli

DAY 9 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE
Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Florence. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to explore the hilltop town of San Gimignano? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 10 | ILL-FATED POMPEII AND ON TO SORRENTO
Journey south through the volcanic hills of Frascati to Pompeii. Walk with a Local Expert through the preserved cobbled streets for a glimpse into the daily life of civilisation during the Roman Empire. Later, follow the clifftop road to the resort town of Sorrento. **(B)**
Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 11 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town. Explore the narrow alleyways and descend to the port by funicular railway for the return to Sorrento. Later, perhaps explore the Amalfi Coast? **(B)**

DAY 12 | SASSI DI MATERA AND ALBEROBELLO
After breakfast, discover two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. First, visit Matera for an in-depth guided exploration of the extraordinary Sassi, ancient troglodyte dwellings and churches dug out of the rock. These are the most extensive example of their kind in the Mediterranean and were inhabited by about 20,000 people up until

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the 1950s. Matera was also used as the setting for the film 'The Passion of the Christ'. Continue to Alberobello, the second UNESCO World Heritage Site, and your home for the next two nights. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello

DAY 13 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

Admire another of Italy's record number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites with a Local Expert. The trulli of Alberobello are circular structures with conical roofs that are domed within. They are built from local limestone and stacked without using mortar. In the evening, delight at the freshly prepared Farm-to-Table dinner. Savour a traditional meal and discover regional life through its local cuisine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 14 | ON TO SICILY

The local roads take you south, following the Gulf of Taranto to mountainous Calabria. Travel along the Purple Coast to Italy's 'toe' and board your ferry to Sicily. According to legend, it was here at the Straits of Messina that Scylla and Charybdis dragged unwary seafarers to their doom. After disembarking, continue to Taormina and join a Local Expert to visit the Greek Theatre, graced with a spectacular backdrop. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Baia Taormina, Marina di Forza D'Agrò

DAY 15 | THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE TO PALERMO

Relax this morning on the stunning Dawn Coast of Europe or choose to join an Optional Experience to majestic Mt. Etna, Europe's highest active volcano, where you'll journey through dramatic volcanic landscapes and enjoy spectacular panoramic views. Later, travel through Sicily's beautiful countryside as you make your way to the vibrant capital city of Palermo, rich in history, culture and architectural splendour. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Federico II Central Palace, Palermo

DAY 16 | PALERMO, CAPITAL OF SICILY

Explore with your Local Expert who will show you the highlights of the capital. Venture inside the cathedral of Palermo and appreciate its composite architectural styles. Next, head to the amazing Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Normans. From the honey-coloured walls glowing in the sun on the outside, enter a world of glittering ancient mosaics on the inside. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure exploring this fascinating city. This evening, join your travelling companions and Travel Director at a local restaurant for an unforgettable dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 17 | DEPART PALERMO

Your grand tour of Italy draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone–Borsellino Airport. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Cinque Terre | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site with your Local Expert and explore one of the charming fishing villages.

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

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Florence | Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine.

Alberobello | Savour a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table meal featuring recipes and flavours typical of the region.

Palermo | Experience local customs as you delve into tantalising flavours and rustic dishes served with local wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Easy Pace Italy

Feast on an authentic Italian meal in the Tuscan hills, cruise to Venice's Piazza San Marco by private boat and join a Local Expert in Pisa.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Rome is a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and getting to know your fellow travellers over a delicious dinner with wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN

Experience the grandeur of ancient Rome with your Local Expert. Enjoy fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece. Afterwards, visit St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. Later, see the incredible Circus Maximus, famous for its chariot races, and visit the iconic Colosseum. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ROME AT LEISURE

Spend another day enjoying Rome at your own pace. Stroll to the boutiques of the Via del Corso and Via Nazionale or visit the elegant designer stores near the Spanish Steps. Perhaps take an Optional Experience south to the ill-fated town of Pompeii, buried in 79 AD by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, and explore one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world. With your Local Expert, stroll into a 2,000-year-old town revealing fascinating discoveries preserved in time. With the dormant volcano of Vesuvius and panoramic views of the Bay of Naples in the background, you have a few treats in store along the way and then return to Rome, passing the formidable Abbey of Montecassino, one of the greatest shrines of Christendom and the site of an epic battle in 1944. As night falls, why not sip a glass of prosecco at a sidewalk cafe in Piazza Navona and enjoy life's pageantry pass by? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ON TO FLORENCE

Drive through Lazio and the green hills of Umbria. Admire the medieval hilltop towns perched like crown jewels overlooking the valleys below. Journey to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. Explore Florence with Insight Choice: visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Afterwards, continue on foot to admire the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, then walk into the Piazza della Signoria. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Roma, Florence

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

DAY 5 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE
Indulge yourself this morning by exploring Florentine luxury goods. Admire the rolling green hills of Tuscany and the impressive medieval towers of San Gimignano on an Optional Experience this afternoon. Dine with your fellow travelling companions tonight. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | PISA AND THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE
After a leisurely morning in Florence, explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert. See the Leaning Tower, the baptistery and the colonnaded bell tower, lurching out from behind the cathedral. Visit the organic farm Il Poggio and join a guided walk to learn about olive oil and wine production. After taking in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, enjoy tasting the farm's fine wines and olive oil, in addition to an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ON TO VENICE
Today we travel through the Emilia-Romagna region, and stop to sample the flavours of the region and learn about Italian food culture over a delicious lunch with wine. Take the autostrada east to Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your luxurious hotel has elegant Venetian touches and views over an unforgettably romantic city. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice

DAY 8 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'
Glide past centuries of Venetian history on a private boat, from the pink marble Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs to the golden splendour of St. Mark's Basilica. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a traditional glassblowing workshop, where expert artisans preserve time-honoured skills. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure—explore museums and churches, shop on the Rialto Bridge, or cruise to nearby islands in the lagoon to experience the age-old lifestyle of Venetian fishermen and lace-makers. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | VENICE AT LEISURE
Who could refuse another day to take in the unique atmosphere of this wonderful city? Lose yourself in the back lanes and quiet squares, where tourists seldom tread and the Venetians go about their daily lives. Maybe visit some of the 90 churches housing masterpieces of Venetian art or explore the modern artworks in the Guggenheim? Perhaps relax at a canal-side cafe sipping local wine or sample delicious lagoon-fresh fish? Later, board a traditional gondola for a serenade through the romantic canals. This evening, indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE
Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Venice Marco Polo airport (VCE) at 08:00 and 09:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

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

Venice | Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Rome | Experience the Italian way of life as you join your local host for a truly authentic home-cooked meal.

Tuscany | Visit Il Poggio to learn about organic olive and grape farming. Then enjoy a tasting and sit down to a fabulous dinner of Tuscan specialities, complemented by stunning views.

Venice | Enjoy a true Venetian dining experience.

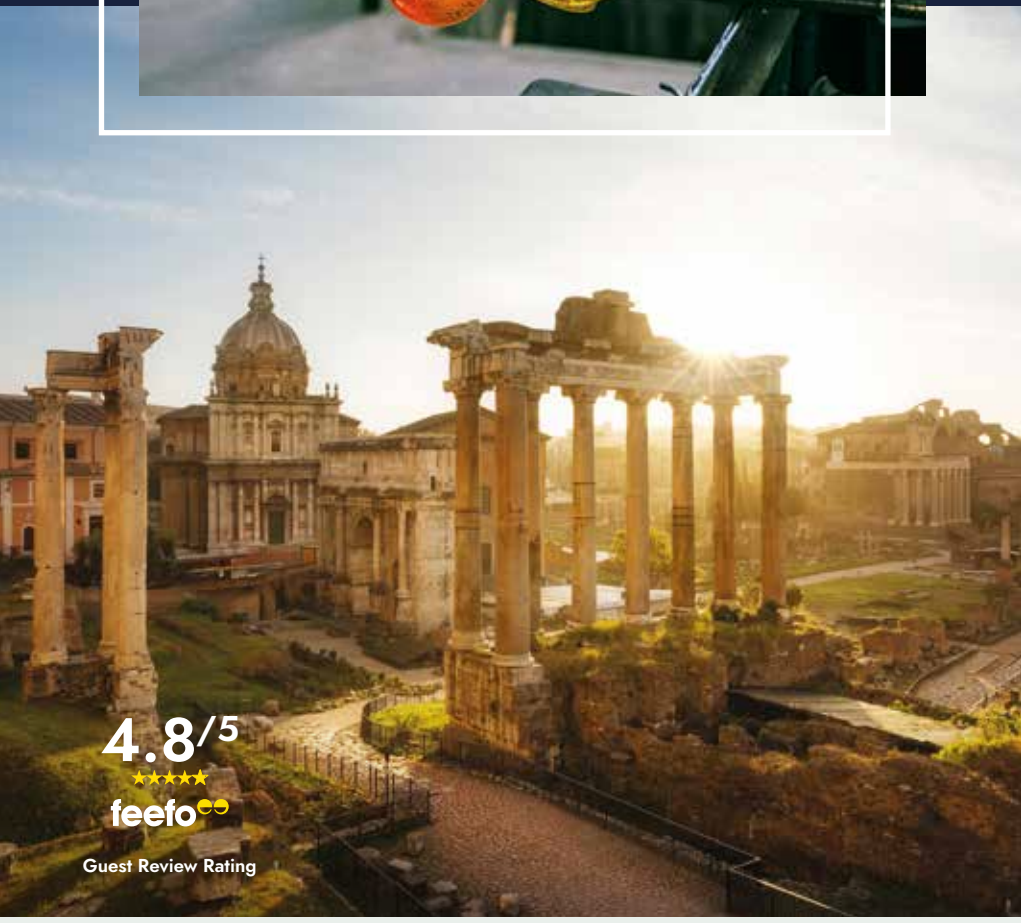
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Italy

Delve into Pompeii, discover the beauty of Capri, admire the colours of Cinque Terre and Portofino. Finish your journey exploring Venice, the enchanting city of canals.

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director as you indulge in dinner with wine at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Golden Tulip Rome Piram

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL
The day is devoted to the Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, full of priceless art treasures collected by the Popes. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling and see St. Peter's Square. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine, and imagine the bustling ancient pavement of ancient Rome. Discover the history and legends of the iconic Colosseum as you view the exterior of this amazing structure. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon, toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain and enjoy free time around Piazza Navona. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ANCIENT POMPEII AND ON TO THE ISLE OF CAPRI/SORRENTO
Journey to Pompeii, frozen in time by Mount Vesuvius' eruption in 79 AD. Walk with a Local Expert through cobbled streets and discover Roman life before enjoying a refreshing lemon granita. Then, continue to your hotel in Capri or Sorrento (date-dependent). Spend the afternoon exploring at your leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento/San Michele, Capri/Regina Cristina, Capri

DAY 4 | THE ISLE OF DREAMS
Take in glorious views of the rugged coastline and sparkling sea. Visit Capri town with its whitewashed houses, winding alleys and cafes. A Local Expert will guide you to the lush Gardens of Augustus for views of the Faraglioni rocks. As twilight falls and day-trippers leave, the island is yours to explore—stroll scenic paths, mingle with locals in the piazzetta, or relax with a glass of wine at an alfresco restaurant. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THE AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE TO FLORENCE
Take the jetfoil across the bay to Naples and journey through Umbria to Florence, centre of art and culture, and the heart of the Italian Renaissance. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Firenze, Florence

DAY 6 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE
Explore Florence with Insight Choice: visit the Accademia Museum to see Michelangelo's

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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David. Admire Florence's artistic legacy as you stroll with a Local Expert through the Piazza del Duomo, home to the cathedral, Giotto's bell tower and the octagonal baptistery—each adorned with pink, green and white marble. Gaze at the Gates of Paradise, Ghiberti's bronze panels that revolutionised sculpture with their realism and perspective. Continue to the Piazza della Signoria, the city's political heart, lined with commanding statues such as Neptune, Hercules and Cacus in front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. In your free time, explore at your leisure or opt for an Optional Experience to San Gimignano, a hilltop town famed for its medieval towers. **(B)**

DAY 7 | CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO TO SANTA MARGHERITA

Cinque Terre and the Italian Riviera are key highlights of your trip. With a Local Expert, take a boat ride along the Ligurian coast (weather permitting) to admire its fishing villages before landing ashore to spend some time exploring one of the medieval quarters or the popular sandy beach. Continue to the village of Portofino, to admire the colourful houses. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure

DAY 8 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District, where alpine scenery combines with lush subtropical vegetation. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure or perhaps take a cruise to the Borromean Islands? Tonight, take your pick from a hand-picked collection of local restaurants, specially selected for your Dine-Around Evening. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

DAY 9 | TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY

Follow the southern fringes of the Alps to the Franciacorta wine region near Lake Iseo. Over 100 vineyards produce the famous sparkling wine of the region and winemaking traditions run deep. Taste the delicious vintages produced with a master vintner at a family-owned estate. Continue to the unique city of Venice and step back in time to centuries past. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice

DAY 10 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Visit St. Mark's Square where the city's former wealth and power is evidenced by the riches of St. Mark's Basilica and admire the Doge's Palace with its adjoining Bridge of Sighs. Take your seat on a gondola and be serenaded through the myriad of beautiful canals, passing water-lapped doorways and Rococo palaces. The rest of the afternoon is yours to discover Venice at leisure. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Cruise the Venetian lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous dinner with wine, sampling the local specialities. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Capri | Explore whitewashed houses, winding lanes, chic boutiques and artisans' studios on a guided tour of this island once favoured by film stars.

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

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

Cinque Terre | Visit this unique UNESCO World Heritage Site with a cruise along the Ligurian Coast.

Venice | Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Italian Lakes | Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants on a Dine-Around evening. Each with its own distinctive ambience and cuisine.

Burano | Cruise to the charming fisherman's island of Burano to enjoy a delicious dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Italian Elegance

Embrace the glamour of Portofino and the Italian Lakes. Breathe in the Dolomites' mountain air and succumb to Cinque Terre's charms. Indulge in world-famous gelato as you admire San Gimignano's medieval towers.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and getting to know your fellow travellers over a delicious dinner with wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Bettoja Mediterraneo, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND THE VATICAN
Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including entering the Vatican City and fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece. Afterwards, visit St. Peter's Basilica. Later, cross the Tiber River to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and the iconic Colosseum. **(B)**

DAY 3 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE
Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. Continue to your elegant hotel in Tuscany. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Villasanpaolo, San Gimignano

DAY 4 | THE FLAVOURS OF SAN GIMIGNANO
Spend time exploring the maze of alleyways and admire scenic views across the valley. Ascend serpentine alleyways to the artisan gelato parlour of world champion gelato maestro, Sergio Dondoli, for a taste of his finest frozen treats. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO PISA, PORTOFINO AND SANTA MARGHERITA
Drive through the patchwork of vines, olives and cypresses that typify the Chianti hills before continuing to Pisa and see the incredible Leaning Tower, the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Next, journey to the sea and cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to the elegant seaside village of Portofino, the epitome of la dolce vita (should weather permit). Finish your journey in the charming seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure, a true gem on the coast. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure

DAY 6 | THE CINQUE TERRE
Head to Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Italy's most stunning landscapes. Cruise along the

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Cinque Terre coastline (weather permitting) with your Local Expert, passing rugged cliffs and pastel-hued villages perched above the Ligurian Sea. Arrive by boat at one of the region's historic fishing communities and enjoy a Sea-to-Table lunch, prepared with the day's local catch. Afterwards, explore at your own pace—wander cobbled lanes, browse artisan boutiques or unwind at a cafe overlooking the village square. **(B) (L)**

DAY 7 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Travel north to the stunning Italian Lake District, a favourite retreat of the rich and famous, where majestic Alpine scenery blends seamlessly with lush greenery. Spend a leisurely afternoon relaxing at this charming resort beside the sparkling lake, soaking up the tranquil beauty and elegant atmosphere. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

DAY 8 | CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

Travel through the stunning northern Italian countryside to one of the world's most breath-taking wine regions. The vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavour of prosecco. Continue through the Dolomites, to the mountain resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo

DAY 9 | EXPERIENCE THE DOLOMITES

The whole day is free for you to explore the colourful peaks and sheer valleys of the Dolomites. There are a number of walking tracks to explore, or perhaps take a thrilling Optional Experience to the summit of one of the peaks for breathtaking panoramic views? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 10 | VENICE, QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Descend through the mountains to the romantic city of Venice. A private boat glides you past canals lined with ornate palaces to St. Mark's Square. See the basilica, the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, before checking into your luxurious hotel. With the afternoon at leisure, why not cruise the Venetian Lagoon to the island of Burano? **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione

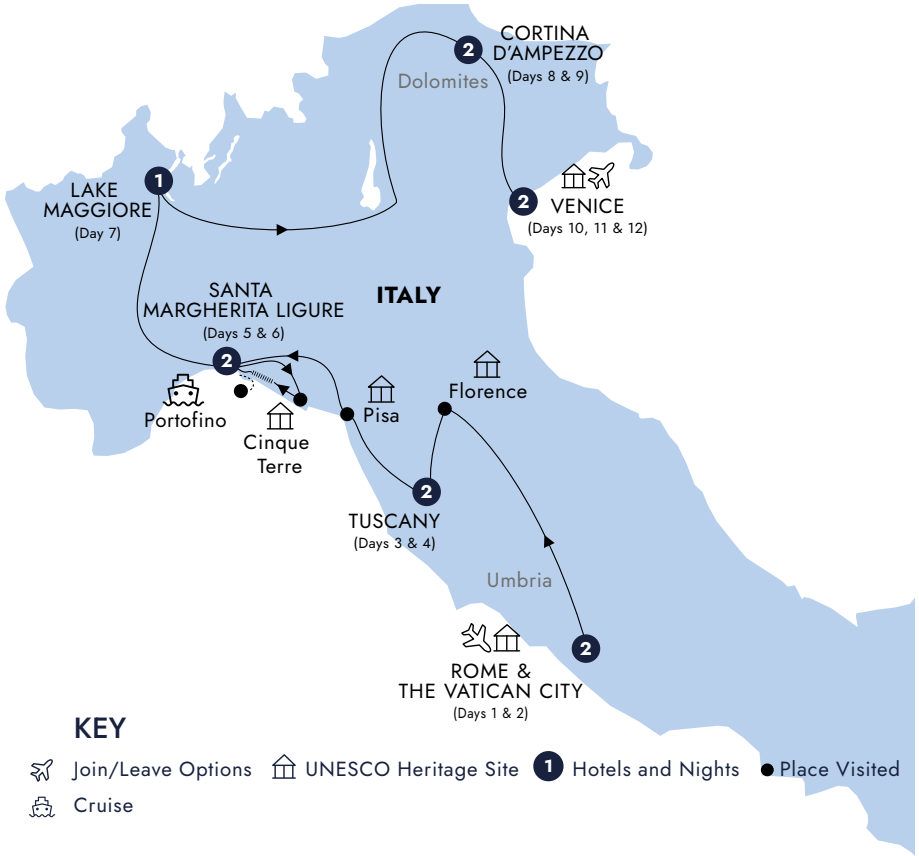
DAY 11 | VENICE AT LEISURE

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Then there is free time to enjoy the magical atmosphere of this incredible city at your own pace. Later, on your romantic gondola serenade, glide along the atmospheric canals whilst musicians set the mood with traditional songs. This evening, indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce during a magical dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.





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San Gimignano | Visit the Tuscan town of San Gimignano, often called the 'Medieval Manhattan' of Italy.

Portofino | Cruise from Santa Margherita and get a taste of the sweet life in this elegant resort.

Cinque Terre | Visit this unique UNESCO World Heritage Site with a cruise along the Ligurian Coast.

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

San Gimignano | Try Sergio Dondoli's award-winning gelato.

Monterosso al Mare | Savour a freshly prepared Sea-to-Table lunch of locally sourced produce.

Venice | Enjoy a true Venetian dining experience.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Italian Escapade

See where gladiators fought in Rome, wind your way through the cypress-lined hillsides of Tuscany and glide by gondola through Venice's canals.

13 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome, a glorious city filled with classic antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director as you indulge in dinner with wine at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Villa Pamphili, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL
A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Later, cross the Tiber River to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus, the Arch of Constantine and the iconic Colosseum. **(B)**

DAY 3 | SIENA AND MEDIEVAL FLORENCE
In medieval Siena, stroll through the winding stone-paved streets to the vast Piazza del Campo. Continue through the cypress-clad hills and vineyards of Tuscany to Florence. Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David, or take a stroll with your Travel Director to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local cafe. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Michelangelo, Florence

DAY 4 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE
Enjoy free time to wander Florence's historic streets or choose an Optional Experience to visit San Gimignano, known as Tuscany's 'medieval Manhattan'. Admire its iconic towers, learn about the rival families who built them and take in centuries-old architecture. Your visit also includes a specially selected local delicacy. **(B)**

DAY 5 | PISA AND THE ITALIAN LAKES
Stop in Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs of solid marble. **(B)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

DAY 6 | THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT
Today is set aside for you to relax and enjoy all the fantastic sights of this beautiful lakeland area. For your Dine-Around evening, choose from a selection of hand-picked restaurants for your dining pleasure. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY
Follow the southern fringes of the European Alps to the vineyards of the Franciacorta wine

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

region near the shores of Lake Iseo. Taste the delicious vintages produced by a master vintner at a family-owned estate. Continue to the unique city of Venice. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 8 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
A private boat ferries you to St. Mark's Square. See the basilica, Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers. Enjoy being serenaded on a gondola ride, gliding through the city's canals in romantic awe. **(B)**

DAY 9 | HILLTOP ASSISI
Journey to the hilltop town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Travel through shifting landscapes into the rugged Apennines. On arrival, see the Church of St. Mary of the Angels. Then continue up Mount Subasio with a Local Expert to visit the Basilica of St. Francis, adorned with frescoes telling the story of the saint's life. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Giotto, Assisi

DAY 10 | SORRENTO ON THE COAST
Journey to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, perched upon the southern cliffs of the Bay of Naples and looking out to Mount Vesuvius. With the evening at leisure, why not try some of the local specialities during a regional dining experience? **(B)**
Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 11 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
Cruise to Capri. Your Local Expert leads you through the narrow alleyways of Capri town, before you descend to the port by funicular and return to Sorrento for some relaxation time. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Positano and the Amalfi Coast? **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | ON TO ILL-FATED POMPEII AND ROME
Travel north to Pompeii, the ancient city preserved by Mount Vesuvius' eruption in AD 79. Walk its cobbled streets with your Local Expert to explore shops, villas and temples, and see frescoes hidden for centuries. Pass beneath the hilltop Abbey of Montecassino en route to Rome. Later, savour fine food, wine and music over dinner with a private operetta performance. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Bettoja Massimo D'Azeglio, Rome

DAY 13 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA
Bid farewell to the glories of Italy, savouring the memories of its enchanting cities, historic landmarks and stunning landscapes. Italy's unique allure will linger in your heart long after you leave. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

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

Assisi | A Local Expert reveals why the Basilica of St. Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of Europe.

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

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Venice | Glide along the canals of this timeless floating city on an iconic gondola ride.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Florence | Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine.

Lake Maggiore | For your Dine-Around evening, choose from a selection of restaurants featuring regional delicacies.

Rome | Enjoy delicious Italian cuisine and wine accompanied by the rich tremolo of some of Italy's best-loved songs.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Southern Italy & Sicily

Experience Italy's finest food and views on this two-week tour. Explore major cities with Local Experts whilst enjoying Farm-to-Table dining and historical insights.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E725

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome. Settle in before meeting your fellow travellers and your Travel Director. End the day getting to know each other during dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu GHR, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS
Experience Rome's art, antiquity, piazzas, and palaces during a guided walk with a Local Expert. Cross the Tiber River to enjoy ancient Rome. Enter the Colosseum and imagine the roar of the spectators as you hear stories of how ancient Romans liked to be entertained. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ROME TO SORRENTO
As you leave the bustling streets of Rome behind, you enter the peaceful charm of the Italian countryside. The roads wind through sun-dappled hills, where fields of golden wheat and rows of olive trees stretch endlessly under a brilliant blue sky. Small villages dot the landscape, their stone houses nestled against rolling hills, offering a glimpse into authentic Italian life and the air carries the scent of wildflowers and citrus groves. The journey southward reveals itself like a beautiful postcard, with views of the sparkling Mediterranean beginning to emerge in the distance. As you approach Sorrento, the dramatic cliffs and coastal views unfold, the town's pastel-coloured buildings perched above the shimmering sea, welcoming you to this idyllic coastal paradise. **(B)**
Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 4 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
The impossibly blue sea welcomes you to the sun-drenched island of Capri as you cruise by jetfoil. On arrival, meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through the narrow alleyways. Explore Capri with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire the views over the Faraglioni Rocks. Alternatively, enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | POMPEII AND ALBEROBELLO
With your Local Expert, explore the streets of Pompeii, buried in AD 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Venture on to Alberobello. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello

DAY 6 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO
Join a Local Expert to explore one of Italy's many UNESCO World Heritage Sites — the unique trulli of Alberobello, circular limestone dwellings with domed interiors and distinctive conical roofs, ingeniously built without mortar. You may also opt to join our Local Expert for

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an exploration of Ostuni, a whitewashed town that echoes the charm of a North African Arab Medina. Stroll through its winding cobbled streets and admire its striking architecture. In the evening, enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner, showcasing traditional Apulian dishes made with seasonal produce. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ALBEROBELLO AT LEISURE

Today is yours to enjoy at leisure or unwind and make the most of the exceptional amenities at your remarkable hotel. You can also choose to discover cliffside Polignano a Mare with a Local Expert, enjoying Adriatic views and a stroll through the historic hometown of Volare singer Domenico Modugno. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | JOURNEY WEST TO MATERA

Visit Matera with a Local Expert for an in-depth exploration of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sassi. Continue to the small village of Grottole. Once a thriving community, it has lost most of its activity and population. Meet Andrea, a local striving to bring back the area's traditional way of living. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience explore the historic old town to learn about the fascinating history of the village and enjoy an aperitif with local snacks helping to preserve the culture. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: UNAHOTELS MH Matera

DAY 9 | TO SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Travel to the very toe of Italy and board your ferry bound for Sicily, across the Strait of Messina. Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theatre of Taormina, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. Take your pick of specially selected restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hellenia Yachting, Giardini Naxos

DAY 10 | FREE TIME ON THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

The day is at leisure to relax at your resort's private beach. Don't miss the chance of an optional drive through the national park to Mount Etna. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | A NEW DAWN IN SICILY

Early risers may experience what D.H. Lawrence christened the 'dawn coast of Europe'. The day is free to explore at your leisure, or to embark on an Optional Experience to Syracuse. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 12 | AGRIGENTO, THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO PALERMO

Drive to Agrigento and explore the Valley of the Temples with a Local Expert. See the massive Temple of Concord and clifftop Temple of Juno, overlooking the sea. In the afternoon, continue to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. **(B)**
Hotel: Federico II Central Palace, Palermo

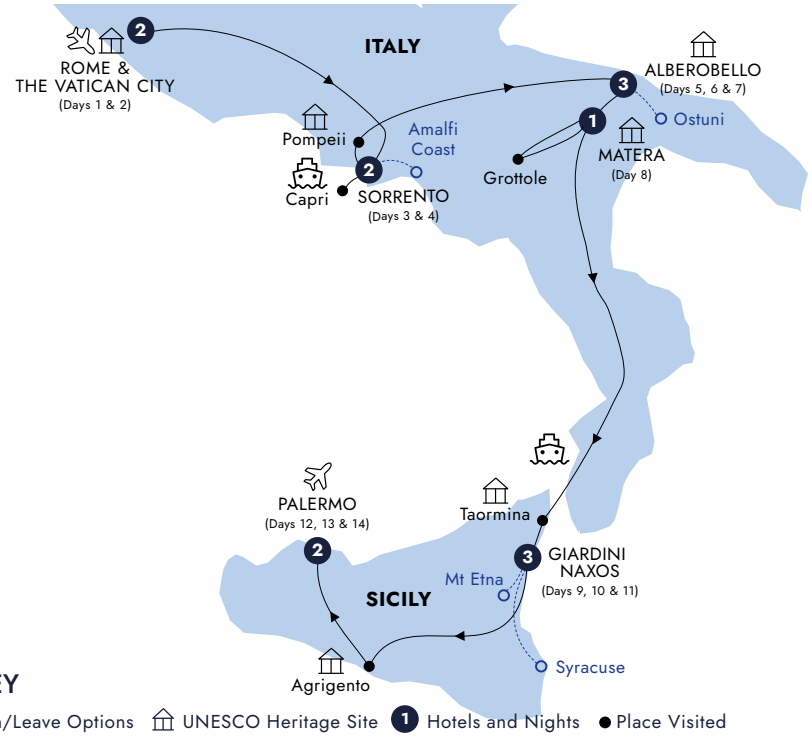
DAY 13 | PALERMO AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS

Join a historian on a guided walk to see the gems of the old city. Visit the Palatine Chapel and continue to Palermo Cathedral with its blend of architectural styles. The afternoon is free to explore on your own. In the evening, join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant for a dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | DEPART PALERMO

Your journey draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone–Borsellino Airport. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Visit the mighty Colosseum with a Local Expert.

Capri | *Insight Choice* Learn about local traditions as you enjoy a tasting of limoncello, *or* discover the luxuriant Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire views of the Faraglioni rocks.

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

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

Palermo | Discover the Sicilian capital with your Local Expert. See Pretoria Square and the 16th-century fountain. View the composite architectural styles of the Palermo Cathedral and visit the Palatine Chapel.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Rome | Savour dinner at a uniquely Roman restaurant, offering a perfect exploration of Lazio's typical flavours.

Alberobello | Savour a freshly prepared Farm-to-Table meal featuring recipes and flavours typical of the region.

Taormina | Choose from our handpicked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening.

Palermo | Experience local customs as you delve into tantalising flavours and rustic dishes served with local wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Italy

Marvel at Rome's ancient wonders, set sail to the enchanting Isle of Capri, cruise along the Cinque Terre's coast and savour the flavours of Parma's famous cheese.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E722

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Welcome to Rome—a glorious city brimming with classical antiquities, medieval buildings, Renaissance palaces, and Baroque churches. Settle in before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH A LOCAL
Today is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert to discover the modern-day city and how people lived in Ancient Rome. See St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City. Then cross the Tiber river to see the Circus Maximus and learn about the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum on a guided visit. Imagine the roar of the spectators as you enter the arena and stroll around picturing the gladiators and their adoring fans. **(B)**

DAY 3 | CASTEL GANDOLFO
Venture to Castel Gandolfo to explore the artistic treasures of the Villa Barberini Gardens. Ride an electric train along winding pathways and marvel at the intricately designed mosaic flower beds and fountains. After visiting the former papal gardens, continue south—drinking in views of the Bay of Naples—on your way to the resort town of Sorrento. **(B)**
Hotel: Isabella, Sorrento

DAY 4 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS
With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town. Explore the narrow alleyways, admire the views and Mediterranean atmosphere before descending to the port by funicular railway for the return to Sorrento. **(B)**

DAY 5 | POMPEII AND TODI
Journey to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii and explore with your Local Expert. Journey through Umbria to Todi and savour the medieval ambiance during your orientation. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant with a glass of Orvieto Classico wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Fonte Cesia, Todi

DAY 6 | TODI
Immerse yourself in the enchanting medieval town of Todi, where you can wander through picturesque streets, marvel at historic architecture, and enjoy stunning views of the surrounding Umbrian countryside. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ASSISI AND ON TO PERUGIA
On arrival in Assisi, see St. Clare's Church and the Roman Temple of Minerva. A Local Expert walks with you down the Via San Francesco for a guided visit to the Basilica of St. Francis.

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Continue to Perugia for a guided exploration through the Old Town. **(B)**
Hotel: Sangallo Palace, Perugia

DAY 8 | PERUGIA, THE JEWEL OF UMBRIA
Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit an artisanal loom-weaving workshop and meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE AND TUSCANY
Journey past Lake Trasimeno to Renaissance Florence. Walk with a Local Expert to see the marble-clad cathedral, bell tower and Gates of Paradise on the baptistery. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Wander the area around Santa Croce Basilica. Journey through the vineyards of Tuscany and enjoy a delicious wine tasting before arriving at your elegant hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cappuccina Country Resort & Spa, San Gimignano

DAY 10 | SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO
This morning explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval Basilica of St. Domenico or alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert. Continue to the hilltop town of San Gimignano. Enjoy a gelato from Sergio Dondoli's award-winning creations. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | ON TO LUCCA
Travel to Lucca, a city perfectly preserved within encircling medieval ramparts. Enjoy a sampling of a local speciality – freshly baked Tuscan bread. Later, perhaps explore Pisa? **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Villa La Principessa, Lucca

DAY 12 | EXPLORING THE CINQUE TERRE
Get ready to explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Cinque Terre. Join a Local Expert before cruising along the coastline (weather permitting). **(B)**

DAY 13 | ON TO PARMA
Journey to Parma, where you'll meet Paolo and learn about the process of making Parmigiano-Reggiano. Taste samples of the famous cheese, accompanied by a glass of wine. **(B)**
Hotel: Starhotels Du Parc, Parma

DAY 14 | MODENA AND ON TO VENICE
Visit a local producer of Modena's famed balsamic vinegar and enjoy a tasting. Continue to Venice, where you'll be serenaded as you glide by gondola past water-lapped doorways and Rococo palaces. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice

DAY 15 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop. Visit St. Mark's Square to admire St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the adjoining Bridge of Sighs. Cruise the Venetian Lagoon to Burano and enjoy a sumptuous dinner with wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 16 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE
Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Rome | Visit the mighty Colosseum with a Local Expert.

Capri | Explore whitewashed houses, winding lanes, chic boutiques and artisans' studios on a guided tour of this island once favoured by film stars.

Pompeii | Walk the streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

Assisi | Discover the Basilica of Saint Francis.

Siena | *Insight Choice* Enjoy a tasting of Panforte, *or* visit the Basilica of St. Domenico with your Local Expert and discover its connection with St. Catherine of Siena.

Cinque Terre | Visit this unique UNESCO World Heritage Site with a cruise along the Ligurian Coast.

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

San Gimignano | Try Sergio Dondoli's award-winning gelato.

Parma | Witness the cheese-making process of Parmigiano-Reggiano at Ciaolatte Parmesan.

Burano | Cruise to the charming fisherman's island of Burano to enjoy a delicious dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Best of Germany

Tour Berlin's iconic sights, visit the famed fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle featured in the film 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and explore Munich's lively Marienplatz.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E929

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BERLIN
Your journey begins in Berlin, Germany's capital and largest city. In the evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN
Join a Local Expert to see some of Berlin's many highlights. Travel along the Ku'damm past the Memorial Church and drive through the Tiergarten to see the Reichstag building. Continue with a visit to Brandenburg Gate and along Unter den Linden, passing the Humboldt University and State Opera to stop on Museum Island. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps choose to explore Potsdam? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | DRESDEN, A BAROQUE PHOENIX ON THE ELBE
In Dresden, join your Local Expert to see the Frauenkirche, 'The Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the huge cathedral, Semper Opera House and Baroque Zwinger Palace. Although the town was heavily bombed during World War II, it remains a treasure trove of early German history and Baroque architecture. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Dresden

DAY 4 | MEDIEVAL ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER
Join a Local Expert in Weimar to explore the city of literary luminaries Goethe and Schiller. Later, drive to Rothenberg ob der Tauber for your Dine-Around evening. Choose from a hand-picked selection of restaurants within the walls of the old town. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Altes Brauhaus

DAY 5 | ROTHENBURG AT LEISURE
Enjoy an inspiring stroll through the narrow-cobbled streets with a Local Expert before taking in panoramic views on the historic city walls walk. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure for further exploration on your own, or perhaps a guided visit to the medieval town of Nuremberg. **(B)**

DAY 6 | FRANKFURT AND MAINZ
Continue your travels through to Frankfurt and take in the city's famed landmarks with a Local Expert. See the gable-roofed Römer, European Central Bank, Frankfurt Cathedral's Coronation Site, and the eminent Paulskirche. Complete your visit with a tasting of local Apfelwein.Your hotel is in the nearby town of Mainz, a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans. Enjoy a guided visit of the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to one of history's most important inventors. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton, Mainz

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

DAY 7 | CASTLES OF THE RHINE EXPERIENCE
Begin the day with a relaxing cruise past steep vineyards, half-timbered taverns and hilltop castles. Stop in Bacharach on the banks of the Rhine, for a scenic stroll in the vineyards with a Local Expert. Sit down for a delicious Farm-to-Table lunch prepared with locally sourced ingredients and wine tasting. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 8 | HEIDELBERG AND SCHWANGAU
In Heidelberg, explore the cobbled Altstadt with a Local Expert and view the Gothic Church of the Holy Spirit and the red sandstone castle. Continue to the Black Forest to enjoy authentic Black Forest Gateau and browse hand-carved cuckoo clocks, then take a scenic drive along Lake Constance to charming Schwangau at the foot of the Bavarian Alps. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ameron Neuschwanstein

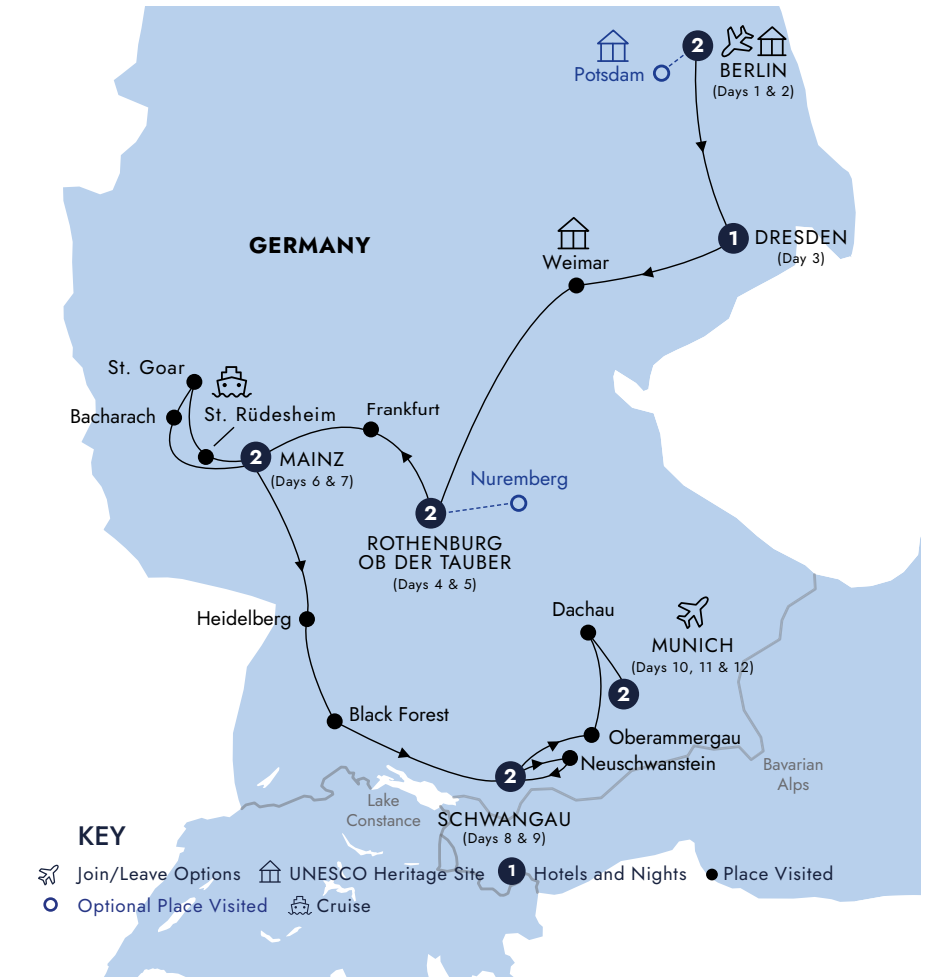
DAY 9 | NEUSCHWANSTEIN AND FÜSSEN
Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle (subject to availability), bristling with turrets and pinnacles and built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Courtyard. Later, walk through the streets of Füssen's Old Town and explore its Heritage Museum in the former Benedictine monastery of St. Mang. **(B)**

DAY 10 | THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL OF MUNICH AND DACHAU
A beautiful Alpine drive brings us to the village of Oberammergau, famous for its passion play which has been performed here ever since the villagers made a solemn vow in 1634. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit the workshop of a local wood sculptor. Travel to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site for a moment of commemoration and remembrance. Reflect on the weighty history that marks the site and observe the importance of its preservation. This evening, consider joining your travel companions for a fun-filled Bavarian evening. **(B)**
Hotel: Munich Marriott

DAY 11 | MUNICH AT LEISURE
Explore Munich with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city centre. Alternatively, visit the famous Residenz, and see its museum and treasury. This afternoon is free for you to explore Bavaria's capital city. Perhaps visit one of its many art galleries and museums, or relax and enjoy a coffee in the delightful Marienplatz? In the evening, round off your German experience with a dinner, complete with local wine. Prost! **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | AUF WIEDERSEHEN, MUNICH!
Say Auf Wiedersehen to your new friends as you trip comes to an end. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Berlin | Explore this vibrant city with a Local Expert, passing Ku'damm, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Tiergarten, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island.

Dresden | See the Frauenkirche, the colossal 'Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the cathedral, Semper Opera House and Zwinger Palace.

Weimar | Delve into history on a city tour with a Local Expert.

Mainz | Enjoy a guided visit of the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to one of history's most important inventors. Your Travel Director leads you on an orientation of the city.

Heidelberg | Explore the Old Town with a Local Expert to see Heidelberg University, Germany's oldest, the Church of the Holy Spirit, which once housed the Palatinate's library and enjoy panoramic views of the Renaissance castle.

Munich | *Insight Choice* Visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria, *or* embark on a culinary walking tour in the heart of the city.

Oberammergau | Meet Marion, a skilled artisan and graduate of the Oberammergau Carving School, at her workshop in the renowned village of wood carvers and learn the art of wood carving. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 5 & 11: Gender Equality & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Berlin | Savour local specialities in Germany's capital city during dinner.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber | Select one of Rothenburg's excellent restaurants, each with its own distinctive ambience and cuisine, for your Dine-Around evening.

Bacharach | Enjoy a Farm-to-Table lunch featuring local produce and indulge in a wine tasting experience.

Munich | Delight in authentic Bavarian specialities at a local restaurant.

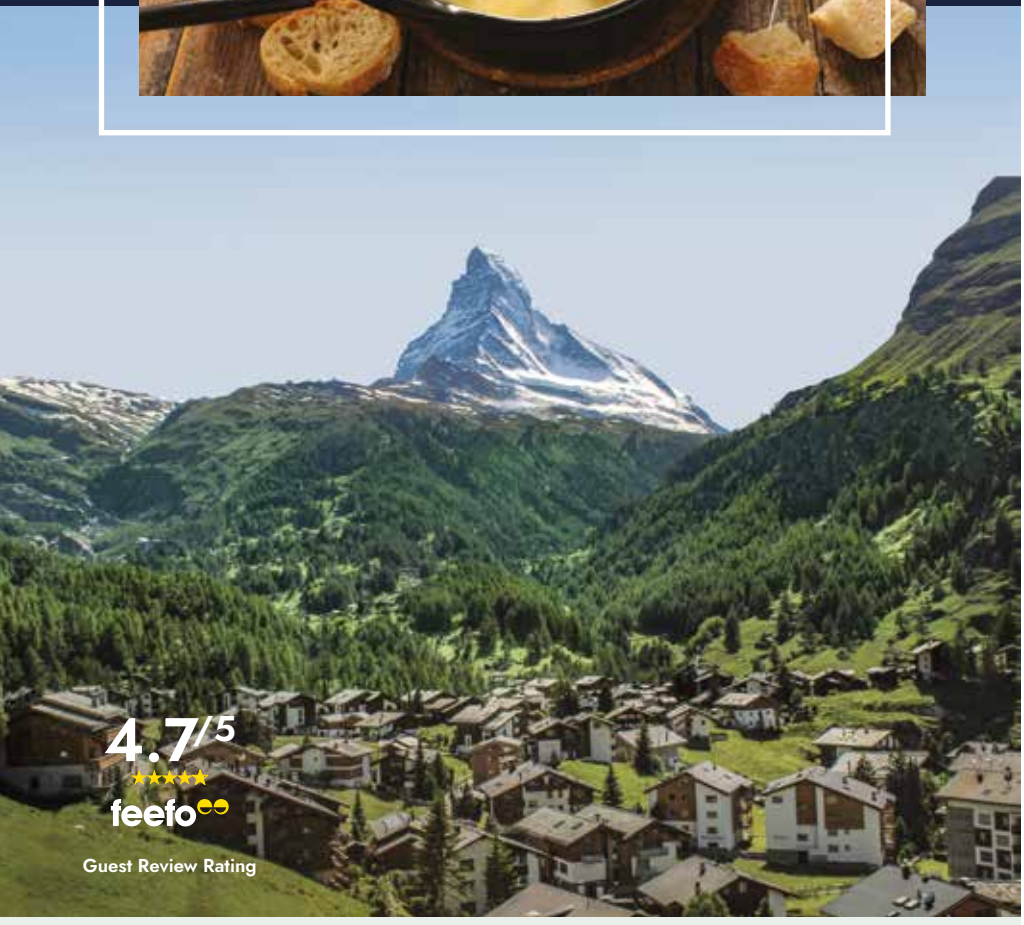
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Glorious Switzerland

Indulge in the glamour and glitz of all things Swiss. Sample rich cheese fondue, tour Chillon Castle and breathe in the Alpine air of Mt Stanserhorn and Zermatt.

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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DAY 1 | GENEVA, CITY OF GARDENS
Prepare yourself for the majesty of Switzerland's snow-capped mountains, glaciers, sparkling lakes, flower-filled meadows and rich, green valleys. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a short stroll to your dinner. The evening is full of Swiss delight, as you enjoy the cosy decor whilst being served typical Swiss specialities including cheese fondue. Return to your immaculate boutique hotel, the award-winning Hotel d'Angleterre. Enjoy British charm and the finest Swiss hospitality, with each room individually designed to reflect its elegant style. **(D)**
Hotel: Royal, Geneva

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00, 13:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | MONTREUX, CHILLON AND THE MATTERHORN VILLAGE OF ZERMATT
Start your day with highlights of Geneva, the City of Gardens. See the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Then relax and enjoy the enchanting scenery as you continue to the charming town of Montreux. Situated at the foot of the Alps and boasting beautiful lakeside walks, enjoy free time to explore this pretty town. On the western bay of Lake Geneva, join your host at Chillon Castle for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. Keep a lookout for where the writer is rumoured to have left his mark. Continue through the Rhone Valley, where high summer temperatures support vines and other fruits. The final stage of your journey is by cogwheel train to the traffic-free Alpine resort of Zermatt. During your orientation with your Travel Director, feast your eyes on the distinctive triangular silhouette of the Matterhorn. At night, enjoy a stroll in the fresh mountain air to your chosen restaurant for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hemizeus & Iremia Spa, Zermatt

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN ZERMATT
Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking, or spend a whole day relaxing in the fresh Alpine surroundings. Perhaps take an optional ride on Europe's highest cable car to the snow-capped Klein Matterhorn for a magnificent panorama of the highest peaks in Switzerland, Italy and France? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ELEGANT LUGANO
Descend to Täsch and rejoin the coach. Follow in Napoleon's footsteps as you ascend the Simplon Pass, taking in magnificent views over the Alps from the 2,000 m (6,562 ft) summit. Continue along the gentle shores of Lake Maggiore. Perhaps take a delightful boat trip to see the stunning Isola Bella? **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: De La Paix, Lugano

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

DAY 5 | GRISON ALPS TO CHIC ST. MORITZ

Head north into the high mountain country of the Grisons Alps today. Ascend the San Bernardino and Julier Passes to arrive in the sparkling Engadine Valley, known for its invigorating climate characterised by clear skies and its high-altitude location in the Alps. Upon arrival in the cosmopolitan resort of St. Moritz, your Travel Director will provide a brief orientation, showcasing the spa quarter and the brilliantly sparkling glacial lake. Afterwards, you'll have time to explore further on your own or perhaps embark on a train journey over the Bernina Pass. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Steffani, St. Moritz

> *Glorious Switzerland! That's exactly how it was. The scenery was spectacular and seemed to get better with each day.*
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> **OUR GUEST PHILIP**
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DAY 6 | SCENIC TRAIN RIDE, LIECHTENSTEIN AND LUCERNE

Start the day with a scenic train ride along part of the route of the Glacier Express, through unforgettable scenes of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. At Chur, reboard your coach and travel along the valley of the Upper Rhine to spend some time in Vaduz, the tiny capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, where you explore the area around the castle. Continue to Lucerne alongside the dramatic Walensee and Lake Zürich. On arrival, see the sorrowful sculpture of the wounded lion, commemorating the brave Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Your Travel Director will also show you the Jesuit Church and the Chapel Bridge. **(B)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

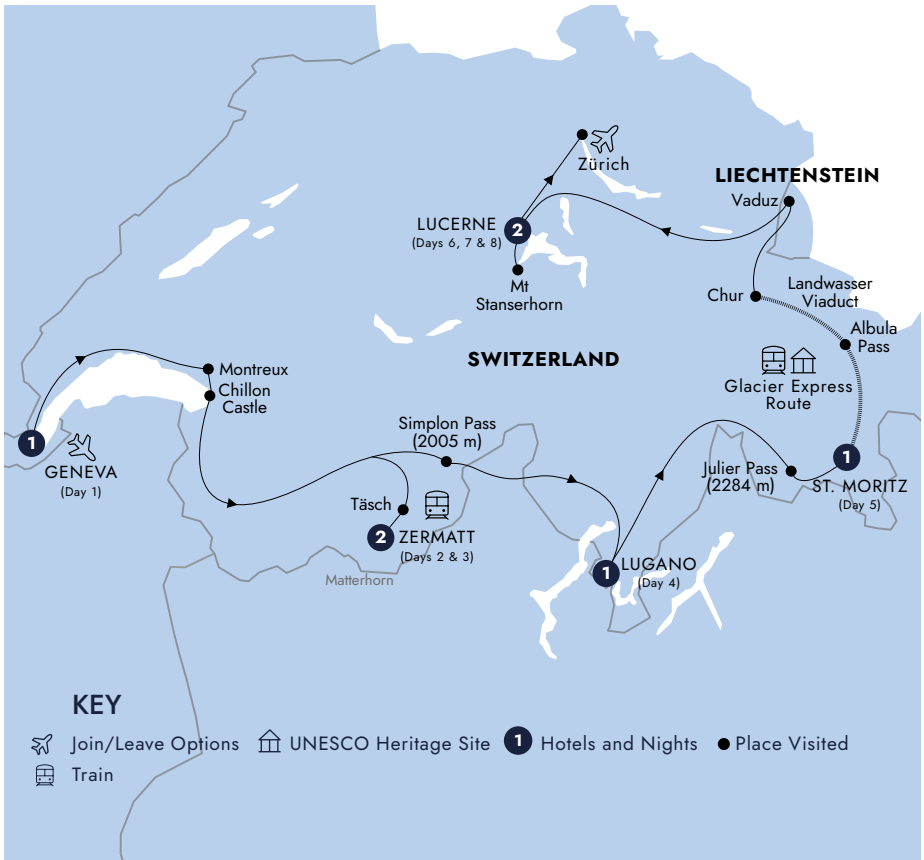
DAY 7 | THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN

Commence the day with a morning stroll along lakeside promenades or shopping for fine watches whilst enjoying the scenery. Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Celebrate new friends and enjoy dinner in a restaurant at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

In the morning, your adventures through Switzerland come to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Geneva | Discover the Jet d'Eau and the Floral Clock with your Travel Director.

Lake Geneva | Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artefacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

Lugano | Explore this Italian-speaking Swiss city by the sparkling lake with your Travel Director.

St Moritz | See the spa quarter and glacial lake of this charming alpine resort.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Vaduz | Admire Vaduz Castle, the Royal family of Liechtenstein's residence perched above the capital and surrounded by snow-peaked mountains year-round.

Stanserhorn | Ascend Mount Stanserhorn on a solar-powered cable car, enjoy breathtaking summit views, explore scenic pathways and learn about local flora and fauna. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Geneva | What better way to start your Swiss journey than with a typical meal including cheese fondue.

Zermatt | Choose between fine local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening.

Lucerne | Toast to new friends and Swiss adventures during your dinner in a restaurant at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Switzerland

Immerse in cities, rural wonders and snowcapped mountains. Visit a former Duke's home on Lake Geneva's shore and reach Zermatt by traditional cog railway.

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E728

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LUCERNE
Welcome to Switzerland, a land of snow-capped summits and romantic lakes that has attracted poets, musicians and travellers for centuries. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a pleasant dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:30 and 13:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ASCEND THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN
Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up to the summit. Return to the 14th-century city of Lucerne to see its storybook wooden bridges, Baroque church and sorrowful Lion Monument. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 3 | BERN, GRUYÈRES AND MONTREUX
In Bern, your Local Expert, a local English teacher, shows you the Cathedral of St. Vincent, Federal Palace and floral displays. Continue to the fortified town of Gruyères, where there is time at leisure. From Montreux, travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to visit a winery. Admire the stunning panorama overlooking the lake and savour a tasting of tantalising, local wines. Delight in a delicious Farm-to-Table light dinner, made from locally sourced produce, and learn how the family that owns the farm is preserving the estate for future generations on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Eden Palace Au Lac, Montreux

DAY 4 | LAKE GENEVA AND THE SWISS COUNTRYSIDE
On the western bay of Lake Geneva, visit Chillon Castle for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' Return to Montreux where the rest of the day is free for you to explore on your own or relax as you wish at your hotel. **(B)**

DAY 5 | GENEVA AND SCENIC LAKE CRUISE
Follow the shores of the lake to the international city of Geneva, seeing the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Next, relax in first-class comfort on the waters of Lake Geneva during a highlight cruise. This evening, enjoy time at leisure on the promenade of your lakeside resort. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | MARTIGNY, SION AND ZERMATT
Journey to Martigny to view the Roman Amphitheatre and continue to the town of Sion to see the cathedral and Old Town Hall. Complete your journey via cogwheel train to the traffic-free mountain resort of Zermatt. This

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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evening, take your pick from a selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Resort Alex, Zermatt

DAY 7 | ZERMATT AT LEISURE
Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking or relaxing in your alpine surroundings. Perhaps take a trip to the Klein Matterhorn to view the magnificent snow-capped top of the world. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT TO LUGANO
Travel to Täsch for a scenic drive to Brig, where you'll commence your ascent of the Simplon Pass, taking in magnificent views over the Alps from the 2,005-metre summit. Stop in the Italian town of Stresa and perhaps join an Optional Experience to the stunning Isola Bella. Continue to Lugano for the evening. **(B)**
Hotel: De La Paix, Lugano

DAY 9 | THE GLAMOUR AND GLITZ OF ST. MORITZ
Journey to the three Fortifications at Bellinzona to meet your Local Expert for a fascinating insight into this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue through the Grisons Region, following the Rhine River to the glamorous resort of St. Moritz. **(B)**
Hotel: Crystal/Steffani, St. Moritz

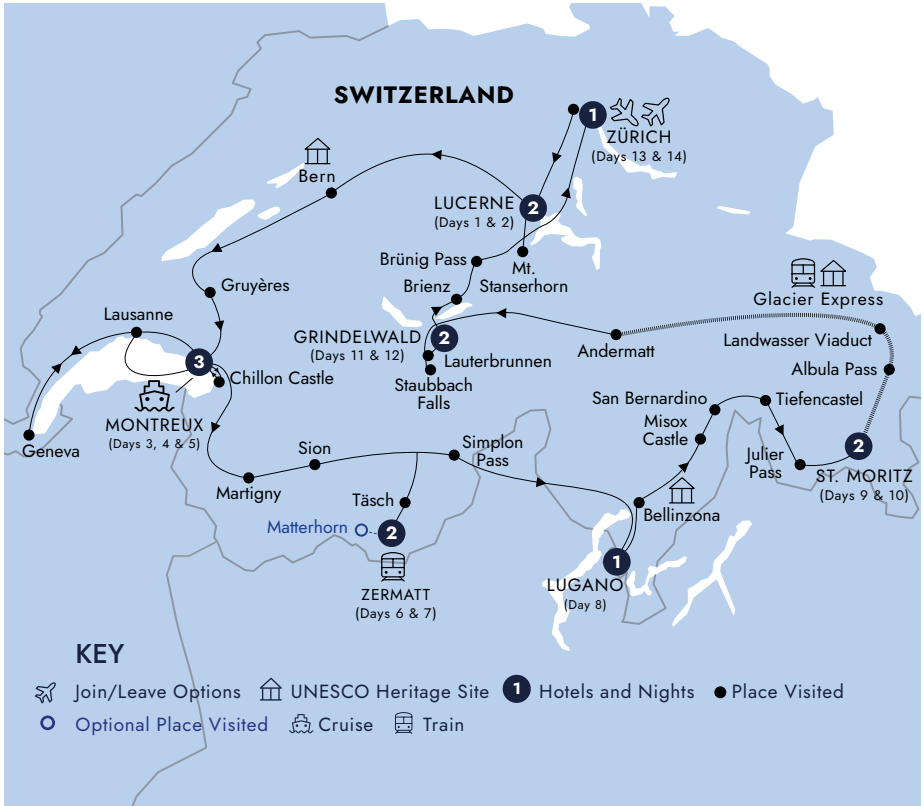
DAY 10 | LEISURE TIME IN ST. MORITZ
Enjoy a day at leisure to mingle with the jet-setters in this elegant resort or perhaps take an exciting train journey over the Bernina Pass. To help you make the most of your day, your Travel Director will provide you with a mountain railways pass, offering free travel on all cable cars, funiculars and chairlifts (when available) in Engadine St. Moritz. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | THE GLACIER EXPRESS
Step aboard the Glacier Express to experience one of the world's great railway journeys. Cross the Landwasser Viaduct and head down through the Oberalp Valley, rejoining the coach at Andermatt. Drive through the Schöllenen Gorge, along the Grindelwald Valley and follow the Lütschine River to Lauterbrunnen. See the Staubbach Falls plunge 297 m (974 ft) from the plateau above. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Sunstar Grindelwald

DAY 12 | GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE
Enjoy a full day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald, a charming village nestled in the Bernese Alps. Choose from a selection of Optional Experiences to complement your alpine journey. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 13 | RURAL SWITZERLAND TO ZÜRICH
Admire the spectacular lake views as you journey to Brienz, renowned for its woodcarving traditions, to visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving Centre. Return to Zürich for an orientation tour with your Travel Director and see the Bahnhofstrasse, Grossmünster, River Limmat and Frauenmünster. In the evening, join your travel companions at a local restaurant and toast to your adventures. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hyatt Regency Zürich Airport

DAY 14 | DEPART ZÜRICH
Your Swiss adventures come to an end this morning as you depart from Zürich airport. **(B)**



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lake Geneva | Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artefacts, treasures and history of the chateau. Enjoy first-class seats as you cruise on the serene waters of the King of Lakes.

Bellinzona | Join your Local Expert to explore this UNESCO-listed city, home to three medieval castles.

St Moritz | With your inclusive pass, travel on 13 cable cars, funiculars, chairlifts and select public transport options (when available).

Staubbach Falls | In the Valley of the Waterfalls, witness these magnificent falls that plunge 297 m (974 ft).

Lauterbrunnen | Enjoy your orientation of the village that takes its name from 'many fountains,' referring to the 72 waterfalls that are within the surrounding valley.

Stanserhorn | Ascend Mount Stanserhorn on a solar-powered cable car, enjoy breathtaking summit views, explore scenic pathways and learn about local flora and fauna. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

Lake Geneva | Visit a family-run winery overlooking the lake. Enjoy a tasting and learn about the family's sustainable agricultural practices before your Farm-to-Table dinner. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Lucerne | Toast to new friends and Swiss adventures during your dinner at a local restaurant.

Zermatt | Choose between fine local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening.

Zürich | Raise your glass and enjoy a delicious dinner featuring Swiss classics at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Bavaria, Switzerland & Austria

Ride a funicular to a mountaintop dinner at Stanserhorn, step aboard the Glacier Express for vistas of ice-capped mountains and visit Neuschwanstein Castle.

12 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E727

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA
Welcome to Vienna, the imperial capital of Austria and once home to Freud, Mozart and Beethoven. Enjoy your afternoon before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: InterContinental Vienna

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS
Join your Local Expert on a private tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance, as you marvel at the intricacies of gilded rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers. See the city's many highlights, including St. Charles' Church, the Hofburg Palace, Parliament and State Opera House. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ON TO SALZBURG
A short drive through wonderful Austrian countryside leads us to Salzburg. En route, visit Melk Abbey and Mondsee's Basilica St. Michael, easily recognisable due to its appearance in The 'Sound of Music'. **(B)**
Hotel: ARCOTEL Castellani Salzburg

DAY 4 | THE CITY OF MOZART
Join your Local Expert, who will show you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residenzplatz, the city's imposing fortress, and the immense cathedral in the Old Town. Visit Mozart's birthplace where you will enjoy a pianoforte demonstration and examine letters, memorabilia and musical instruments of the great composer. In the evening, relish the authentic experience of Farm-to-Table dining. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | SALZBURG TO MUNICH
This morning, board a boat to explore the sites of picturesque Herrenchiemsee. Visit the palace and the Fraueninsel. Enjoy time at leisure in the gardens over lunch before continuing by boat to Gstadt. Journey by coach to Munich, home of the world-famous Oktoberfest. This evening, revel in a truly Bavarian experience as you dine at a local beer hall. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Munich Marriott

DAY 6 | EXPLORE MUNICH AND DACHAU
Enjoy an orientation of Munich's sites including the university, Victory Arch and the Marienplatz, where crowds gather at the Town Hall to watch the antics of the Glockenspiel. Afterwards, explore with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a culinary walking tour in the city centre. Alternatively, visit the Munich Residenz, Germany's largest inner-city palace and former seat of Bavarian royalty. Travel to Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site for a moment of commemoration and

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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remembrance. Reflect on the weighty history that marks the site and observe the importance of its preservation. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ON TO INNSBRUCK
Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle (subject to availability), bristling with turrets and pinnacles, built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin courtyard. Continue to Oberammergau, home of the Passion Play since 1634. See the immense theatre and admire the colourful painted chalets before driving on to the Tyrolean capital of Innsbruck, set in a valley of snow-capped mountain peaks. This evening, for your Dine-Around experience, choose from a fantastic selection of restaurants. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Innsbruck

DAY 8 | BEAUTIFUL INNSBRUCK
Awake to the beautiful Alpine city of Innsbruck. A Local Expert will guide you through the city to see the 14th-century houses of the Old Town, the impressive Imperial Palace and the delightful Golden Roof. Visit a nearby ski jump, set against staggering mountain vistas. Meet one of the ski jumpers and observe a demonstration jump. **(B)**

DAY 9 | THE ENGADINE VALLEY AND CHIC ST. MORITZ
Take in the stunning views of the beautiful Engadine Valley, as you enter Switzerland headed for the chic Alpine resort of St. Moritz. Enjoy the town's marvellous scenery, fresh air and maybe visit its many museums or shop for souvenirs. Perhaps experience one of Europe's outstanding train journeys over the Bernina Pass. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Crystal/Steffani, St. Moritz

DAY 10 | ALL ABOARD THE GLACIER EXPRESS AND ON TO LUCERNE
Embark on an iconic train journey onboard the Glacier Express, taking in vistas of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. Rejoin the coach at Andermatt. Continue north, following the staggering Schöllenen Gorge through William Tell country. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a seasonal juice tasting. Your Travel Director will show you the beautiful and poignant Lion Monument, which honours the Swiss Guards in Lucerne. **(B)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

DAY 11 | DINNER AT THE 'ROOF OF EUROPE' IN STANSERHORN
Enjoy the morning at your leisure, exploring the city's 14th-century covered wooden bridge, painted gables, old walls and watchtower of the medieval fortifications. Stroll across the Chapel Bridge to the Jesuit Church, or use your free time to shop. Later, head to the town of Stans, where you'll embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and cable car to the summit of the stunning Stanserhorn. On a clear day, enjoy views stretching as far as Alsace in France and the Black Forest in Germany. Here, amid true Alpine majesty, your journey literally peaks with an unforgettable dinner, hosted in Drehrestaurant Rondorama, located atop the mountain. Savour a glass of sparkling wine and admire the stunning panoramic views as the restaurant slowly rotates throughout the evening —ensuring you don't miss a thing. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH
Your Alpine adventures end this morning with a transfer to Zürich airport. **(B)**

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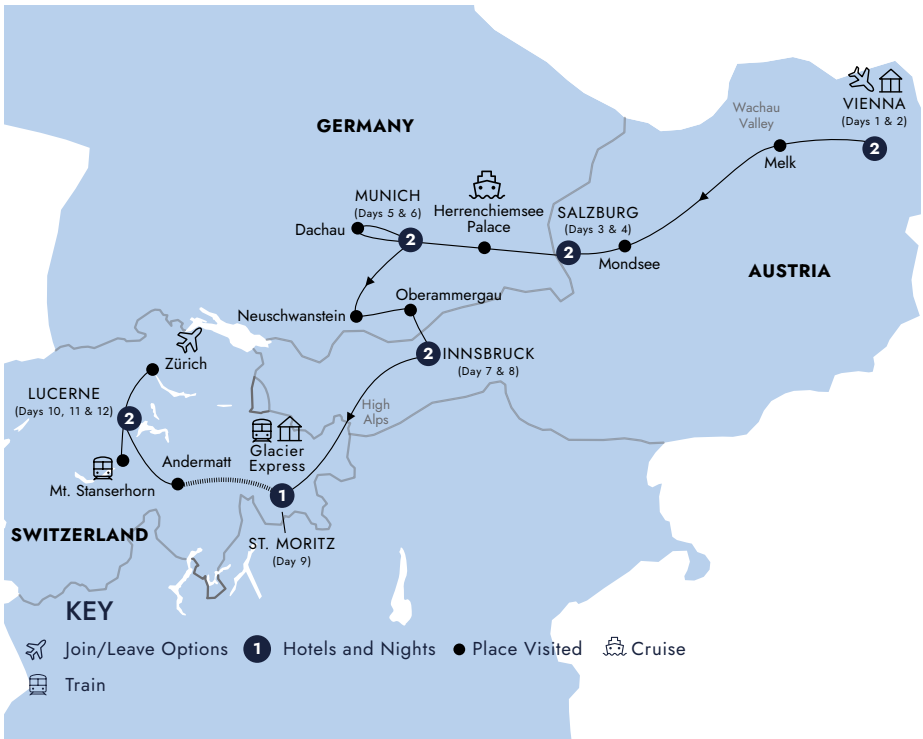




HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vienna | See the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche and a private guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace.

Salzburg | Visit the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace and Residence Square. See the imposing fortress and the immense cathedral.
Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace.

Munich | *Insight Choice* Embark on a culinary walking tour in the heart of the city, *or* visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria.

Oberammergau | Explore the town and see the theatre where the Passion Play has been performed since 1634.

Innsbruck | Stroll the streets of the picturesque Old Town with a Local Expert. Learn about its history and admire the Baroque and Gothic architecture.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Stans | Taste a refreshing seasonal juice at a renovated Capuchin monastery producing sustainable crops from the alpine region. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine at a local restaurant.

Innsbruck | Choose from a selection of Innsbruck's vibrant restaurants for your Dine-Around evening.

Stanserhorn | Enjoy expansive mountain views over Lake Lucerne for your special dinner.

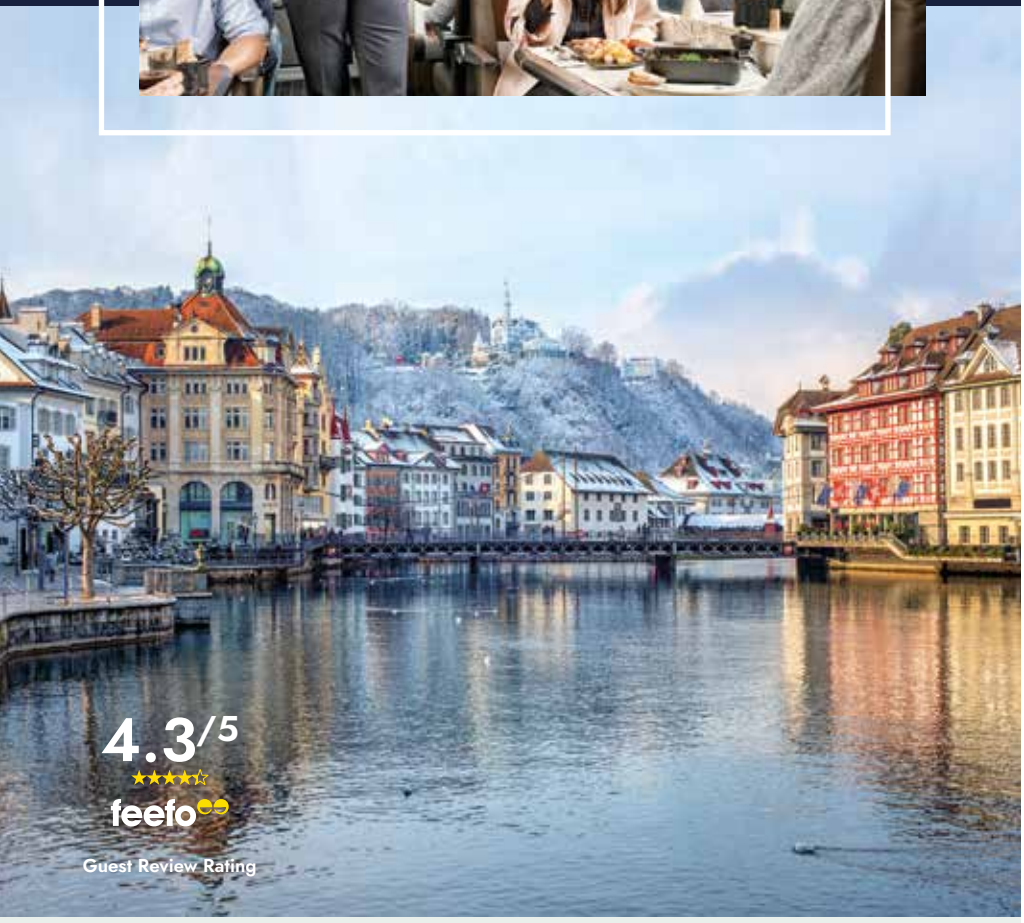
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Magical Switzerland

Traverse Switzerland aboard the Glacier Express and experience the frozen waterfalls of the Grison Alps to the ski resorts of St Moritz.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: W850

DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - March + November - December

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

DAY 1 | ZÜRICH AND LOVELY LUCERNE
Welcome to Switzerland, an enchanting winter wonderland of frozen waterfalls, peaceful cosy villages, snow-laden forests and imposing mountain ranges crowned by breathtaking peaks. Upon your arrival at Zürich Airport, you'll be transferred to your hotel in Lucerne allowing you to unwind and immerse yourself in the serene beauty of the lake and majestic mountains that frame the city. Stroll through the charming streets, where the atmosphere is filled with a sense of calm. In the evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow guests for a light dinner and drinks. **(D)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 09:30 and 13:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | LUCERNE AND ST. MORITZ
Begin your day exploring Lucerne, a captivating 14th-century city still protected by medieval fortifications. Your Travel Director will highlight the city's treasures, including the iconic covered wooden bridges, intricately painted gables, and the famous Lion Monument, commemorating the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending the French monarchy during the Revolution. Afterward, enjoy some free time to discover Lucerne's excellent shops or take a leisurely lakeside walk, where you can soak in the tranquil atmosphere and stunning views. The bustling markets and quaint cafes offer a glimpse into local life. Later, embark on a scenic journey along the dramatic Walensee, passing through the historic town of Chur to reach the fashionable ski resort of St. Moritz. Located in the Engadine Valley and twice host to the Winter Olympics in 1928 and 1948, St. Moritz sits among the awe-inspiring Grison Alps, offering a blend of natural beauty and sophisticated elegance. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Laudinella, St. Moritz

DAY 3 | ST. MORITZ AT LEISURE
This day is entirely yours to enjoy at leisure. Perhaps start with a leisurely breakfast before exploring the chic resort's spa quarter, known for its luxurious wellness facilities and relaxing ambiance. Admire the traditional sgraffito plaster-coated facades that adorn many of the local buildings, showcasing intricate designs and rich history. If shopping is on your agenda, St. Moritz's stylish boutiques offer a range of high-end fashion and unique local crafts, whilst the vibrant local market is perfect for finding artisanal goods and souvenirs. Alternatively, take an epic rail journey over the Bernina pass, which runs through a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offering breathtaking views of the alpine landscapes, from glistening glaciers to verdant valleys, making it an unforgettable adventure. **(B) (RS)**

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

DAY 4 | ABOARD THE GLACIER EXPRESS
Board the world-famous Glacier Express for a spectacular ride through the heart of the Swiss Alps, with lunch included. The panoramic journey descends through the tunnels of the Albula Pass and traverses the stunning Landwasser Viaduct, a marvel of engineering that soars above deep gorges. As the train joins the broad Rhine Gorge, it meanders beside rock-strewn rivers, climbing through snowy pastures and woodlands. After spiraling to the highest point of the route, the icy Oberalp Pass, you'll descend to Andermatt. Here, rejoin the coach and drive through the dramatic Schöllenen Gorge, passing the Devil's Bridge, a site steeped in local legend. Marvel at the Wetterhorn Peaks as you travel along the Grindelwald Valley, with each turn of the route revealing stunning views that capture the essence of the Swiss Alps. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Sunstar Grindelwald

> *We had a fantastic range of activities and locations - it truly lived up to its name.*
>
> **OUR GUEST DOMINIC**
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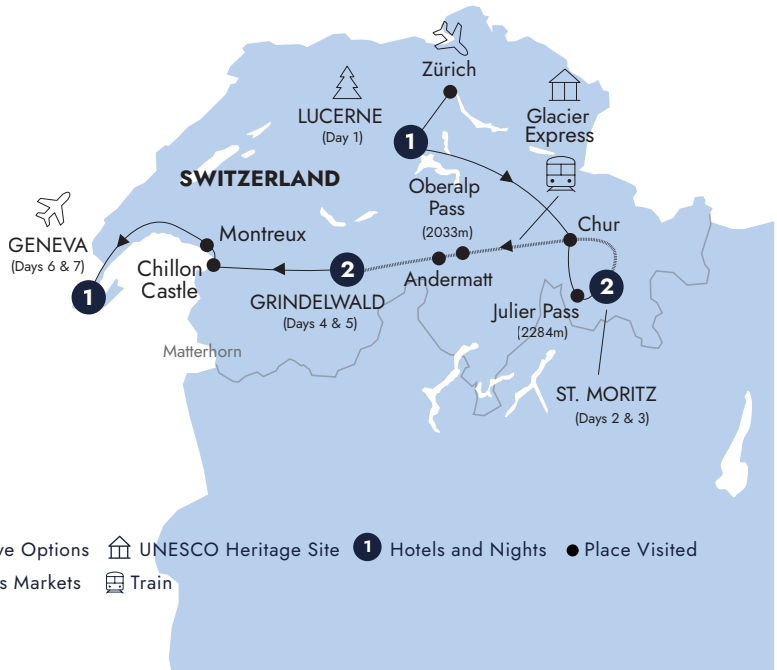
> ★★★★★

DAY 5 | GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE
Enjoy a full day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald, a charming village nestled in the Bernese Alps. Perhaps take a cogwheel train ride to the summit of the Jungfrau Mountain, where you can marvel at the panoramic views of the surrounding alpine splendour. Alternatively, hike one of the many trails that wind through the lush valleys and up into the high mountains, where the diverse flora and fauna are a delight for nature enthusiasts. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | CHILLON CASTLE AND GENEVA
Journey to the shores of Lake Geneva and visit the stunning Chillon Castle, once home to the Counts of Savoy. This medieval fortress, perched on the edge of the lake, offers a glimpse into Switzerland's rich history and provides stunning views across the water. Enjoy a picturesque drive alongside the lake to reach the vibrant town of Geneva. Here, you'll visit the Red Cross Museum for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, where you'll discover how this globally renowned organisation delivers critical support and humanitarian aid to refugees and migrants. In the evening, celebrate your newfound friendships at a local restaurant with a traditional fondue dinner, complete with wine, enjoying the flavours of Swiss cuisine in a warm, convivial setting. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Royal, Geneva

DAY 7 | DEPART GENEVA
Your magical journey through Switzerland concludes after breakfast. You will be transferred to Geneva Airport, where you'll bid farewell as you reflect on the unforgettable memories and experiences of your Swiss adventure. As you head home, you'll carry with you the sights of this beautiful country, enriched by the connections made and the stories gathered along the way. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

St Moritz | See the spa quarter and glacial lake of this charming alpine resort.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Grindelwald | Explore this famous glacier village and filming location for the James Bond film 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service'.

Geneva | Discover the Jet d'Eau and the Floral Clock with your Travel Director.

Montreux | Explore one of the most beautiful walks along Lake Geneva.

Lake Geneva | Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artefacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

Geneva | Visit the fascinating Red Cross Museum. Learn how this world-renowned organisation provides assistance to refugees, migrants and asylum seekers. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Lucerne | Enjoy a savoury dinner surrounded by the natural beauty of Lucerne.

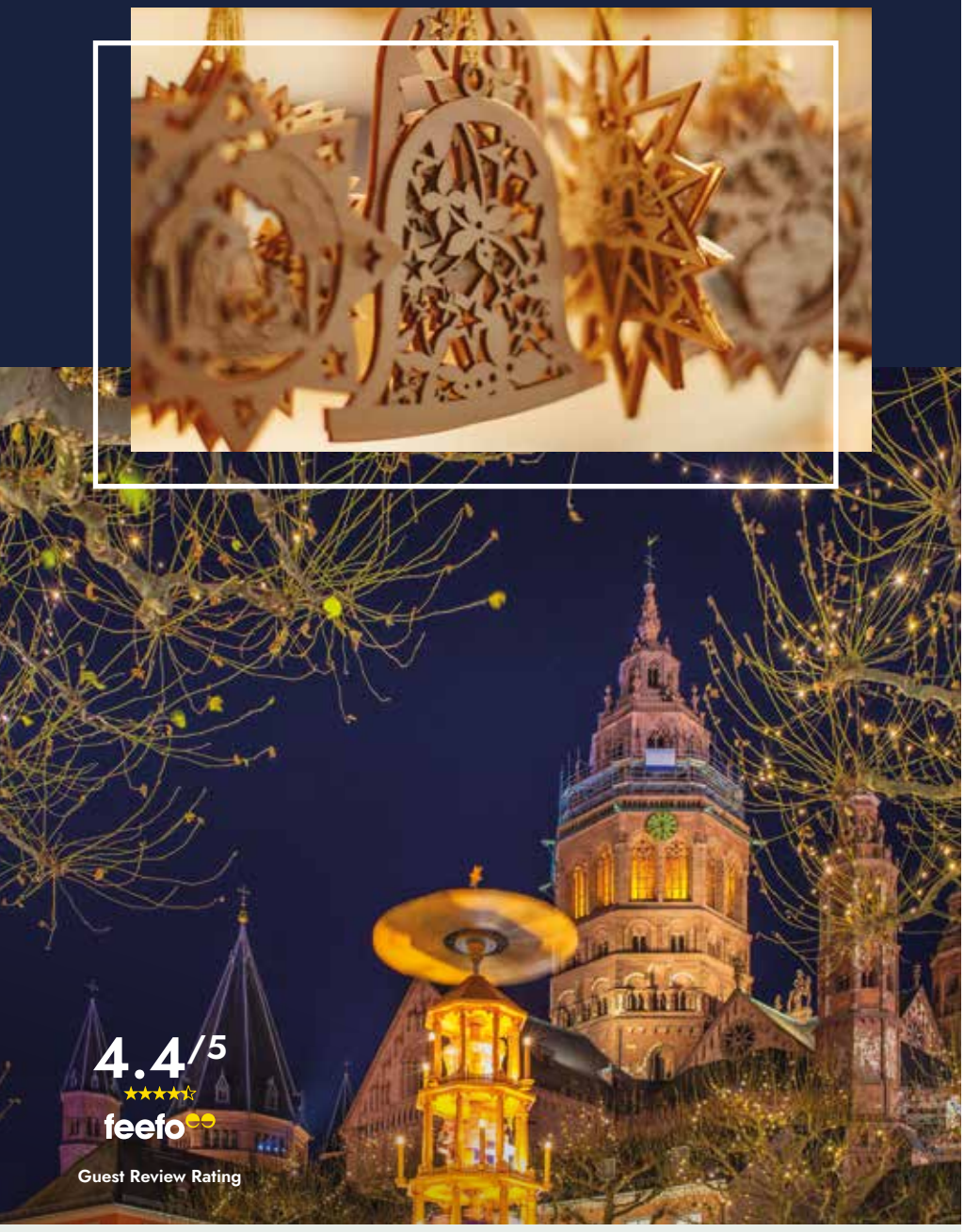
Geneva | You will be delighted with a delicious fondue dinner at local restaurant, a real Swiss treat.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Winter Wonderland

Embrace the winter wonderlands of Europe with stunning views of Lake Lucerne from the peak of Mount Pilatus and immerse yourself in Munich and Salzburg.

9 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY



Trip code: W600

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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

DAY 1 | FRANKFURT AND ON TO MAINZ
Welcome to Germany. From the Rhine Valley to the Alps, experience lively cosmopolitan cities, historic old towns and breathtaking natural scenery. Transfers from Frankfurt airport to your Mainz hotel. Mainz has been a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a walk through the Cathedral Quarter to witness the magnificent architecture of the city's Dom. At a local restaurant, enjoy an evening of good food and wine during your dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton, Mainz

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER AND THE ROMANTIC ROAD TO MUNICH
Head to fortified Rothenburg ob der Tauber, overlooking the winding Tauber River. Once through the medieval walls, you are immediately transported back into the 16th century, as cobblestone streets lead you to the medieval market square with its Town Hall. Perhaps visit Tilman Riemenschneider's 'Holy Blood' altarpiece in St. Jakob's Church or pop into the Christmas shop where you'll find the festive spirit all year round? Follow parts of the Romantic Road to fun-loving Munich. **(B)**
Hotel: The Westin Grand, Munich

DAY 3 | THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL OF MUNICH
During your orientation you will see Victory Arch and the university, concluding in the Marienplatz with its soaring Gothic Town Hall and colourful Glockenspiel. Join a Local Expert on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to discover lost Advent traditions. The rest of the day is at leisure. Why not try a foaming stein of beer at the world-famous Hofbräuhaus? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | LAKE CHIEMSEE TO SALZBURG
Travel alongside the beautiful Lake Chiemsee and cross the Austrian border to Salzburg, 'alive with the Sound of Music'. Walk with your Local Expert through the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace and admire the city skyline, crowned by the majestic Hohensalzburg Fortress. Cross the Salzach River to see Mozart's birthplace on the Getreidegasse, a lively shopping street lined with charming wrought-iron signs. Visit Mozart's birthplace to learn more about his life, and enjoy a musical interlude performed on his original pianoforte. For those arriving before Christmas, visit the festive Christmas market and meet a local stallholder for a taste of traditional Lebkuchen and a fragrant cup of Glühwein. Follow the narrow lanes of the Old Town to the domed cathedral and the splendid Residenz Fountain, before having time at

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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leisure to enjoy as you please. In the evening, perhaps visit an Austrian chalet for dinner, drinks and the opportunity to learn about life in the countryside. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: ARCOTEL Castellani Salzburg

DAY 5 | INNSBRUCK
In the morning, a scenic journey takes you through snow-capped mountains to Innsbruck. See the magnificent Golden Roof in the Old Town, then lose yourself in the festive atmosphere as you spend some time exploring Innsbruck's magical Christmas markets. The giant Christmas tree dominates the square and is adorned in lights and decorations. Browse the market stalls, selling handmade trinkets that make perfect gifts for friends and family, along with delicious local treats of home-made biscuits, jams and delicious, soul-warming Glühwein. Next, delight in a visit to the magical world of Swarovski Crystal, followed by a dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: AC/Grauer Bär, Innsbruck

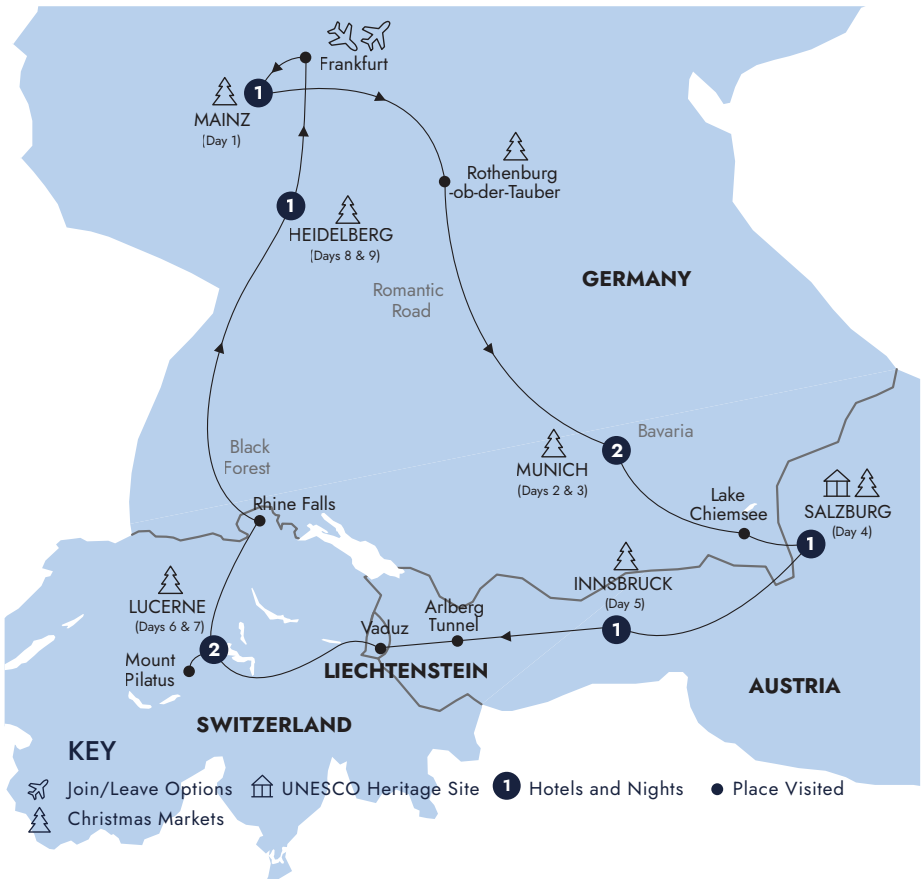
DAY 6 | LIECHTENSTEIN AND LUCERNE BY THE LAKE
Meet your coachman and take in the delightful scenery and pure fresh air on a horse-drawn carriage ride. Next, depart for Lucerne travelling through delightful scenery abounds as you make your way to the Arlberg Tunnel. Stop in Vaduz, capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, one of Europe's smallest countries. Cross the Swiss border and continue to lakeside Lucerne. Your Travel Director will show you the covered wooden Chapel Bridge and you'll learn about the poignant history of the Lion Monument. Then you are at leisure to shop for Swiss watches or delicious chocolate. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

DAY 7 | LOVELY LUCERNE
Start the day with a spectacular cable car ride with incredible views up Mount Pilatus. Back in Lucerne, you are free to admire the superb baroque Jesuit Church, stroll along lakeside promenades, or explore the old walls and watch towers of the medieval fortifications. Perhaps join a cruise along Lake Lucerne. **(B) (D)**

DAY 8 | HEIDELBERG
Stop at Schaffhausen to see the Rhine River thundering over the Rhine Falls. Cross the German border and venture deep into the Black Forest. Following the Rhine Valley north, head for the town of Heidelberg, set on the banks of the River Neckar and dominated by its magnificent red sandstone castle. Stroll through the old town with your Travel Director. Perhaps see the old Student Prison. In the evening, you will toast to your penultimate day in the company of your newfound friends at dinner accompanied by wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: ATLANTIC Heidelberg

DAY 9 | DEPART FRANKFURT AIRPORT
Say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your festive Winter Wonderland exploration comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 09:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Munich | See Feldherrnhalle in the Odeonsplatz, the Palace of the Dukes of Wittelsbach, the Marienplatz, the Hofbräuhaus and St. Peter's Church.

Salzburg | Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace.

Lucerne | See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge.

Vaduz | Admire Vaduz Castle, the Royal family of Liechtenstein's residence perched above the capital and surrounded by snow-peaked mountains year-round.

Mount Pilatus | Enjoy a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Pilatus to witness a panorama of snow-capped peaks as you take in the pristine mountain air.

Heidelberg | Explore one of Germany's most enchanting cities during your orientation with your Travel Director.

Rhine Falls | Visit Europe's largest waterfall, where 600,000 litres of water plunge every second.

Munich | Stop to taste seasonal treats as you discover the lost and forgotten Advent traditions that play a significant role in regional cultural revitalisation. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Mainz | Enjoy getting to know your fellow travellers as you savour a delicious dinner in a local restaurant.

Innsbruck | Savour a special dinner at Swarovski Crystal World.

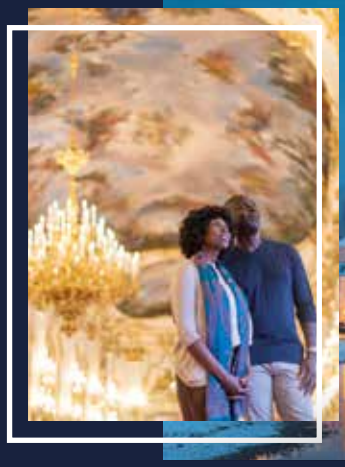
Heidelberg | Toast the culmination of your travels at a rousing dinner.

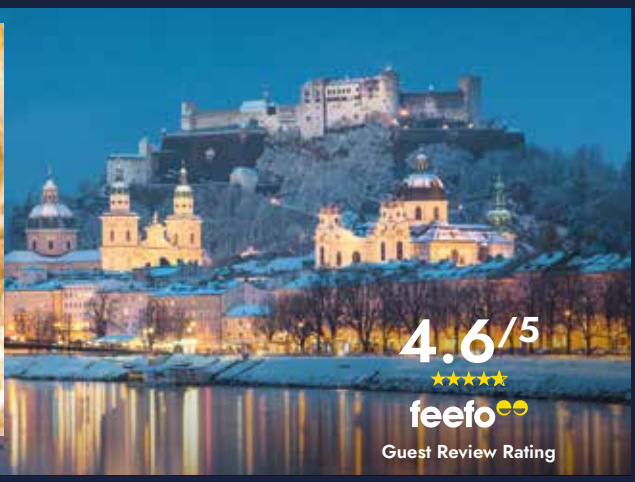
For all inclusions see tour page online.



Christmas Markets of Austria & Bavaria

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Embrace your yuletide spirit. Warm up with Glühwein, browse Salzburg's 500-year-old market and view Munich's six-storey-tall Christmas tree.

Journey through the snowcapped peaks of the Austrian Alps on this grand tour.

Admire Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace, Salzburg's 500-year-old Christmas Market and Munich's six-storey-tall Christmas tree. Learn lost and forgotten Advent traditions during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in the Bavarian capital. Meet with a local market stallholder in Salzburg for an exclusive sampling of gingerbread and Glühwein. Warm up with a mug or two of mulled wine at the Innsbruck Christmas Market. In Neuschwanstein (subject to availability), follow in Walt Disney's footsteps on a tour of the fairytale-like castle that reputedly inspired him, complete with extravagant decorations and breathtaking views.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Christmas Markets
- 1 Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vienna | Tour the Ringstrasse with your Local Expert to gain insights into the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Stand beneath frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded Rococo frames where Mozart performed as a child prodigy.

Salzburg | Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace. With a Local Expert, see Mozart's family home and the 500-year-old Christmas market in front of the cathedral.

Innsbruck | Enjoy an orientation as you walk the narrow streets of the Old Town, lined with medieval houses and arcades, to see the Golden Roof.

Oberammergau | Explore the town and see the theater where the Passion Play has been performed since 1634.

Munich | Stop to taste seasonal treats as you discover the lost and forgotten Advent traditions that play a significant role in regional cultural revitalisation. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine at a local restaurant.

Innsbruck | Indulge in regional specialities during dinner at a local restaurant.

Munich | Revel in the celebratory atmosphere of the city's famous markets as you enjoy a festive dinner with wine and good cheer.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Trip code: W520

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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Alpine Christmas Markets

9 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | LEISURELY





Celebrate Christmas among the Alps admiring Salzburg's spires, sampling gingerbread and supporting local traditions with community-building experiences.

There is nothing quite like Christmas in the Alps.

Celebrate with Munich's festive market, Salzburg's snowcapped spires and an indulgent cup of Glühwein. Your Local Expert brings Mozart's history to life before a visit to Salzburg's Christmas market. After festive treats, enjoy a traditional dining experience at Swarovski Crystal World. If that isn't enough to summon your holiday spirit, a stroll through the medieval cobbled streets of Freiburg will certainly do the trick. Finally, immerse yourself in the fairytale surrounds of Strasbourg, where the sweet scent of cinnamon treats fills the air at France's oldest Christmas market. Finish your tour in Zürich, where Diana and her team of socially engaged local guides reveal the city's highlights on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Munich | *Insight Choice* Visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria, *or* embark on a culinary walking tour in the heart of the city.

Innsbruck | Enjoy an orientation as you walk the narrow streets of the Old Town, lined with medieval houses and arcades, to see the Golden Roof.

Salzburg | Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace.

Lindau | Explore the Harbour and Old City Hall. Walk the medieval streets of this island-town and browse the shops on Maximillium Strasse.

Freiburg im Breisgau | Enjoy a romantic walk through the medieval cobbled streets and soak in the festive magic.

Strasbourg | Explore the Christmas markets and enchant your senses with the scent of cinnamon.

Zürich | Enjoy the traditional Christmas markets in Zürich's Old Town.

Zürich | Uncover the old town of Zürich during a fun and educational walking tour. Join Diana and her team who are raising awareness on social issues, such as food insecurity, and supporting the community. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 10 & 12: Reduced Inequalities & Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Black Forest | Indulge in a delightful dinner of local German specialities, accompanied by wine.

Zürich | You'll enjoy good food, wine and a well-laden table with a touch of Grossmünster charm during your cosy dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Trip code: W550

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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



Christmas Markets of Germany

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Berlin | Explore this vibrant city with a Local Expert, passing Ku'damm, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Tiergarten, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island.

Leipzig | Visit Thomaskirche where Bach worked as Kapellmeister, a conductor, and where his remains are now buried.

Dresden | See the Frauenkirche, the colossal 'Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the cathedral, Semper Opera House and Zwinger Palace.

Nuremberg | Guided by your Travel Director, explore the Christkindlmarkt stalls and perhaps shop for local treats such as Rostbratwürste, Lebkuchen or Glühwein.

Munich | See Feldherrnhalle in the Odeonsplatz, the Palace of the Dukes of Wittelsbach, the Marienplatz, the Hofbräuhaus and St. Peter's Church.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber | Stroll the cobbled streets of this fairytale town, where half-timbered houses and festive market stalls create a magical December scene.

Munich | *Insight Choice* Discover the lost and forgotten Advent traditions during an experience that advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, *or* visit the Residenz, the former royal palace of the Wittelsbach monarchs of Bavaria.

Premium Dining

Munich | Revel in the celebratory atmosphere of the city's famous markets as you enjoy a festive dinner with wine and good cheer.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Indulge in festive specialities at Germany's premier Christmas markets. Sip on spiced wine in Munich and explore Dresden's Christmas pyramids.

Experience the enchanting holiday traditions of Germany on this immersive Christmas time tour.

Begin your journey in Berlin before taking in the musical surrounds of the Leipzig Market, where locals gather to sing and celebrate the festive season. Join a Local Expert in Dresden to admire city sights like the enormous Procession of the Dukes mosaic, Zwinger Palace and the Semper Opera House. Dresden, home to Germany's oldest Christmas market, offers the chance to taste Christstollen, a traditional Christmas cake recipe dating back to medieval times. Visit the Nuremberg Market's Christkindlmarkt stalls with the chance to sample authentic German Rostbratwürste. Stop in the fortified town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a fairytale come true at any time of year but with an unrivalled beauty in December. Munich's delightful Marienplatz market provides a uplifting end to this insightful journey.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Christmas Markets
- 1 Hotels and Nights
- Place Visited

Trip code: W500

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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

Christmas Markets of Poland, Prague & Germany

8 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 10 MEALS | BALANCED



Embrace the festive season in Europe. Indulge your taste buds with traditional treats in Prague and visit historic sites like Wawel Hill and the Berlin Wall.

Discover the enchanting holiday traditions and historic wonders of Central Europe.

Explore Kraków's Christmas Market in the Old Town district. Ascend Wawel Hill with your Local Expert to view the Renaissance castle and visit the cathedral, the final resting place of Poland's kings. Experience the charm of Wrocław, the Venice of Poland, with its 150 bridges, five rivers, twelve islands, and the Baroque splendour of the Rynek Christmas markets. On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, taste traditional gingerbread made with locally sourced ingredients. Take your taste buds on a tour in the vibrant food markets of Prague. In Berlin, blend seasonal celebrations with historic landmarks. See the remains of the Berlin Wall, admire the restored Reichstag, and soak up the festive magic among the market stalls of Gendarmenmarkt square.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- 1 Central Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Kraków | Take in the ambience with a walk around the magnificent Cloth Hall in the Market Square to see the Christmas Market. Join your Local Expert for an in-depth exploration through the former Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz to Podgórze and see the Ghetto Square.

Wrocław | Enjoy an orientation of the market, located in Rynek. Spend time exploring the vast array of stalls bursting with local crafts and tasty treats.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, *or* visit the Jewish Quarter with a Local Expert and sample Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Dresden | See the Frauenkirche, the colossal 'Procession of the Dukes' mosaic, the cathedral, Semper Opera House and Zwinger Palace.

Berlin | Explore this vibrant city with a Local Expert, passing Ku'damm, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Tiergarten, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island.

Wrocław | Get a taste of forgotten varieties of gingerbread, traditional to the Lower Silesia region. Using only local ingredients, these treats are a true delight. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Kraków | Delight in Polish specialities during a delicious meal in the heart of the city.

Berlin | Enjoy a dinner with delightful German cuisine and wine at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

DEPARTURE MONTHS

November - December

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Trip code: W530

Country Roads of Central Europe

Savour the sights, sounds and flavours of Bohemia. Waltz through Vienna, embrace the fairy-tale Český Krumlov and taste local kielbasa in Kraków.

9 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E957

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA

Your journey begins in Vienna, the capital of Austria. Spend your afternoon at leisure before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a pleasant dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | STATELY VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Join a Local Expert for a tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance as you marvel at the intricacies of gilded rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers. Get your camera ready for a drive around the Ringstrasse, a grand boulevard built along the lines of the old city walls, showcasing many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, the magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, the Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Continue exploring Vienna by joining a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience for all your senses, take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop that supports the visually impaired community. **(B)**

DAY 3 | CHARMING ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Once over the Czech border, head for picturesque Český Krumlov, where you will begin with a brief orientation tour of this fairy-tale town, straight out of the Middle Ages. Enjoy some free time to explore and appreciate views of the Vltava River. Wander through the cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Golden Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. **(B)**
Hotel: Royal, Prague

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. Continue to Old Town Square where the mechanical antics of the Astronomical Clock's glockenspiel delight onlookers each hour. The afternoon is free for you to explore at your leisure. **(B)**

DAY 5 | REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ THEN ON TO KRAKÓW

Enjoy a drive through the rolling Czech countryside before crossing into Poland where you will stop at Oświęcim, better known by

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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its German name of Auschwitz. Join a guided tour of the memorial and museum, which bore witness to the terrible atrocities of the Holocaust. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Cracow

DAY 6 | THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

In the morning, why not join an Optional Experience and journey into a glistening subterranean world at the 600-year-old Wieliczka Salt Mine? In a maze of tunnels deep below the surface, witness unique salt sculptures, sunken lakes and even a glorious cathedral carved entirely out of rock salt by the miners. Alternatively, enjoy a morning at leisure before joining your fellow travellers to ascend Wawel Hill and visit the cathedral, with your Local Expert. Walk past the former residence of Pope John Paul II through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the medieval Sukiennice Cloth Hall and visit the 14th-century St. Mary's Basilica, the most important church in the city. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for the trumpeter in the tower. In the evening, choose from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants on your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | THROUGH SLEEPY SLOVAKIA TO BUDAPEST

Journey into the Slovakian region of Orava and see the picturesque Oravský Hrad Castle before continuing through the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains to arrive in Budapest, the capital of Hungary. Your evening is at leisure to stroll the historic streets, or perhaps indulge your senses as you dine aboard a cruise along the Danube River. **(B)**
Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center

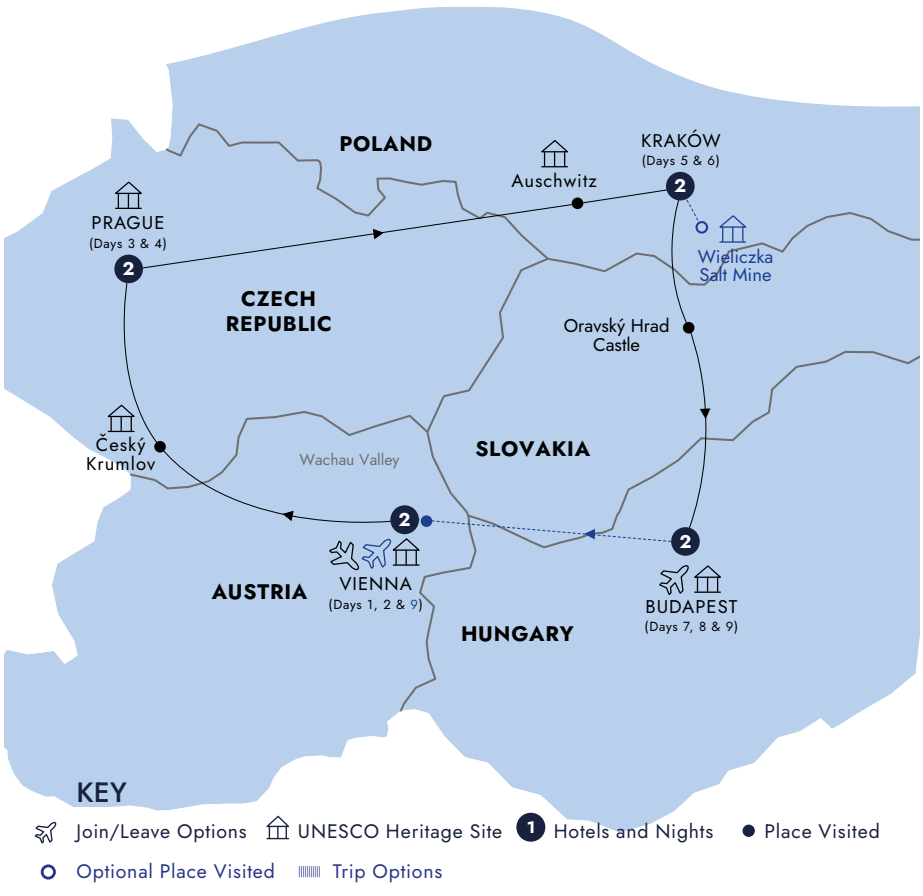
DAY 8 | BUDAPEST, THE QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital by one of the students. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. Afterwards, explore Budapest with a Local Expert. Visit Heroes' Square and drive down elegant Andrássy Boulevard in Pest, and wander the medieval streets of Buda to enjoy views from the Fisherman's Bastion. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax by the Danube or browse the boutiques of Váci Street. For dinner, you are treated to mouth-watering Hungarian specialities, accompanied by specially selected wines. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 9 | DEPART BUDAPEST OR VIENNA

Your Bohemian journey concludes after breakfast with transfers arriving at Budapest airport. The 07:00 transfer continues to Vienna airport, arriving at midday. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Český Krumlov | Visit this UNESCO-listed medieval town, crowned by a 13th-century castle and set along the Vltava River.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, *or* visit the Jewish Quarter with a Local Expert and sample Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Auschwitz | Experience a powerful and moving visit with a Local Expert. See the Auschwitz memorial and museum, which bears witness to the atrocities of the Holocaust.

Kraków | Visit the 14th-century St. Mary's Basilica, the most important church in the city.
Join your Local Expert for an in-depth exploration through the former Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz to Podgórze and see the Ghetto Square.

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.

Vienna | Learn the Viennese Waltz in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired. 'Dancing without Barriers' takes place in total darkness, inside a specially designed sensory studio. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine at a local restaurant.

Kraków | For your Dine-Around evening, choose your style of dining from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants, unique in Polish flavour.

Budapest | Sit down to a Hungarian dinner amid the architectural delights of the city.

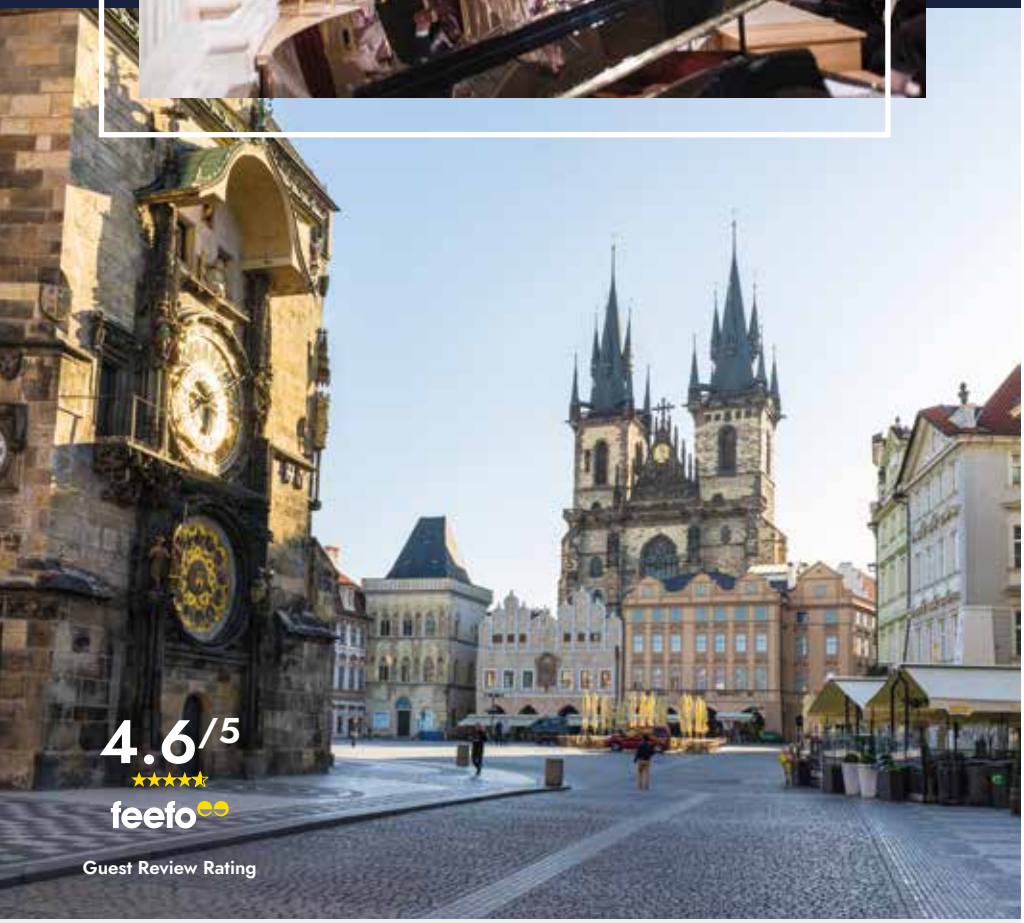
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Highlights of Eastern Europe

Meander through Berlin's Tiergarten, visit a historic brewery in Český Krumlov and attend a Mozart and Strauss concert in Vienna.

14 DAYS | 6 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUDAPEST
Budapest sets the scene for a memorable journey around Eastern Europe. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a local restaurant for dinner, a treat of mouth-watering Hungarian specialities. **(D)**
Hotel: Kempinski Corvinus Budapest

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | DELVE INTO BUDAPEST
Visit the Liszt Academy of Music for a guided tour, followed by an enchanting recital (on some occasions, the Liszt Academy will be replaced by an organ recital at the Matthias Church). Explore the Old Town of Buda with a Local Expert to admire the facade of Matthias Church and take in the views from the Fisherman's Bastion. In the evening, perhaps choose an Optional Experience to see this fairy-tale city as you cruise along the Danube and enjoy a meal of Hungarian specialities. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | THE MOUNTAINS TO KRAKÓW
Travel through Slovakia, passing the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains. Stop at scenic Donovaly. See Oravský Hrad Castle before continuing to historic Kraków. **(B)**
Hotel: Mercure Kraków Stare Miasto

DAY 4 | KRAKÓW SIGHTSEEING AND AUSCHWITZ MEMORIAL
Join a Local Expert to ascend Wawel Hill and visit the cathedral. Walk past the former residence of Pope John Paul II through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the medieval Sukiennice Cloth Hall and visit the 14th-century St. Mary's Basilica, the most important church in the city. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for the trumpeter in the tower. Join a Local Expert at Oświęcim, better known throughout the world by its German name, Auschwitz, infamous for its role during the Holocaust. Spend reflective moments amid the remains of the concentration camp and the memorials to those who died. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | ON TO WARSAW
Choose to join an Optional Experience to Wieliczka Salt Mine or enjoy time at leisure. Then continue across the Polish plains to Warsaw, the nation's capital. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Westin Warsaw

DAY 6 | THE POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW
Join a Local Expert in the morning to see the Old Town, Royal Castle and Palace of Culture. Visit the Chopin Memorial in the Łazienki Park. Pay your respects at the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes and then enjoy a free afternoon to explore at your own pace. **(B) (RS)**

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

DAY 7 | WIELKOPOLSKA TO BERLIN
Your route leads westward, across the rolling farmlands of the central plains, over the Oder River to enter Germany. **(B)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Berlin Ku'damm

DAY 8 | THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN
Discover Berlin's reinvention with your Local Expert. See the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate, then cross into former East Berlin to view Unter den Linden and Museum Island. Enjoy free time or join an Optional Experience to Potsdam and the historic Glienicke Bridge. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | DRESDEN AND GOLDEN PRAGUE
In Dresden, see the reconstructed Frauenkirche and the 'Procession of the Princes' on the wall of the Royal Palace. Explore around the Catholic cathedral to view the tiered facades of the opera house and the Baroque Zwinger Palace. Head for Prague in the afternoon. Upon arrival to 'The Golden City', enjoy a 'Dine-Around' Evening in the heart of Prague's Mala Strana district. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hermitage Prague

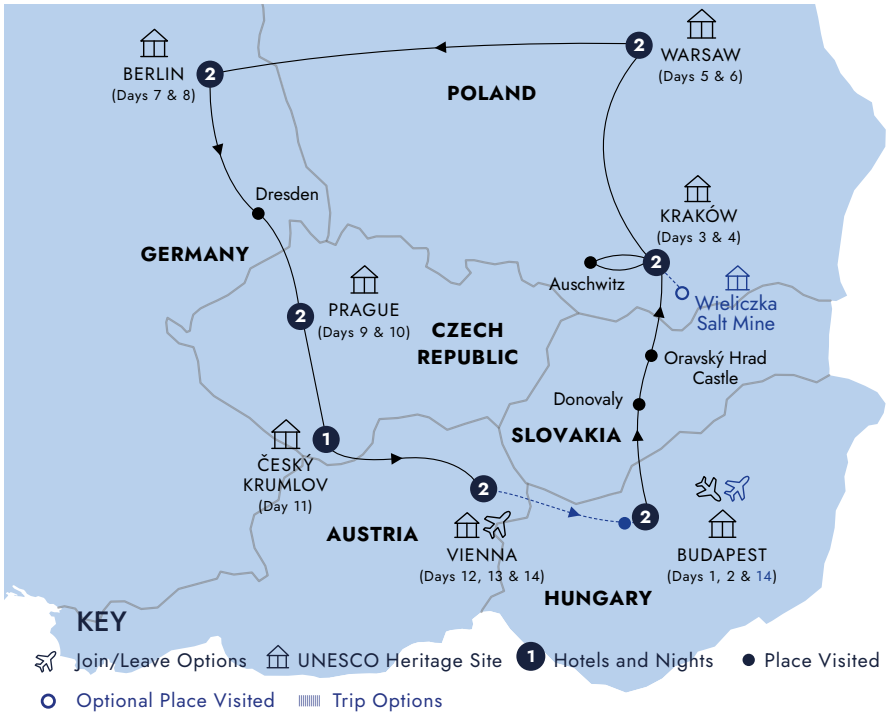
DAY 10 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES
Explore Prague with your Local Expert, walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. The city is then yours to explore. Perhaps take a river cruise through the heart of the city or walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route. Czechs are passionate about their beer, so be sure to try the local pilsners, paired with hearty Czech cuisine. **(B)**

DAY 11 | BOHEMIAN ČESKÝ KRUMLOV
Travel to the medieval town of Český Krumlov to walk the narrow cobbled streets and visit the centuries old castle. Visit a historic brewery to sample the beer and discover the secrets of this golden vintage. After the day trippers have left, soak up the unique atmosphere of this UNESCO World Heritage Site at a local restaurant. Enjoy a traditional Czech dinner of local specialities. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: OLDINN, Český Krumlov

DAY 12 | STATELY VIENNA
Cross the border into Austria and enjoy a delightful journey to Vienna. The afternoon is free for you to explore this stately capital. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

DAY 13 | THE HABSBURGS OF VIENNA
Join your Local Expert for a visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Take some great photos on a circuit of the Ringstrasse that showcases architectural masterpieces such as the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose between a visit to a traditional Viennese cafe to enjoy local specialities of coffee and Sachertorte or alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during an inclusive workshop and take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop designed to support the visually impaired community. Enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Austrian fare with drinks at a local restaurant, before sitting down to an extraordinary concert of Viennese classical music. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | DEPART VIENNA OR BUDAPEST
Today, bid farewell to your new friends before you transfer to the airport. **(B)**
TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.

Berlin | Explore this vibrant city with a Local Expert, passing Ku'damm, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Tiergarten, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and Museum Island.

Český Krumlov | Visit this UNESCO-listed medieval town, crowned by a 13th-century castle and set along the Vltava River.

Vienna | Tour the Ringstrasse with your Local Expert to gain insights into the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Stand beneath frescoed ceilings, crystal chandeliers and gilded Rococo frames where Mozart performed as a child prodigy.

Vienna | *Insight Choice* Learn the Viennese Waltz inside a specially designed sensory studio during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, advancing United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities, *or* savour coffee and Sachertorte at a traditional Viennese coffeehouse during a visit to Schönbrunn Palace.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Český Krumlov | Tour a local brewery to discover the secrets of how the golden vintage of beer is made, followed by a sampling.

Vienna | Delight your senses as you savour an Imperial Viennese dinner, then take in a classical music concert paying homage to the genius of Strauss and Mozart.

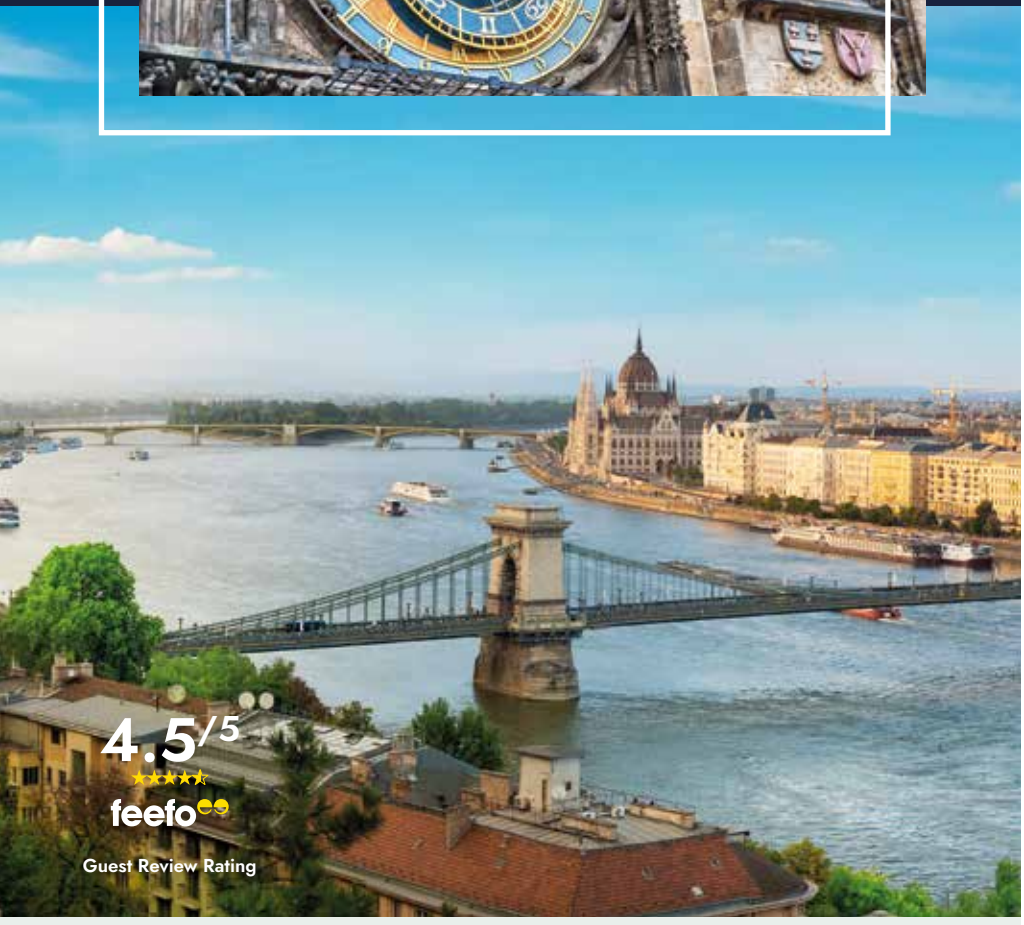
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Easy Pace Budapest, Vienna & Prague

Experience the capital cities' sights and classical sounds. Discover the grandeur of Schönbrunn Palace and walk along cobblestone roads through 'The Golden City'.

10 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY





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Trip code: E705/W705

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

Welcome to the wonderful Hungarian Capital of Budapest. Enjoy your day before meeting your Travel Director and travel companions this evening. Tonight you are in for a treat with your dinner. Dine in elegance as you savour hearty, Hungarian delicacies accompanied with specially selected wines. **(D)**
Hotel: Mövenpick Budapest Centre

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital by one of the students. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. Drive along the elegant boulevards en route to Heroes' Square. Across the river in Buda, walk with your Local Expert in the Castle District area. **(B)**

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN BUDAPEST

The day is at leisure to immerse yourself in Budapest's history, culture and gastronomy. Perhaps, visit a thermal bath, spend time browsing the boutiques on Váci Street or relax in a sidewalk cafe. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ON TO STATELY VIENNA

Travel to the pretty town of Győr, located on the confluence of the Danube, Rába and Rábca rivers. Cross the border and continue to stately Vienna, known for its elegant coffee houses and lavish architecture steeped in history. In the evening, sit down to a meal of authentic Viennese cuisine, a perfect complement to this enchanting city. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Am Konzerthaus - MGallery Collection, Vienna

DAY 5 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Much of Vienna's present-day charm is due to the long reign of the Habsburgs. Join a Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Then, ready your camera for a dazzling drive around the famous Ringstrasse. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese cafe to enjoy local specialities of coffee and Sachertorte or MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience by taking to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop, supporting the visually impaired community. Dancing in the dark, in a specially designed

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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sensory studio, will be a unique experience for all your senses. The afternoon is at your leisure. **(B)**

> *Great tour with lots of historical sites to see, and time to explore on your own.*
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> **OUR GUEST SUSAN**
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DAY 6 | VIENNA AT LEISURE
Discover the regal grandeur of Vienna as you explore at your own pace. Perhaps start at St. Stephen's Cathedral — one of Europe's great Gothic structures, or browse the shops of the bustling Kärntnerstrasse? You may even wish to add another capital to your travels with a visit across the Slovakian border to Bratislava. **(B) (RS)**

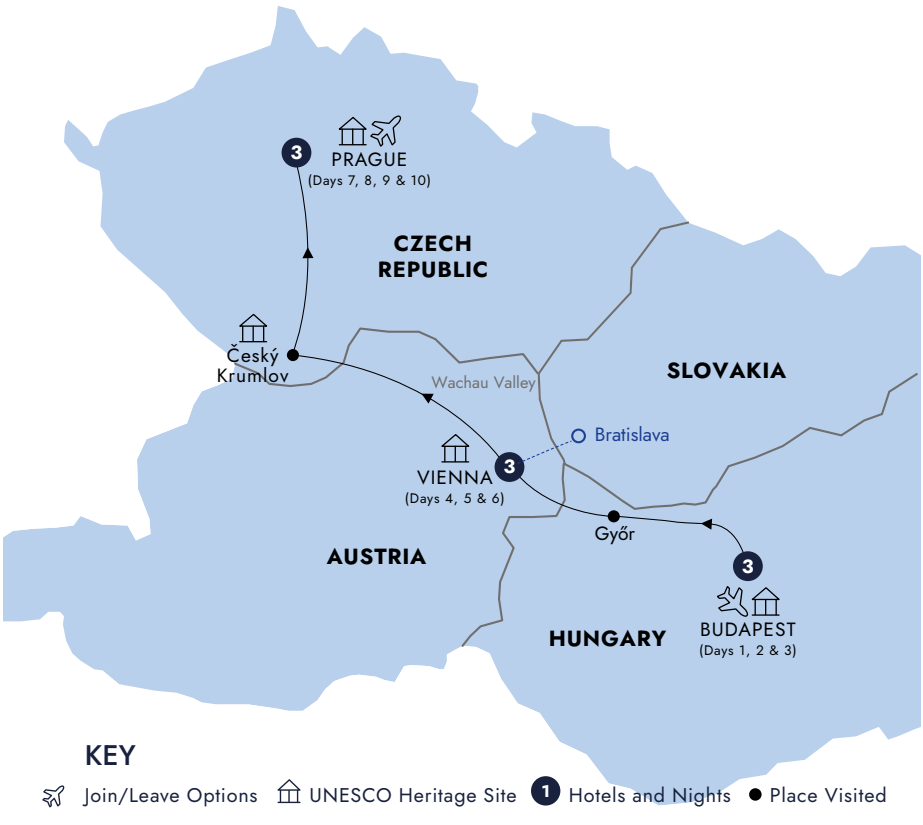
DAY 7 | CHARMING ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND GOLDEN PRAGUE
Once over the Czech border, continue to picturesque Český Krumlov, where you'll start with a brief orientation tour. Wander through cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. Enjoy some free time to explore. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Prague. Upon arrival in ''The Golden City'', you are invited to a Dine-Around Evening in a number of exciting venues in the heart of Prague's Mala Strana district, topped off with a visit to the famous Charles bridge! **(B) (D)**
Hotel: K+K Central, Prague

DAY 8 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES
Explore Prague with your Local Expert. Walk the courtyards of the castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. The city is then yours to explore. Perhaps take a river cruise through the heart of the city or walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route. Czechs are passionate about their beer, so be sure to try the local pilsners, paired with hearty Czech cuisine. **(B)**

DAY 9 | PRAGUE AT LEISURE
Wind along cobbled lanes and discover a treasure trove of hidden gems as you explore Prague at your own pace. Perhaps cross the border to Germany and explore Dresden? This evening, tantalise your taste buds with a rousing dinner of local specialities at a restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | DEPART PRAGUE
Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.
See Heroes' Square, Andrássy Boulevard and the Danube's bridges linking Buda and Pest, then explore the shops along Váci utca.

Győr | Stop in this Baroque riverside city at the meeting point of four rivers.

Vienna | Travel along the Ringstrasse to see the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche.

Cesky Krumlov | Visit this UNESCO-listed medieval town, crowned by a 13th-century castle and set along the Vltava River.

Prague | Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle.

Vienna | *Insight Choice* Learn the Viennese Waltz inside a specially designed sensory studio during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, advancing United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities, *or* savour coffee and Sachertorte at a traditional Viennese coffeehouse during a visit to Schönbrunn Palace.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Budapest | Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant, where you can indulge in traditional Hungarian flavours!

Vienna | Savour a traditional meal of Austrian specialities at a local restaurant.

Prague | Enjoy a Dine-Around experience in Mala Strana, and see the Charles Bridge. Enjoy your dinner at a specially selected Prague restaurant, encapsulating the very essence of the Golden City.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Highlights of Poland

Tour Kraków's historic Wawel Cathedral, discover Wrocław's cheeky gnomes, savour a refreshing brew at Piwnica Świdnicka and visit the majestic Malbork Castle.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KRAKÓW
Your journey through Poland begins in picturesque Kraków. Meet your Travel Director for a walk around the Rynek Główny, Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the famous Sukiennice Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Church and the many historic townhouses, palaces and churches. Be sure to listen for the trumpeter's call! Later, enjoy getting to know your fellow guests over a fabulous dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Cracow

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW
In the morning you can join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine or relax until your ascent of Wawel Hill to see the Renaissance Castle and visit the cathedral with a Local Expert. Head across the former Jewish Quarter of Kazimierz to Podgórze to see Ghetto Square. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | TO THE HIGH TATRA MOUNTAINS AND ZAKOPANE
Journey into the Tatras, the highest range of the Carpathian Mountains. Arrive at the resort town of Zakopane, famous for its wooden houses and winter sports. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of the town. Enjoy a rousing dinner, accompanied by Goral Highlander folklore entertainment at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu, Zakopane

DAY 4 | REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ, THEN ON TO WROCŁAW, THE VENICE OF POLAND
Travelling past the birthplace of Pope John Paul II to your first stop, the city of Oświęcim, better known throughout the world by its German name, Auschwitz. With a Memorial Guide-Educator, experience a moving visit to the Auschwitz Memorial and Museum. Continue along the Oder River to the city of Wrocław, known in Polish as Miasto Spotkań, or the meeting place. Throughout its long history, Wrocław has belonged to Poland, Bohemia, Austria, Prussia and Germany. With your Local Expert, see the brightly coloured facades of the noble mansions and the flower markets at Plac Solny. Take in the Baroque splendour of the Rynek, and be introduced to Wrocław's cheeky gnomes. This evening, join your Travel Director for a craft beer at the Piwnica Świdnicka, the oldest restaurant/cellar in Poland, founded in 1273. **(B)**
Hotel: Wyndham Wrocław Old Town

DAY 5 | POZNAŃ, CRADLE OF THE POLISH NATION
Visit Ostrów Tumski, known as Cathedral Island, a fascinating place of legend, often overlooked

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by other visitors. Explore Poznań with Insight Choice. Choose to immerse yourself in the history of the city and enjoy a walking tour. Alternatively, learn the secrets behind the St. Martin's croissant, a local delicacy, and enjoy a tasting. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Sheraton Poznań

DAY 6 | TORUŃ, THE GOTHIC GLORY ON THE VISTULA AND GDAŃSK

Stop at Gniezno to visit the cathedral and see the famous winged bronze doors. Continue to Toruń, expanded by the Teutonic Knights in 1233. Join a Local Expert to discover this outstanding example of medieval architecture, now a living museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meet an artisan baker for a taste of delicious gingerbread, baked following a traditional recipe and using only locally sourced ingredients. Spend time exploring at your own pace. Follow the Vistula River to the Baltic Sea and Gdańsk, with a lovingly restored historic district. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Hotel & Suites Gdansk

DAY 7 | THE BALTIC BELLES OF GDAŃSK

Spend the morning with a passionate Local Expert and learn captivating and fun facts about the city. From across the harbour see Westerplatte, the scene of the first fighting between Polish and German troops in 1939, and stop at the Gdańsk Shipyards, where Lech Wałęsa formed the anti-Soviet Solidarność in 1980. Continue through the medieval city, where buildings date back to the time of the Hanseatic League. Enjoy a free afternoon and perhaps choose to visit the elegant seaside town of Sopot. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | MALBORK CASTLE AND WARSAW

With a Local Expert, visit the Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork, founded in 1274 by the Teutonic Knights on the banks of the Nogat River. The castle is a stunning example of a medieval fortress and the largest brick Gothic castle in the world. Next, travel south to the capital of Warsaw. With the rest of the day at your leisure, perhaps attend an evening concert of Poland's best-loved composer, Frédéric Chopin? **(B)**
Hotel: The Westin Warsaw

DAY 9 | EXPLORING THE PROUD POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

See the Palace of Culture and the Chopin Monument in Łazienki Park with a Local Expert. Visit the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes, followed by a walk through Warsaw's Old Town, entirely rebuilt since World War II. At your dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes at a cosy Warsaw restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | DEPART WARSAW

Time to say goodbye to your new friends as your journey through Poland comes to an end. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Wrocław | See the noble mansions and flower markets of the Plac Solny, absorb the Baroque splendour of Rynek and Wrocław's cheeky gnomes.

Poznań | *Insight Choice* Learn about the local delicacy, St. Martin's croissant, *or* join a local resident for a walking tour through the Old Town.

Toruń | Explore this outstanding UNESCO World Heritage Site, founded by the Teutonic Knights in 1233.

Gniezno | See the winged doors when you visit the cathedral.

Gdańsk | Explore the medieval city and see the historical sights of Westerplatte and the Gdańsk Shipyards.

Malbork | Visit the 13th-century fortified Gothic brick castle, the largest castle in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Warsaw | See the Old Town, Palace of Culture and visit the Chopin Memorial in the Lazienki Park.

Toruń | Meet an artisan baker to uncover the secrets of the traditional Torún gingerbread during a delicious tasting. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Kraków | Delight in Polish specialities during a delicious meal in the heart of the city.

Zakopane | Meet Poland's Goral Highlanders and share their culture at a dinner with local specialities and music.

Warsaw | Find out what the buzz is all about in the Polish capital during your dinner at a favourite restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Dalmatian Elegance

Sail Croatia's coastline on this luxury yacht cruise. Admire ancient Dubrovnik's terracotta rooftops and feast on Farm-to-Table delicacies.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | LEISURELY





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE DALMATIAN COAST
Welcome to Croatia. On arrival at Split Airport, transfer to your hotel and settle in before your Adriatic journey begins. The rest of the day is at leisure. You may wish to take a stroll through Split's historic streets, relax by the waterfront or sample Dalmatian cuisine at a local restaurant before embarking on your cruise tomorrow.
Hotel: Cornaro, Split

WELCOME: Meet your Local Host from 16:00 - 18:00.

DAY 2 | ELEGANCE ON THE ADRIATIC
Join your Local Expert this morning to explore Split's Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most significant Roman monuments in the world. Visit the emperor's mausoleum, now the Cathedral of Saint Domnius, and see the Temple of Jupiter, later converted into a baptistery. Walk through the Golden Gate, once the main entrance to the palace complex. Afterwards, board your ship and meet your Cruise Manager, who'll be with you throughout your coastal journey. Enjoy lunch onboard as you cruise to Hvar. Take a short tour to see its Renaissance cathedral and the 16th-century fortress that overlooks the old town and nearby Pakleni Islands. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: MV Futura/MV Avangard/ MV Maritimo

DAY 3 | THE PELJEŠAC PENINSULA
Cruise from Hvar to the Pelješac Peninsula, known since the 14th century for its vineyards and maritime trade. Pause for a swim in one of the Adriatic's secluded bays before a freshly prepared lunch onboard. As you near Trstenik, join an olive oil tasting onboard to explore the peninsula's deep-rooted tradition of small-batch production. Journey inland to Kuna, a village tied to monastic heritage and agriculture. Visit a family-run winery to sample their specialities, grown on steep, sun-drenched slopes overlooking the sea. End the day with a Farm-to-Table dinner on the Antunović estate, where Dalmatian specialities are prepared using ingredients sourced directly from the family's farm. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | MLJET AND DUBROVNIK
Sail to the island of Mljet, home to one of Croatia's most treasured national parks. Accompanied by your Cruise Manager, explore a landscape shaped by legend and geology — Mljet is said to be the island where Odysseus was held captive by the nymph Calypso. Visit the park's renowned saltwater lakes, whose striking colour comes from a unique mix of marine and freshwater ecosystems. Board a small boat across the larger lake to St. Mary Isle, where a 12th-century Benedictine monastery sits in serene isolation. Return to your ship for lunch, then enjoy a memorable cruise along Dubrovnik's ancient city walls, offering panoramic views of the terracotta rooftops and

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fortress towers. Arrive in port for time at leisure before dining on board and spending the night docked in the city. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | DUBROVNIK, A 'PARADISE ON EARTH'

This morning, join a guided walking tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site enclosed by remarkably preserved medieval walls. Discover the city's rich maritime past, from its days as the Republic of Ragusa to its role in resisting Ottoman and Venetian expansion. Then take the cable car to Mount Srđ, where views stretch across the Adriatic and the Elaphiti Islands. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy at leisure. You may wish to explore further with an Optional Experience: sea kayaking beneath the city walls or take a Game of Thrones filming locations tour, which reveals how Dubrovnik became King's Landing. Alternatively, explore the city's museums, walk the medieval ramparts, or unwind at one of the open-air cafes along the promenade. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | CRUISE TO KORČULA

Sail north this morning towards Korčula, passing forested islands and secluded inlets along the Dalmatian coast. Pause in a quiet bay to enjoy lunch on board, surrounded by calm turquoise waters. Arrive in Korčula, often referred to as 'Little Dubrovnik' for its medieval walls and red-roofed skyline. Meet your Local Expert, Andrea, for a guided walk through the Old Town's narrow streets, laid out in a herringbone pattern to protect against wind and sun. Learn about Korčula's link to Marco Polo and its centuries of Venetian influence. The evening is at leisure. You may choose to explore further with an Optional Experience buggy ride across the island, a wine tasting at Tasovac Winery, or a traditional Dalmatian dinner featuring locally sourced seafood and island-grown produce. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 7 | THE ISLAND OF BRAČ

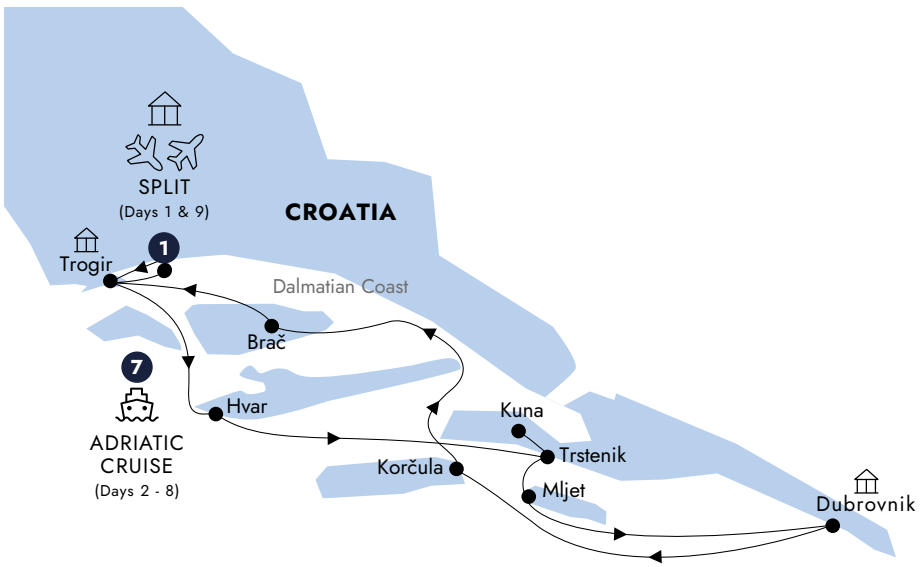
Cruise from Korčula this morning with a swim stop in one of the Adriatic's quiet bays, an ideal moment to unwind before lunch is served on board. Arrive on the island of Brač, known for its white limestone, exported as far as the White House, and laid-back coastal villages. The afternoon is yours at leisure. You might choose to explore the island's cultural sites, such as the Blaca Hermitage or local art workshops, or simply enjoy the waterfront. This evening, join the Captain's Dinner, an onboard celebration featuring regional dishes and live entertainment. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | TROGIR

Sail north this morning towards Trogir, a small island town connected to the mainland by a 17th-century stone bridge. With origins dating back to the 3rd century B.C., Trogir is a living museum of Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance architecture. On arrival, join a guided walking tour through its UNESCO-listed old town, where you'll explore narrow alleyways, hidden courtyards and historic landmarks including the Cathedral of St. Lawrence, noted for its 13th-century portal carved by Master Radovan. The rest of the day is yours at leisure — perhaps enjoy a harbourside meal, visit the town's small museums or explore the local market. You'll dock overnight in Marina Baotić, giving you more time to experience Trogir's well-preserved historic centre. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 9 | DEPART SPLIT

After breakfast, disembark your ship in Marina Baotić and transfer to the airport for your onward journey. Please ensure your flight departs no earlier than 12:00 to allow ample time for your transfer from the port. **(B)**



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Split | Explore the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace and see St. Duje's, the Temple of Jupiter, the Golden Gate and the Cellars.

Hvar | Explore this delightful island, walk to the town's main square, see the yacht-filled harbour and the Renaissance cathedral. Sample local olive oils aboard your vessel and learn how Pelješac's traditions, native olives and landscapes shape each distinct flavour.

Trstenik | Visit Grgić Vina to sample award-winning Dalmatian wines and taste Croatia's most prized varietals at this family-run Pelješac peninsula winery.

Mljet National Park | Cross the larger of Mljet's saltwater lakes by boat to St. Mary Isle and explore the 12th-century Benedictine monastery, a national heritage site.

Dubrovnik | Discover the Pearl of the Adriatic on a guided tour, then ascend Mount Srd by cable car for breathtaking panoramic views.

Korčula | Join a guided tour through the fortified Old Town, known for its distinctive herringbone street layout designed to minimise wind and sun exposure.

Trogir | Explore Dalmatia's best-preserved medieval town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on a guided walk through its historic streets and landmarks.

Premium Dining

Kuna Pelješka | Visit the Antunović family farm to savour peka-style dishes and taste wines and cheeses rooted in Dalmatian tradition.

Brač | Delight in a Captain's Dinner aboard with live ensemble entertainment, enjoying a four-course meal as you celebrate your journey with your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Adriatic Escape

Uncover the charms of Croatia, Slovenia and Italy. Glide across Lake Bled, explore Krk Island, wander coastal Istria and enjoy a gondola serenade in Venice.

10 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | BALANCED





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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB
Welcome to Zagreb, Croatia's vibrant capital. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers before enjoying dinner, the perfect start to your journey. **(D)**
Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 14:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB SIGHTSEEING AND ON TO LJUBLJANA
Uncover the rich history of Zagreb as you explore Croatia's two-tiered capital with your Local Expert. Admire the Art Pavilion, originally constructed in Budapest in 1896 and later transformed in Viennese Art Nouveau style. You'll stroll past the Academy of Sciences and Arts and through Zrinjevac Park before riding the world's shortest funicular, just 66 m (217 ft) long, to St Mark's Church, famous for its vibrant tiled roof. Continue to Ljubljana for a walking tour of Slovenia's capital city and later visit the Sonček Association for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This evening, enjoy a dinner of local Slovenian specialities. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Exe Lev Ljubljana

DAY 3 | LAKE BLED, JEWEL OF THE SLOVENIAN ALPS
This morning's Insight Choice experiences will see you exploring Lake Bled according to your tastes. You can glide across the water on a traditional pletna boat to Bled Island, and climb 99 steps to the Church of Mother of God to ring the legendary Wishing Bell. Or, visit Vila Bled, once a retreat for Marshal Tito, and savour kremšnita cream cake with coffee on the lake-view terrace. Return to Ljubljana for an afternoon at leisure and perhaps join an Optional Experience to Pr' Krač for a traditional dinner showcasing Slovenia's rural heritage. **(B)**

DAY 4 | POSTOJNA CAVES AND ACROSS THE BORDER TO CROATIA
Begin your day delving deep beneath Slovenia's surface as you travel by underground train through the Postojna Caves. With its cathedral-like chambers and peculiar rock formations, this natural wonder is also home to the world's only underground post office. Cross into Croatia to your resort hotel on the Rijeka coast, surrounded by the scenery of Risnjak National Park and Učka Nature Park This evening, you may wish to join an Optional Experience to Opatija, a refined coastal resort favoured by Austro-Hungarian royalty, to savour local specialities in a setting steeped in imperial grandeur. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Hilton Rijeka Costabella Beach Resort and Spa

Trip code: E990

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 5 | EXPLORE THE ISLAND OF KRK
Enjoy a Relaxed Start before venturing to Krk, one of the oldest inhabited islands in the Adriatic, to explore its medieval heart with your Local Expert. Visit St. Mary's Cathedral and see Frankopan Castle, once home to one of Croatia's most influential noble families. Later, savour a Farm-to-Table lunch at a family winery. You'll sample unique local wines before returning to Rijeka for an evening at leisure. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 6 | ROVINJ & PULA, JEWELS OF ISTRIA
Spend your morning in picture-perfect Rovinj, a coastal gem of pastel facades and cobbled lanes. You're free to stroll its charming streets, perhaps browsing local boutiques or enjoying fresh Adriatic seafood paired with crisp Istrian wine beside the water's edge. Continue south to Pula, capital of the Istrian Peninsula, known for its Roman legacy and lively Mediterranean atmosphere. **(B)**
Hotel: Park Plaza Histria

DAY 7 | DISCOVER ROMAN PULA
Join a Local Expert to uncover Pula's layered history, beginning at the Pula Arena: one of the largest and best-preserved Roman amphitheatres still standing. Built in the 1st century CE under Emperor Augustus, it could seat up to 20,000 spectators and was once the site of gladiatorial contests. Continue exploring the city's key sites, gaining insights into its role as a strategic port through Roman, medieval and Austro-Hungarian eras. This evening, enjoy an authentic local dining experience in a traditional setting, where you'll sample regional dishes rooted in Istria's culinary heritage, made with local ingredients and age-old techniques. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | PIRAN, JEWEL OF THE ISTRIAN COAST, AND ON TO VENICE
Start your day with a visit to Piran, a medieval gem on the Gulf of Trieste, where Venetian and Austro-Hungarian influences echo through its winding streets and ancient town walls, built to defend against Ottoman invasions. Enjoy time at leisure to explore before journeying across the Venetian Plain to the Queen of the Adriatic, Venice. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 9 | VENICE
Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and see Venice's age-old traditions come to life as you watch master artisans demonstrate the delicate craft of Murano glassblowing. Then, experience the city as it was meant to be seen, by gliding through its labyrinth of canals on a traditional gondola, passing beneath historic bridges and past gothic palaces. This evening, come together for a final dinner, celebrating your journey in this extraordinary floating city. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE
Your journey from Zagreb to Venice is at an end, say arrivederci to your Travel Director and newfound connections. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Ljubljana | Explore this elegant capital and see the City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge.

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

Lake Bled | *Insight Choice* Visit Vila Bled and enjoy Bled's famous cream cake, kremšnita, with coffee, *or* board a traditional pletna boat to Bled Island, climb to the Church of Mother of God and ring the Wishing Bell.

Krk | Uncover the island's history with your Local Expert, from its Roman roots to its medieval fortifications, visit St Mary's Cathedral and see Frankopan Castle.

Pula | Discover one of Europe's best-preserved Roman arenas, dating back to the 1st century, with your Local Expert.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Ljubljana | Visit Sonček, the Cerebral Palsy Association of Slovenia, and learn how this social enterprise empowers adults with disabilities through guidance, care and adapted employment, creating handcrafted souvenirs. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Krk | Savour a Farm-to-Table lunch at a family-owned winery on Krk, where fresh, locally sourced ingredients highlight the island's culinary traditions. Enjoy regional specialities paired with Krk's signature Žlahtina wine whilst learning about the estate's winemaking heritage.

Pula | Enjoy an authentic local dining experience, savouring regional specialities made with fresh, local ingredients.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Country Roads of Croatia

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

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: E962

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB
Welcome to Croatia, the Land of a Thousand Islands. Your journey starts in Zagreb, where you will join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 14:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS
Join your Local Expert to explore Croatia's two-tiered capital. Visit the Art Pavilion, Academy of Sciences and Arts, and Zrinjevac Park. Ride the funicular to St. Mark's Church and Lotrščak Tower, then walk down through the Stone Gate to the Square. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon at your hotel or consider an Optional Experience to Kumrovec, birthplace of Tito. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | POSTOJNA CAVES AND OPATIJA
At the world-famous Postojna Caves, descend into a stunning subterranean world. Marvel at the 5 m (16 ft) tall Brilliant, the cave's most beautiful stalagmite. Return to Croatia, where your hotel is located in the Belle Époque seaside resort town of Opatija. **(B)**
Hotel: Grand Adriatic/Amadria Park Grand 4 Opatijska Cvijeta, Opatija

DAY 4 | DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA
Explore the Jewels of Istria with your Local Expert. Visit the well-preserved 1st-century arena at Pula. Continue to the charming old town of Rovinj, rising directly from the sea. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | PRISTINE PLITVIČE LAKES NATIONAL PARK
Enjoy the scenery of the Adriatic coast in the morning, where you will journey past sparkling deep blue seas studded with rocky islands, before heading inland to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitviče with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitviče Lakes National Park, or meet one of the women behind the Tara Community Centre. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo

DAY 6 | THE DALMATIAN COAST TO SPLIT
The green forests of Plitviče Lakes National Park give way to pebble-dashed shores lapped by turquoise waters. Walk through the Roman ruins and market to see the sea organ of Zadar. Witness the dramatic change in landscape as you travel through Mediterranean olive groves on your way to Trogir, a city founded by the Greeks in 3rd century BC. Admire the cathedral and Renaissance Čipiko Palace before continuing to the historic port of Split. **(B)**
Hotel: President Solin, Split

DAY 7 | ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR
The Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace here, and today it forms the heart of the Old

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

Town of Split. With your Local Expert, explore the 1,700-year-old palace cellars and learn the story of the infamous emperor. Continue through the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares to see St. Duje's, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum, and the Golden Gate. Your island-hopping adventure begins here. Cross the azure waters of the Adriatic to spend two nights on Hvar, famed for being the sunniest island in the country and boasting an interior dotted with lofty mountain peaks and aromatic fields of lavender. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Amfora, Hvar Grand Beach Resort

DAY 8 | EXPLORING THE ISLAND OF HVAR
Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore the hidden coves, secluded beaches, old monasteries and villages of Hvar. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | ON THE TRAIL OF MARCO POLO TO KORČULA
Cruise back to the mainland and continue your journey to the island of Korčula, known for its grace, history and rich culture. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Liburna, Korčula

DAY 10 | CAPTIVATING KORČULA
Join a knowledgeable Local Expert for a walking tour of the Old Town. Stroll towards the main square of Korčula where the Cathedral of St. Mark dominates the ancient skyline. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC
Journey to the beautiful southern slopes of the Pelješac Peninsula. Weather permitting, cruise the tranquil waters of the bay of Mali Ston and admire the surrounding untouched natural beauty, as you enjoy a glass of traditional Croatian brandy. Stop at a shellfish farm and meet Tomislav, a local oyster farmer, to learn about the cultivation and harvest of oysters. Enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of the fresh shellfish, accompanied with a glass of wine. Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik, 'paradise on Earth' according to George Bernard Shaw. Join a walking exploration of the city, guided by a Local Expert. Get a glimpse into local life, as you explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th-century bastions of the Old Town. Walk past Onofrio's Fountain, see Saint Blaise's Church, and marvel at the grandeur of the cathedral and the Franciscan Monastery. **(B)**
Hotel: Dubrovnik Palace

DAY 12 | OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO
Spend the day at your leisure or enjoy an optional visit to Montenegro, travelling to Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a photographer's dream. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 13 | DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE
Make the most of a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit Cavtat? This evening, should weather permit, embark on a cruise around the fabled bay. Gaze out at views of the Adriatic. Savour authentic flavours of local specialities over dinner with your fellow travellers. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK
Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**

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





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

Hvar | Explore the coves and hidden beaches and ascend the lofty peaks to see magnificent views over this beautiful island.

Split | Explore the Jewish Quarter, Narodni Trg, the centre of Old Split, and Trg Braće Radić, the Square of the Radić brothers.

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Zagreb | Savour local cuisine at your hotel for dinner.

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

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of the Balkans

Explore Romania, Croatia and Bulgaria's hand-picked sights, from Roman ruins in Sofia to a private after-hours tour of Dracula's Bran Castle.

16 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 24 MEALS | LEISURELY





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Trip code: E966

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUCHAREST
Your Balkan adventure begins in Romania's capital, Bucharest. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Bucharest

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 13:30 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | BUCHAREST AND CASTLES OF TRANSYLVANIA
Join a Local Expert for a tour of University Square and the former communist headquarters. Visit the Parliament Palace, one of the world's most impressive buildings. Savour a private dinner in the newly renovated Queen Marie's Tea House. This evening, enjoy an exclusive visit to the iconic Bran Castle, said to inspire Bram Stoker's Dracula. Learn about Queen Maria of Romania, the castle's last inhabitant, explore the torture rooms, and relive the tales of Count Dracula. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Aurum, Brașov

DAY 3 | BRAȘOV AND SINAIA
Travel along the Prahova Valley to the elegant mountain resort of Sinaia to visit Peleș Castle. Return through the Carpathian Mountains to the charming medieval city of Brașov. With your Local Expert, walk around Town Hall Square, lined with beautiful red-roofed houses and dominated by the Black Church. **(B)**

DAY 4 | VELIKO TARNOVO
Continue to Veliko Tarnovo. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Yantra, Veliko Tarnovo

DAY 5 | TO SOFIA
Meet your Local Expert to visit Tsarevets Fortress for stunning views. At the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Arbanasi, visit a traditional 17th-century merchant's house and the Church of the Holy Nativity. Cross the Balkan Mountains to Sofia and join a Local Expert to explore. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand Millennium Sofia

DAY 6 | SOFIA AT YOUR PACE
Enjoy your day at leisure. Perhaps visit the Rila Monastery to gain fascinating insights into Bulgaria's largest and most famous Eastern Orthodox monastery. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | SKOPJE
Cross the border and continue to Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia, for sightseeing with a Local Expert. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Skopje Marriott

DAY 8 | LAKE OHRID AND TIRANA
Making your way to the border, stop by the scenic Lake Ohrid. Cross into Albania and journey to Tirana. Continue to the landmark

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Skanderbeg Square for an insider's look at the Albanian capital with a Local Expert. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Tirana

DAY 9 | JOURNEY TO MONTENEGRO'S BUDVA

Soak up Montenegro's natural beauty as you drive towards Budva where you will have the day to explore 'Montenegro's Miami'. Head to Stari Grad (the Old Town) surrounded by 15th-century ramparts to explore its labyrinthine lanes and small squares where you could choose to sit back and watch the world go by. **(B)**
Hotel: TQ Plaza, Budva

DAY 10 | KOTOR AND DUBROVNIK

Journey to the Old Town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the fortified port of Dubrovnik. **(B)**
Hotel: Kompas Dubrovnik

DAY 11 | DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING

Join a Local Expert to see Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace, the city walls and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. This evening, choose from a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | MOSTAR AND SARAJEVO

Journey to Mostar. With your Local Expert, see the famous Stari Most, the Old Bridge. Explore the cobbled streets of the Old Town, stretching on both sides of the bridge and filled with shops selling traditional handicrafts. Follow the scenic route to Sarajevo. A unique and rewarding insight into the local way of life awaits, as you are invited into a Sarajevan family for dinner and wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Swissotel Sarajevo

DAY 13 | SARAJEVO, CITY OF CULTURE

Explore Sarajevo with Insight Choice. Choose to meet an expert on the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's astonishing Tunnel of Hope. Alternatively, join a nature walk to the spring of the Bosna River, a protected park, led by a conservation guide. **(B)**

DAY 14 | THE SERBIAN CAPITAL OF BELGRADE

Trace your way along the Drina River. Take in beautiful landscapes of lush, green mountains that create magical forest canyons, winding your way through deep valleys as you make your way to Belgrade. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Radisson Collection, Old Mill Belgrade

DAY 15 | THE BEST OF BELGRADE

Join a Local Expert to see the best of Belgrade. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before joining your fellow travellers for dinner this evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 16 | FAREWELL BELGRADE

Your journey through the Balkans has come to an end. All that's left is to say a fond doviđenja as you bid your new friends farewell. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 09:00 and 12:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Bucharest | See University Square and the former Communist Headquarters. Walk the cavernous halls of the vast Palace of Parliament.

Bran | During a private after-hours visit of Bran Castle, learn about the story of the infamous Count Dracula, followed by dinner.

Arbanasi | Visit a traditional 17th-century merchants' house and enjoy the acoustics in the Church of the Holy Nativity.

Skopje | Explore Square Macedonia and see the Stone Bridge before walking through the Old Bazaar.

Kotor | Visit the Stari Grad, also referred to as the Old Town, perfectly positioned on a beautiful bay.

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

Sarajevo | *Insight Choice* Meet a Bosnian War expert at the Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope and hear a first-hand account of the city's 44-month siege, *or* take a nature walk to the spring of the Bosna River, a protected park just beyond the city, led by a conservation guide. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Dubrovnik | Choose to dine at one of the varied selection of charming restaurants offered on your Dine-Around evening.

Sarajevo | Enjoy dinner at a Sarajevan family home and savour and hear stories about their culture.

Belgrade | Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Eastern Capitals & the Dalmatian Riviera

Experience cultural highlights from Vienna to Dubrovnik. Tour Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, visit Plitviče Lakes National Park and encounter Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope.

14 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA
Welcome to Vienna, the City of Music. Spend your afternoon exploring the Austrian capital before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING STATELY VIENNA
Join a Local Expert for a tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Then enjoy a drive around the famous Ringstrasse, built along the lines of the old city walls. It showcases many of the capital's architectural highlights, including the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, the Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. **(B)**

DAY 3 | MARIBOR AND LJUBLJANA
In the morning, cross the border into Slovenia and journey to its second largest city, Maribor. After spending time in this charming location, head to Ljubljana. **(B)**
Hotel: Exe Lev Ljubljana

DAY 4 | EXPLORING LOVABLE LJUBLJANA
Your Local Expert will reveal the Baroque elegance of the Slovenian capital. See the medieval castle, City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Postojna Caves? Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS
Spend the morning in Slovenia during which you can join an optional visit to stunning Lake Bled, or relax with locals in a nearby cafe before journeying into Croatia, where on arrival in Zagreb, you meet your Local Expert for an exploration of this capital. Take a walk to see the Art Pavilion, the Academy of Sciences and Art and pass Zrinjevac Park. You will then board the city's funicular to St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower, take a walk back down through Stone Gate and back to the square. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Sheraton Zagreb

DAY 6 | ZAGREB AT LEISURE
A free day to relax and enjoy a city that is bursting with culture. Perhaps spend time exploring one of the many museums or browsing the shops in Donji Grad. Or join an Optional Experience to the charming village of Kumrovec and meet a local to hear their perspective on the region's history. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | ON TO PLITVIČE NATIONAL PARK
Journey south to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitviče with Insight

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

Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitviče Lakes National Park. Alternatively, meet one of the women behind the Tara Community Centre, who produce handicrafts that support local employment.
(B) (D) (RS)
Hotel: Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo

DAY 8 | ALONG THE DALMATIAN COAST
Travel to Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site, a historic town founded by the Greeks more than 2,300 years ago, and admire the cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace. Continue to the historic port of Split, where your Local Expert leads you through the labyrinthine streets to the Diocletian's Palace. See St. Duje's Cathedral and the Golden Gate. Your exploration then continues underground as you are guided through the cellars. **(B)**
Hotel: President Solin, Split

DAY 9 | EXPLORING SPLIT
Always buzzing, lively Split has just the right balance of tradition and modernity. See Dalmatian life as it's lived with a full day free to explore Split and its surroundings. Why not join an Optional Experience to the island of Hvar?
(B) (D) (RS)

DAY 10 | MOSTAR TO SARAJEVO
Cross the border into Bosnia & Herzegovina to reach Mostar and see the famous Stari Most, or Old Bridge, with your Local Expert. Continue to Sarajevo, a town with a turbulent past. You are invited into a Sarajevan family home for a dinner with drinks. Savour the authentic cuisine as you hear inspirational stories and experience the local culture. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Swissotel Sarajevo

DAY 11 | SARAJEVO, THE CITY OF CULTURE
Morning sightseeing with a Local Expert introduces you to the Sarajevo War Tunnel Museum. Continue along the Miljacka river to the historic Habsburg centre of the city. In the afternoon, spend time at your leisure. **(B)**

DAY 12 | ON TO DUBROVNIK
Cross the border into Croatia and journey to the walled town of Dubrovnik. On arrival, join your Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th-century bastions of the old town. See Onofrio's Fountain, the Rector's Palace, St Blaise's Church and the Franciscan Monastery. **(B)**
Hotel: Royal Ariston, Dubrovnik

DAY 13 | DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE
In the morning, consider an Optional Experience to Kotor in Montenegro. As the sun begins to set, and should the weather permit, join your fellow travellers for a relaxing cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik. Enjoy dinner of typical Dalmatian Coast cuisine.
(B) (D) (RS)

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK
After breakfast, bid a fond farewell to Dubrovnik and your newfound friends as your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Vienna | See the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche and a private guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace.

Ljubljana | Explore this elegant capital and see the castle City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge.

Zagreb | Ride the funicular to Gornji Grad, the medieval Upper Town, to view the former Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower.

Split | Explore the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace and see St. Duje's, the Golden Gate and the Cellars.

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Vienna | Savour traditional Viennese cuisine at a local restaurant.

Sarajevo | Enjoy dinner at a Sarajevan family home and savour and hear stories about their culture.

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

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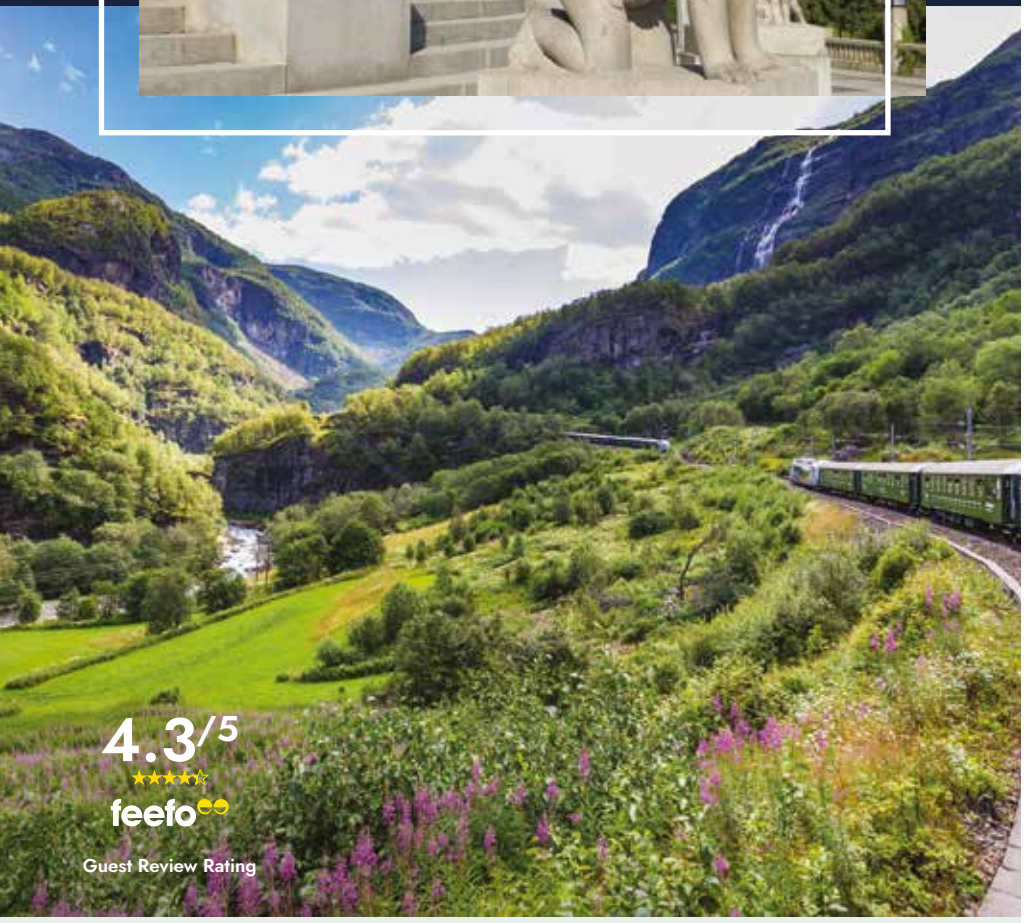
Country Roads of Scandinavia

Cruise crystalline fjords, experience the Flåm Railway, view Gustav Vigeland's sculptures in Frogner Park, and see the humming seaside economy of the Bergen fish market.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: E340

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO OSLO
Your adventure begins in Norway's capital, Oslo. In the evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 12:00 and 14:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO
Sightseeing with a Local Expert includes views of Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Walk around the Opera House and marvel at the striking contemporary architecture of the new Bjørvika district. Wander through Frogner Park, with its intriguing sculptures by Gustav Vigeland. The afternoon is at your leisure to continue exploring as you wish. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the most modern ski jump in the world, Holmenkollen. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | OSLO - ULVIK
Journey across the Hardanger Plateau, the largest national park in the Nordic countries, to arrive in Ulvik. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Brakanes, Ulvik

DAY 4 | ULVIK - FLÅM - BERGEN
Travel to the coastal city of Bergen by the traditional train of the Flåm Railway, journey on one of the world's steepest railways through tunnels that spiral in and out of the mountainside. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner.
(B) (D) (RS)
Hotel: Scandic Ørnen

DAY 5 | THE HANSEATIC PORT OF BERGEN
A Local Expert introduces you to Bergen. See the lively fish market and the historic 13th-century Haakon's Hall. With the afternoon free to explore on your own, perhaps ride Scandinavia's only funicular up Mount Fløyen. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | A COASTLINE LIKE NO OTHER
Travel along this incredible coastline and sail across fjords to reach Stavanger, founded almost 900 years ago. Now the headquarters of the Norwegian oil industry, Stavanger is a fusion of old world charm and cosmopolitan flair. Cruise the Lysefjord and admire the waterfalls and Pulpit Rock overhanging the fjord. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Thon Partner Stavanger Forum

DAY 7 | LYNGDAL AND KRISTIANSAND
In Lyngdal, tour the Wild Salmon Centre with a biologist guide, learn about protecting salmon populations and the local ecosystem. Observe the majestic fish in their own environment, via a unique indoor 'staircase' and viewing area. Your scenic drive around the southern cape of Norway brings you to Kristiansand. An

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

orientation walk will show you the Domkirke and Nupen Fountain. Savour a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Thon Parken, Kristiansand

DAY 8 | KRISTIANSAND TO AALBORG
Sail across the Skagerrak to Hirtshals, Denmark. Continue to Aalborg. This evening, we will join for a Farm-to-Table dinner in a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Comwell Hvide Hus Aalborg

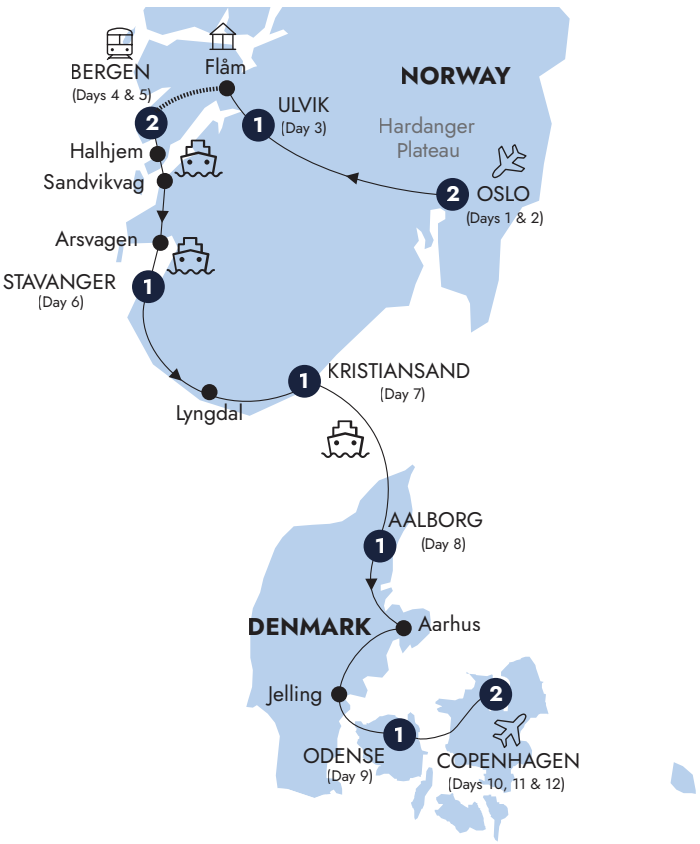
DAY 9 | JOURNEY TO ODENSE
A vibrant mix of youthful energy and a blast from the past makes Aarhus a city with an energetic beat. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of the city centre. See the City Hall, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum - topped with an immense and interactive artwork - and Dokk1, the largest public library in Scandinavia. En route to Odense, you will stop for a tour of the visitor and experience centre at Kongernes Jelling - Home of the Viking Kings. Then cross the Jutland Peninsula to the town of Odense, on the island of Fyn. **(B)**
Hotel: Comwell H C Andersen Odense

DAY 10 | ODENSE AND THE FAIRYTALES OF FYN
Visit Odense with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Hans Christian Andersen House, a museum dedicated to his life and works. Learn all about the famous fairytale writer as you follow his career, travels and love life. Alternatively, visit St Canute's Cathedral and hear tales of Canute, Denmark's first royal saint. Continue to Denmark's vibrant capital city, Copenhagen and later discover the enchanting Tivoli Gardens. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

DAY 11 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN
Meet your Local Expert and pay a visit to Hans Christian Andersen's iconic Little Mermaid statue. Later, see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace, Copenhagen Cathedral, Nyhavn and the unusual Round Tower. The afternoon is at your leisure. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at our hand-picked restaurant and enjoy a delicious dinner of sustainable ingredients, as you toast to the end of your Scandinavian adventure. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | DEPART COPENHAGEN
Your trip comes to an end this morning. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:30, 09:00 and 12:00.



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Flåm Railway | Journey on the iconic Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest standard-gauge rail lines.

Bergen | See the lively fish market's colourful stalls and marvel at the 13th-century Haakon's Hall.

Lyngdal | Tour the Wild Salmon Centre with a biologist guide and learn about protecting salmon populations and the local ecosystem.

Odense | Visit Kongernes Jelling - Home of the Viking Kings, where lighting, sound and special effects brings 1,000-year-old Viking stories to life.

Odense | *Insight Choice* Visit St Canute's Cathedral and hear tales of Canute, Denmark's last Viking king and royal saint, *or* be enchanted by the tales of Hans Christian Andersen's life when you visit the museum dedicated to his life and works.

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

Copenhagen | Dine at a Cofoco Group Restaurant, who are leading the way in minimising food waste and promoting a sustainable future. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 12: Affordable and Clean Energy & Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Oslo | Savour local specialities with your Travel Director and fellow travellers during dinner paired with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Spectacular Scandinavia & its Fjords

Traverse Denmark, Sweden and Norway's fjords and mountains, visit Stockholm's Nobel Peace Prize halls and ascend the famous Flåm Railway.

15 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E941

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - August

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN
Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner paired with wine. In the evening, visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN
A Local Expert will reveal the charm of Denmark's capital. Visit Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid and see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace, Nyhavn and Copenhagen Cathedral. View the unusual Rundertaarn and enjoy an afternoon at your leisure. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ON TO GOTHENBURG
Continue along Sweden's west coast to the cosmopolitan port city of Gothenburg. On arrival, explore with your Local Expert and learn about the region's culture and nautical history. The evening is at your leisure. Take a stroll along the leafy boulevards and enjoy dinner in one of the city's many restaurants. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Elite Park Avenue, Gothenburg

DAY 4 | SCENIC FARMLANDS OF SWEDEN
Enjoy views of the patchwork of fertile farmlands as you journey along the shores of Lake Vättern to the Swedish capital. Stop at Gränaberget cafe for a Swedish Fika, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that helps preserve Sweden's cultural heritage. **(B)**
Hotel: Scandic Grand Central (Superior rooms), Stockholm

DAY 5 | STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS
With your Local Expert, wander the medieval streets of Gamla Stan and see the 13th-century cathedral. Stroll through the courtyard of the Royal Palace and visit the imposing City Hall to see its gilded Golden Hall and the Blue Hall, where the annual Nobel Prize banquet is held. **(B)**

DAY 6 | UPPSALA AND FALUN
Travel to the historic city of Uppsala, the seat of Scandinavia's oldest university, and visit the Carl Linnaeus Garden with Hans Odoo, a local storyteller. In the evening, enjoy a Farm-to-Table dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: First Grand, Falun

DAY 7 | LILLEHAMMER
See the Falun Copper Mine and the Great Pit, a vast crater created by an enormous mine collapse in 1687. Continue to Salen, starting point for the famous cross-country ski race, before crossing into Norway. Journey along Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, to arrive at Lillehammer. Opt to join an Optional Experience at the open-air museum of Maihaugen and discover the Olympic ski jump arena with views over the city. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Scandic Lillehammer

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

DAY 8 | GEIRANGER, JEWEL OF THE FJORDS
Travel through the countryside of Peer Gynt, to reach Lom where you visit the Norwegian stave church dating back to 1158. Enjoy a two-night stay in the scenic village of Geiranger. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Union Geiranger

DAY 9 | GEIRANGER AT LEISURE
Enjoy a Relaxed Start and a day reserved for your leisure amongst breathtaking scenery. Perhaps join an Optional Experience for an incredible scenic drive along the amazing Trollstigen (Troll's Road), a masterpiece of engineering built over 70 years ago. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | FJÆRLAND AND LEIKANGER
Take a scenic morning cruise along the Geirangerfjord. Explore Fjærland with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the interactive Norwegian Glacier Museum, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, at the foot of the Jostedal Glacier, the largest icecap in continental Europe. Alternatively, take a walk through the village of Fjærland with a Local Expert. Your journey continues with a scenic drive to your historic fjord hotel in Leikanger. Delight in a dinner of fresh and locally sourced produce. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Leikanger Fjord

DAY 11 | THE FLÅM RAILWAY TO BERGEN
Cross Sognefjord, the longest and deepest fjord in Norway, then take the Flåm Railway through steep terrain, tunnels and waterfalls. Continue to Voss for a visit to Finnegarden Farm. End the day in Bergen, a former Hanseatic trading port with a rich maritime heritage and distinctive wooden architecture along its historic wharf. **(B)**
Hotel: Scandic Ørnen

DAY 12 | THE HANSEATIC PORT OF BERGEN
A Local Expert introduces you to Bergen. See the lively Fish Market and the historic 13th-century Haakon's Hall. With the afternoon free to explore on your own, perhaps ride Scandinavia's only funicular up Mount Fløyen. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 13 | MOUNTAINS AND FJORDS TO OSLO
Travel along scenic and varied landscapes to Oslo, through some of Norway's most picturesque ski-resorts. Cross the Hardanger Plateau, Europe's greatest mountain plateau and the largest national park in the Nordic countries. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

DAY 14 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO
With your Local Expert, see the Royal Palace and the Akershus Castle guarding the harbour. Explore the area around the Opera House and see the modern architecture of the Bjørvika neighbourhood. Round off your Scandinavian adventure with a dinner paired with wine at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 15 | OUT OF OSLO
Your Scandinavian exploration has come to an end. **(B)**

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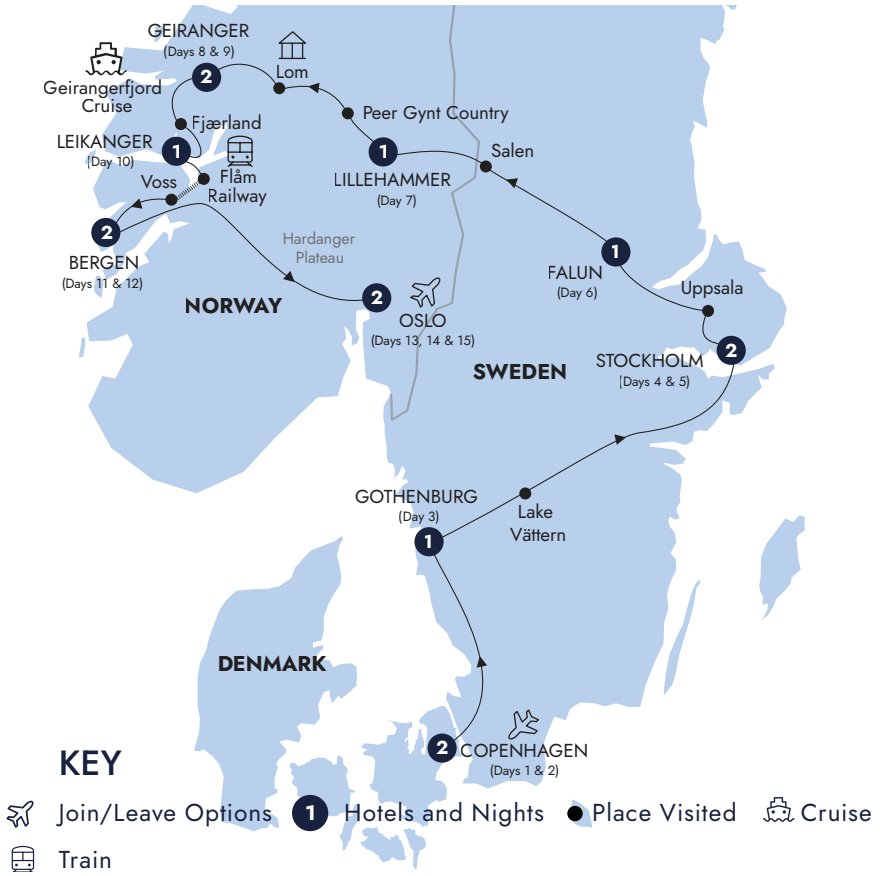



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Premium Experiences

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

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

Uppsala | Join Hans Odoo, a Uppsala local for a guided tour of the Linnaeus Garden and learn about its 1,300 plant species.

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

Flåm Railway | Journey on the iconic Flåm Railway, one of the world's steepest standard-gauge rail lines.

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

Fjaerland | *Insight Choice* Take a guided walk through the village of Fjærland and learn about life between the fjord and the glacier, *or* explore the impact of climate change at the Norwegian Glacier Museum. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Voss Municipality | Meet Kunt and his family at their traditional fruit farm and learn about the production processes and sample seasonal drinks.

Oslo | Toast to the finale of your travels during dinner in Norway's capital city with your fellow travellers at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Grand Scandinavia

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

20 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 30 MEALS | LEISURELY





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Trip code: E940

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - August

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN
Welcome to Copenhagen, home to one of Europe's longest pedestrian shopping streets, Strøget. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. Visit Tivoli Gardens to round off your evening. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN
Meet your Local Expert and pay a visit to Hans Christian Andersen's iconic Little Mermaid statue. Later, see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Nyhavn and Amalienborg Palace. Visit the cathedral. **(B)**

DAY 3 | STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS
Travel from Denmark to Sweden, crossing the incredible Øresund Bridge. Journey along the shores of Lake Vättern to Stockholm. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Stockholm Slussen

DAY 4 | STOCKHOLM AND BALTIC SEA CRUISE
Join a Local Expert and visit the City Hall. Continue to Gamla Stan to view the cathedral and the Royal Palace. Board your Baltic cruise to Finland and enjoy your sea-view cabin and dinner on board. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Serenade/Symphony - Tallink & Silja Line Ships

DAY 5 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI
Meet your Local Expert and wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market to sample local produce. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: GLO Art, Helsinki

DAY 6 | LAKES AND FORESTS TO KUOPIO
Journey through the Finnish Lake District to Kuopio and on arrival ascend Puijo Tower for stunning views. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Original Sokos Puijonsarvi, Kuopio

DAY 7 | THE ROAD TO ROVANIEMI
Visit Oulu, northern Finland's oldest city. Travel to Lapland. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Santa's Santa Claus, Rovaniemi

DAY 8 | ROVANIEMI AND LAPLAND
Cross the Arctic Circle today, a highlight for many travellers. With your Local Expert, see the Town Hall and visit Rovaniemi Church. Explore Rovaniemi with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Santa Claus in his village, where it is Christmas all year round. Alternatively, immerse yourself in nature with a forest walk guided by your Local Expert. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | ACROSS THE ARCTIC TO IVALO
Continue along the Four Winds Road, where you may see herds of reindeer as you journey to one of the oldest churches in Lapland. Travel

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

DAY 10 | THE NORTH CAPE
Stop at Karasjok for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Sámi National Museum, and see the Sámi Parliament. Then continue to North Cape, the northernmost point of mainland Europe, and indulge in bubbles and caviar whilst seeking the midnight sun in one of the most special places on Earth. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Scandic Norkapp/Scandic Honningsvåg

DAY 11 | THROUGH FINNMARK TO ALTA
Enjoy a morning at leisure before continuing onwards to Alta. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Scandic Alta

DAY 12 | A WORLD OF ADVENTURE IN ALTA
Visit a working husky farm to meet the champion dog sledding Lyrek family. Here you'll discover the world of Alaskan huskies and the thrilling Arctic dog sled races and meet with puppies destined to become top racing dogs. Afterwards, delight in a wonderful oven-baked lunch with seasonal specialities from the region, such as salmon or reindeer. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 13 | NARVIK
Pass Kåfjord where the German battleship Tirpitz was stationed during World War II, before arriving into scenic Narvik. **(B)**
Hotel: Quality Grand Royal

DAY 14 | ACROSS TYSFJORD TO MO I RANA
Board a ferry to cross Tysfjord, then continue past Rago National Park and bid farewell to the Arctic. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Home Hotel Helma, Mo I Rana

DAY 15 | LAKSFOSS FALLS TO TRONDHEIM
Continue past the village of Hell to Trondheim. See the impressive Nidaros Cathedral, the world's northernmost medieval cathedral. **(B)**
Hotel: Scandic Lerkendal, Trondheim

DAY 16 | GEIRANGER, JEWEL OF THE FJORDS
Travel past lakes and snowcapped peaks to Lom. Arrive at Geirangerfjord to embark on a spectacular cruise beneath towering cliffs and cascading waterfalls. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Union Geiranger

DAY 17 | GEIRANGER AT LEISURE
Enjoy a whole day free for you to explore the fjords and mountains. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 18 | OSLO, THE CAPITAL
Travel through 'Peer Gynt' Country, inspiration for Edvard Grieg. Stop in Lillehammer and continue on to Oslo. Round off your travels with a dinner paired with wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Thon Opera, Oslo

DAY 19 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO
Your Local Expert will show you the medieval Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Wander through Frogner Park with its intriguing sculptures by Gustav Vigeland and see the area around the Opera House. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 20 | OUT OF OSLO
Your Scandinavian exploration has come to an end. **(B)**

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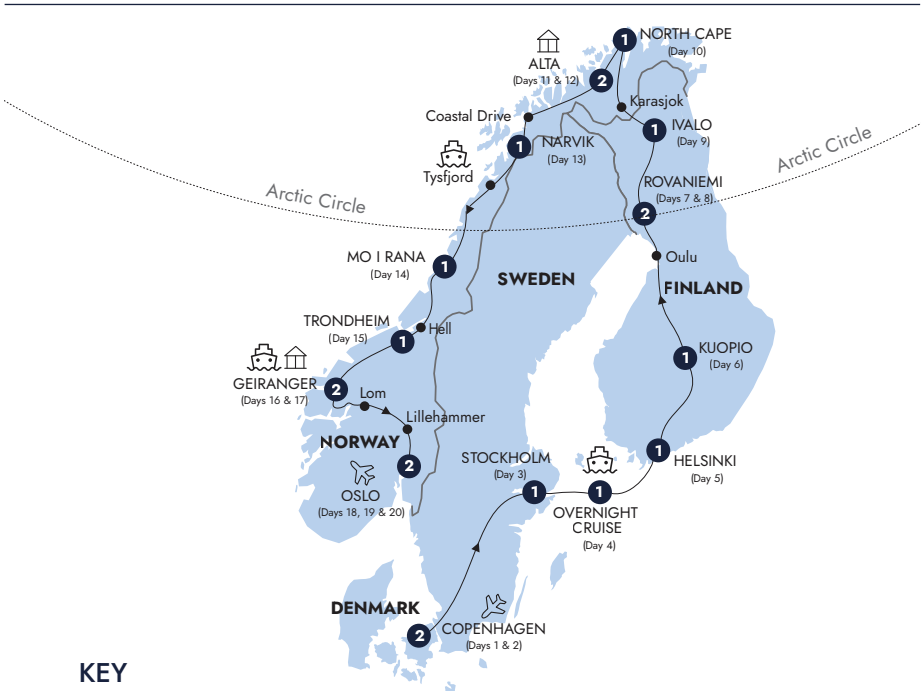

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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

Helsinki | Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market and sample local produce, like liquorice or smoked reindeer.
Explore the city of design, see its harbour.

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

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

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

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

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Northern Lights of Scandinavia

Embrace the Northern Lights. Sample caviar in Europe's northernmost point, meet racing huskies and feed reindeer in an Indigenous Sámi community.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY





Trip code: W800A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

October - March

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO HELSINKI.
Welcome to Helsinki, with its excellent museums and pretty seaside buildings. This beautiful city is set to be your home for the night. Meet your Travel Director for a drink and mingle with your fellow travellers.
Hotel: GLO Art, Helsinki

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | THE GATEWAY TO LAPLAND
Today you'll take a flight to Ivalo, a small yet important centre in Finnish Lapland, 250km (155 miles) above the Arctic Circle. The Gateway to the North, Ivalo is set on the Ivalo River, where the first Lapland Goldrush took place in the 19th century. You'll enjoy a dinner at your boutique hotel, Aurora Village. Look out for the dancing northern lights, as you gaze through the glass ceiling from the comfort of your room. Throughout history, the Northern Lights have inspired numerous myths and legends. In Norse mythology, they were believed to be reflections from the Valkyries' armour, whilst Finnish folklore attributed them to the Firefox, a magical fox that created sparks as it ran across the snow. It's important to remember that the Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon, so sightings cannot be guaranteed during your trip. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Aurora Village, Ivalo

DAY 3 | IVALO TO HONNINGSVÅG
Today you'll be heading further north through the winter Lapland landscape. Cross the Finnish–Norwegian border as you make your way to Honningsvåg, the northernmost and smallest city in Norway. Your drive will take you along the mighty Porsangerfjord, the fourth largest fjord in Norway. Take the subsea Nordkapp Tunnel to the island of Magerøya, to reach your hotel in this small fishing community. Explore the quaint city by taking a stroll along the waterfront before dinner at your hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Scandic Nordkapp

DAY 4 | NORTHERN LIGHTS IN NORTH CAPE
Enjoy a leisurely morning to relax or explore at your own pace. You simply can't visit Norway without heading to North Cape (weather permitting). Dubbed the northernmost point in continental Europe, this evening you'll go in search of the iconic Northern Lights as you sip on bubbles and delight in exquisite caviar with your fellow travellers. Return to your charming hotel, where you'll rest up ahead of tomorrow's adventures. **(B) (D) (RS)**

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

DAY 5 | NORTH CAPE TO ALTA
Enjoy a spectacular drive from North Cape to Alta, taking in the country's magnificent fjords and Arctic landscapes along the way. Head to an ice bar with your fellow travellers, for a chilled beverage as you discuss the day's events. Home for the next couple of nights is Scandic Alta, a traditional and relaxing hotel, situated in the heart of Alta. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Scandic Alta

DAY 6 | ALASKAN HUSKIES IN ALTA
This is a day for dog lovers and a true highlight of the trip. Visit a working husky farm and get to know the Lyrek family and champion sled dogs. Learn about their Alaskan huskies and the challenges they face competing in the marathon long Arctic dog sled races. Indulge in a delectable oven-baked lunch, before meeting the dogs themselves. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 7 | NORWAY'S GATEWAY TO THE ARCTIC
Today you'll head to Tromsø, northern Norway's largest city, located on the island of Tromsøya. You'll be surrounded by snowcapped mountains and ethereal water views. **(B)**
Hotel: Moxy Tromso

DAY 8 | DELVE INTO SCANDINAVIAN HISTORY
This evening join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet members of the Indigenous Sámi community of Scandinavia. Delve into the history of Arctic Norway and join a Sámi guide for an immersive journey through their camp, with an invitation to help feed their reindeer herd. You are invited into a lavuu (a traditional Sámi tent) to hear stories of Sámi life and folk songs around the fire, after enjoying a traditional meal with hot drinks. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 9 | A MERRY FINALE IN OSLO
In the morning, take a flight from Tromsø to Oslo, a modern city located on the shores of the Oslofjord. Surrounded by forested mountains, city dwellers and visitors alike have easy access to nature all year round. On your orientation, see the Oslo Opera House and the new Deichman Library in the contemporary Bjørvika district. Join your fellow travellers at a local restaurant to make a toast to newfound friends and a wonderful journey, over dinner paired with wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

DAY 10 | FAREWELL OSLO
It's time to say farewell to your fellow travellers. Your trip ends after breakfast. **(B)**

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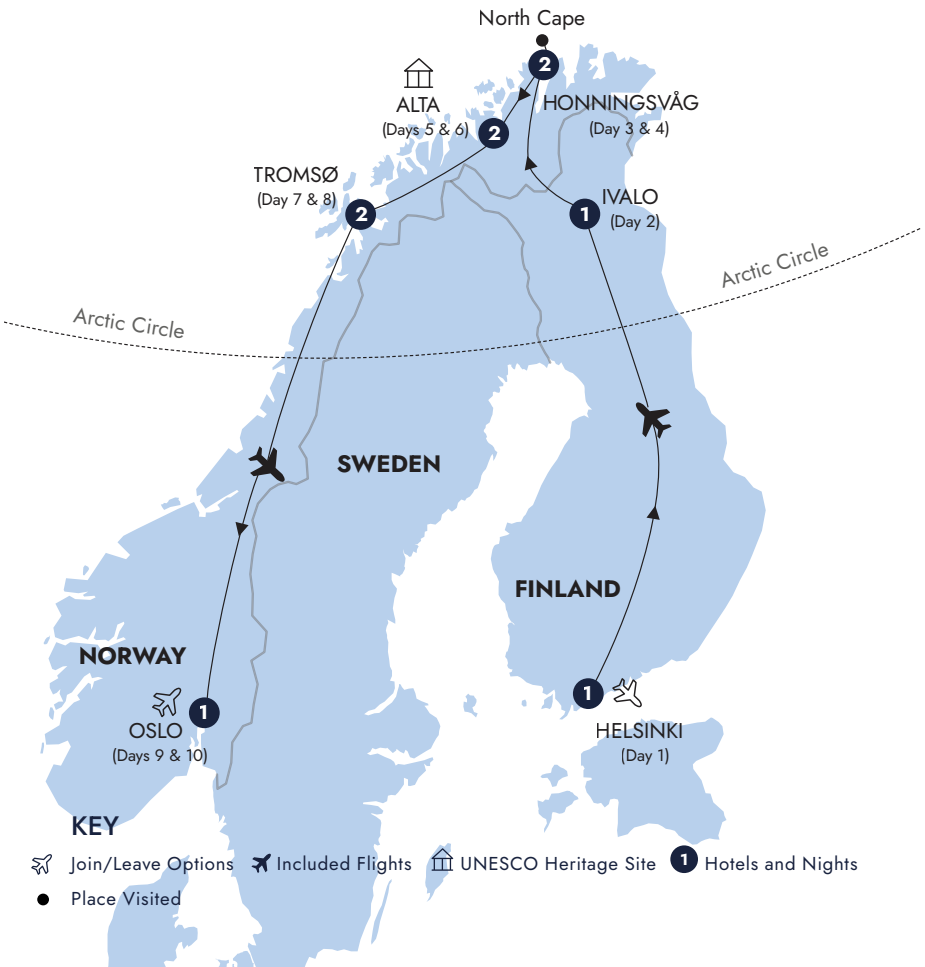



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Honningsvåg | During your orientation, learn about the past and present of this small fishing community.

Alta | Explore this city, home to the first Northern Lights observatory. With increasing tourism, Alta is rapidly developing, offering a wide range of activities.

Tromsø | Enjoy your orientation, Northern Norway's largest city located on the island of Tromsøya.

Oslo | See the Oslo Opera House and the new Deichman Library in the contemporary Bjørvika district.

Tromso | Meet a Sámi family at their reindeer camp for dinner, games, and insights into their community's traditions, culture and history. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Ivalo | Your delicious Welcome Dinner will be served at the boutique Aurora Village hotel.

Alta | Savour a delicious oven-baked lunch of local seasonal specialities of fresh salmon or the local's favourite, reindeer, served with fresh salads and wine.

Oslo I Toast to the finale of your travels with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Natural Wonders of Iceland

Encounter iconic volcanic landscapes from relaxing in Vök's geothermal pools to exploring the Gullfoss waterfall and the lava fields of Búðir.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E964

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - August

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

DAY 1 | THE SMOKY BAY OF REYKJAVÍK
Velkomin til Íslands (welcome to Iceland), the Land of Fire and Ice. Begin your Icelandic adventure in Reykjavík, the most northerly city, and the northernmost national capital in the world. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink served with canapes.
Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:15.

DAY 2 | HOT SPRINGS, WATERFALLS AND VÍK
Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Later, explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes. Continue to the hot springs at Geysir and the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls. In the afternoon, visit the majestic south coast waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss before continuing to your hotel in Vik. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Kría, Vik

DAY 3 | BY GLACIERS AND ICEBERGS TO HÖFN
Travel along the southern coast of Iceland, beside the black sand beaches and basalt rock formations. Continue through the National Park at Skaftafell and see the largest glacier in Europe, Vatnajökull. Travel on to the luminous blue icebergs of Lake Jökulsárlón, the highlight of the day. This dramatic setting was featured in two James Bond films. Arrive in the small harbour town of Höfn, an active lobster fishing hub. From here, your Travel Director will lead a short orientation. Dine at your hotel's restaurant tonight and experience what the local produce has to offer. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Höfn, Hornafjörður

DAY 4 | EASTERN FJORDS TO EGILSSTAÐIR
Explore yet another face of Iceland, as you drive through narrow fjords surrounded by steep cliffs and past small fishing villages. Catch a glimpse of Papey Island, once the home of Gaelic monks who settled here before the arrival of the Vikings. Continue to the lakeside town of Egilsstaðir where upon arrival relax in the untouched nature at Iceland's only geothermal floating pools. Vök Baths harnesses the natural geothermal power of the area to create a unique bathing experience with amazing views of the Lake Urriðavatn. The architecture of the hot springs is designed to complement the unspoilt beauty of the Icelandic environment. Continue on to your hotel for an included dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Berjaya Hérað, Egilsstaðir

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

DAY 5 | BY DESERT, LAKES AND DIVINE WATERFALLS TO AKUREYRI

Continue on to the beautiful Lake Mývatn and explore a wide spectrum of geological formations. The concentrated geothermal activity produces mud pools and spectacularly coloured deposits. Continue to the charming fishing village of Húsavík for some free time to enjoy lunch. Perhaps visit the Húsavík Whale Museum for a guided tour to learn about whales, their significance in marine ecosystems and the history of whaling in Iceland. This evening is yours to relax or explore Akureyri at your leisure. **(B) (RS)**

Hotel: Kea, Akureyri

DAY 6 | FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH TO BORGARNES

Enjoy an orientation of Akureyri, the capital of northern Iceland, first established as a trading centre in 1602. Travel past mountains, waterfalls, and green coastal regions. Later, continue to the southwest coast of Borgarnes. **(B) (D) (RS)**

Hotel: Hamar, Borgarnes

DAY 7 | EXPLORING SNÆFELLSJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK

Travel along the Snæfellsnes Peninsula to Snæfellsjökull National Park, known as the Jewel of West Iceland and home to the country's most famous volcano. See the magnificent Snæfellsjökull glacier surrounded by unspoilt natural beauty. En route, admire the impressive landscapes of Búðir, offering a mixture of sandy hills, black lava fields and a yellow beach. Next, take a stroll along the sea cliffs of Arnastapi with its unique column rock formations and take in the beautiful scenery. This evening, consider joining the Optional Experience at one of the oldest houses in Borgarnes and enjoy dinner at The Settlement Centre restaurant, which is home to an exhibition telling the story of The Settlement Era in Iceland. **(B)**

DAY 8 | THINGVELLIR AND ON TO REYKJAVÍK

Journey south to Thingvellir. This remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Take an Insight Choice in Reykjavík. Visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland's one-of-a-kind exhibition to experience Iceland's natural beauty or experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at FlyOver to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in the city. Perhaps unwind in one of Reykjavík's many geothermal pools, visit the iconic Sky Lagoon or explore the vibrant Icelandic streets. Round off your journey through one of the world's most naturally beautiful places with a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

DAY 9 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

Bid 'bless' (goodbye) to Reykjavík and your fellow travellers as your Icelandic adventure comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.



KEY

Join/Leave Options | UNESCO Heritage Site | 1 Hotels and Nights | ● Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Skógafoss | Admire the majestic beauty of the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls.

Friðheimar | Meet a local family at their farm, sample homegrown tomatoes and learn about Icelandic horticulture and tomato cultivation.

Skaftafell | Visit the amazing alpine setting of the National Park and experience the might of Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier.

Lake Urriðavatn | Experience the ancient Icelandic tradition of bathing in a natural geothermal pools at Vök Baths. Indulge in the country's only floating infinity pools.

Akureyri | Enjoy your guided orientation of the capital of northern Iceland, established in 1602.

Snæfellsjökull National Park | Explore this magnificent park, home to lava formations, waterfalls and the most famous volcano in Iceland.

Reykjavík | *Insight Choice* Visit the Perlan Museum and learn about the glaciers, volcanoes and the Northern Lights through interactive displays, *or* enjoy a flight-ride at the FlyOver, where the state-of-the-art technology and special effects showcase Iceland's spectacular scenery.

Hellisheiðavirkjun | Visit Iceland's geothermal heat and electric power station and learn about how this plant has helped Iceland achieve 70% of its energy consumption through renewable sources. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Reykjavík | Conclude your travels with dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Scenic Iceland & the Northern Lights

Seek the aurora borealis, gasp at Geysir's hot springs, chase the waterfalls of Skógafoss, and witness the magnificence of Hekla volcano.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: W864

DEPARTURE MONTHS

September - March

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

DAY 1 | THE VIKING CITY OF REYKJAVÍK
Welcome to Iceland. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a pleasant evening of wine and canapes, enjoying the opportunity to get to know each other. Afterwards, search for the most spectacular show on Earth—the northern lights. See the breathtaking night sky illuminated by the aurora borealis in a vast spectrum of colours. Please note that sightings of this natural phenomenon cannot be guaranteed.
Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:15.

DAY 2 | SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE TO VÍK
Take a journey through the stunning landscape of Iceland's south coast and through the land of Njál's Saga—a region of breathtaking scenery and legendary stories. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Your journey continues, as you witness the majesty of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. Stand awestruck by the beauty of these thundering waterfalls, before venturing on to view more spectacular phenomena. Iceland is one of the most volcanically active regions on earth due to its unique geological position. On average, Iceland experiences a volcanic event every 5 years. See the magnificent volcanoes Hekla, the most active, and Eyjafjallajökull, which last erupted in 2010 disrupting air travel worldwide. Feel the heat at the Lava Centre to gain insight into Iceland's volcanic and earthquake activity. Arrive in the welcoming community of Vik, the southernmost village in Iceland with a population of about 300, which is home to the iconic Reynisfjara black sand beach. Later, perhaps enjoy another chance to go in search of the mystical northern lights. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Kría, Vik

DAY 3 | THE GOLDEN CIRCLE TO FLÚÐIR
Embark on a day of discovery along Iceland's Golden Circle, the most famous scenic route in the country, taking in some of the stunning landmarks this magical place has to offer. Experience the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, a picturesque two-tiered cascade and the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls, before continuing on to the exploding hot springs at Geysir, one of the few places on earth where you can closely observe active geysers. Visit Friðheimar, a family-run vegetable farm specialising in tomatoes. Their principle is to cultivate tomatoes with optimum taste quality whilst maintaining eco-friendly standards. Explore their greenhouses and sample the sweet, unique flavour of their lovingly grown crop, all whilst learning about Icelandic

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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greenhouse horticulture. Continue to Flúðir, a picturesque village, renowned for the Secret Lagoon (Gamla Laugin), Iceland's oldest geothermal pool. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Hill, Flúðir

> *The tour was well organised and the Travel Director was very informative. The scenery and locations we visited were wonderful.*
>
> **OUR GUEST BRIAN**
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> ★★★★★

DAY 4 | THINGVELLIR, BORGARNES AND HÚSAFELL

Your first visit today will be to Thingvellir National Park, a remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site that lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. The first meeting of the Icelandic parliament was held here in A.D. 930. Journey along the trail of Viking warrior and poet Egill Skallagrímsson. In Borgarnes, learn about Iceland's history with a fascinating visit to the Icelandic Settlement Centre. Housed in one of the oldest buildings, this exhibition brings the story of the Settlement Era to life. Enjoy the views of the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls, and Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring, as you traverse glorious landscapes before stopping at Sturlureykir Horse Farm, a local family-run breeding farm. Discover why Icelandic horses have two additional gaits compared to most other breeds and how their double-layered coat enables them to withstand Iceland's tough winters. The farm also features a natural hot spring, where geothermal water is used to bake rye bread underground. Savour the taste of this freshly baked rye bread, a family recipe for over 100 years. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Húsafell

DAY 5 | REYKJAVÍK SIGHTSEEING

Journey back to the Icelandic capital and see Old Reykjavík, the 19th-century parliament building and Höfði House. In 1986, US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev met here for the famous Reykjavík Summit. Later, visit the colourful harbour and the iconic Hallgrímskirkja, the largest modern church in Iceland, standing 74.5 metres tall and visible from almost anywhere in the city. The afternoon is at your leisure. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Fosshotel Reykjavík

DAY 6 | REYKJAVIK YOUR WAY

Explore Reykjavík with Insight Choice. Choose to experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at FlyOver to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. Alternatively, visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland, one of a kind exhibition to experience Iceland's natural beauty. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in the city. Perhaps unwind in the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon, take a stroll along the striking coastline, or explore the vibrant cafes and boutiques of the capital. With your newfound friends, toast to the culmination of your fascinating journey of discovery during dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 7 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

It's time to say goodbye to the Land of Fire and Ice and your fellow travellers as your Icelandic adventure comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Reykjavík | Witness nature's most spectacular light show, the Aurora Borealis.

Hvolsvöllur | See the magnificent volcanoes of Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull.

Skógafoss | Admire the majestic beauty of the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls.

Friðheimar | Meet a local family at their farm, sample homegrown tomatoes and learn about Icelandic horticulture and tomato cultivation.

Borgarnes | Meet Icelandic horses and learn about their extra gaits and double-layered coat that enables them to withstand tough winters.

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Reykjavík | Conclude your travels with dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

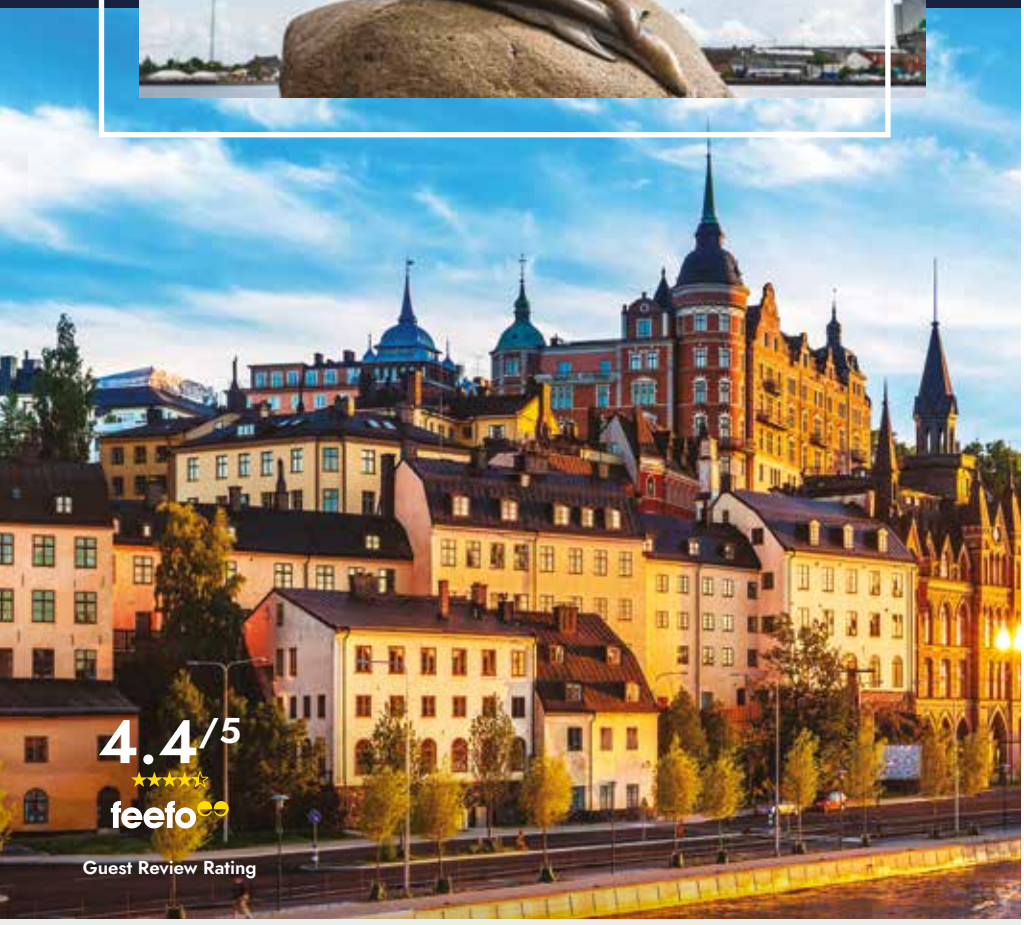
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Northern Capitals

Explore Helsinki's famed food market, marvel at Stockholm's iconic City Hall, and enjoy the historic charm of Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens.

10 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI
Welcome to Helsinki. Head out to explore the city before meeting your fellow travelling companions for a wonderful dinner with wine and time to hear the exciting plans awaiting you during your Northern Capitals tour. **(D)**
Hotel: Klaus K, Helsinki

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 14:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | DAY AT LEISURE IN HELSINKI
Helsinki is yours to stroll through at leisure. Enjoy Finland's quaint capital or take the opportunity to cruise across the Baltic Sea on an Optional Experience to Estonia, where you will visit Tallinn, its fairytale capital city. Take in the panoramic views from Toompea Hill before exploring the market square, home to a historic pharmacy and the iconic Town Hall. Enjoy time at leisure this afternoon to browse Tallinn's shops, famous for fine amber and silver jewellery before returning to Helsinki. **(B)**

DAY 3 | HELSINKI AND BALTIC CRUISE TO STOCKHOLM
Explore Helsinki, the trendsetting city of top fashion and design, alongside a Local Expert. Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market and sample local produce like liquorice or smoked reindeer. This afternoon, board your cruise ship for the overnight voyage to Sweden. Take in the breathtakingly beautiful scenery from the comfort of your A-Class, sea-view cabin whilst the northern sun hangs over the horizon as you enjoy dinner on board. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Serenade/Symphony - Tallink & Silja Line Ships

DAY 4 | STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS
Disembark your Baltic cruise and explore Stockholm with a Local Expert, visit the imposing City Hall with its impressive Gyllene salen, the Golden Hall, covered with 18 million gilded mosaic tiles and the Blå Hallen, the Blue Hall, the venue for the Nobel Prize banquets. Cross the harbour to Gamla Stan, the medieval heart of the city, to see the cathedral and the Royal Palace. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Scandic Continental, Stockholm

DAY 5 | STOCKHOLM
Stockholm, beautifully situated on 14 islands. Curate your day with Insight Choice. Dive into the exciting world of the Swedish music scene at ABBA The Museum where you can experience the Swedish pop group which became a world sensation. Or, uncover the spirited side of Swedish culture as you explore the country's centuries-old relationship with alcohol at the engaging Spirit Museum. **(B)**

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

DAY 6 | STOCKHOLM TO OSLO
Journey past Lake Vänern, the largest lake in Sweden and enjoy a scenic drive through Norway's lush forest landscapes to Oslo, Norway's fascinating capital. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Oslo

DAY 7 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO
Sightseeing with a Local Expert includes views of Akershus Castle and the Royal Palace. Walk around the Opera House and marvel at the striking contemporary architecture of the new Bjørvika district. Wander through Frogner Park, with its intriguing sculptures by Gustav Vigeland. The afternoon is at your leisure to continue exploring as you wish. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the world's most modern ski jump, Holmenkollen, or visit the legendary polar ship Fram, the world's strongest wooden vessel, and step into the lives of Norway's renowned Arctic explorers. Maybe explore City Hall where the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony is held or admire the artwork in the National Gallery. **(B)**

DAY 8 | FROM NORWAY TO DENMARK
Journey south through the Nordic countries from Oslo to Denmark taking in the lush scenery along the route. Stop in the city of Gothenburg before boarding the ferry for a short cruise to Denmark. Enjoy a view of Kronborg Castle, reputedly the Elsinore home of Hamlet, as you enter the Kingdom of Denmark and continue onwards to Copenhagen. Upon arrival, experience the magic of Tivoli Gardens, one of the world's oldest amusement parks and a beloved Danish landmark. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Copenhagen

DAY 9 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN
Explore Copenhagen with a Local Expert, taking in the sights of Denmark's capital, the Christiansborg Palace, seat of the Danish Government, Rosenborg Castle, Nyhavn and Amalienborg Palace, home of the royal family. Visit the waterfront to admire Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid gazing across the harbour. See the old town and admire the coloured houses with pretty squares and Copenhagen's 18th-century cathedral designed by Christian Frederik Hansen. This is where King Frederik X of Denmark married Queen Mary and is known for its neoclassical architecture. The rest of the day is at leisure. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at our hand-picked restaurant and enjoy a delicious dinner of sustainable ingredients, as you toast to the end of your Scandinavian adventure. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | FOND FAREWELL TO COPENHAGEN
Time to say goodbye to your new friends as your journey through the Nordic countries comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 06:30, 09:00 and 12:00.



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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Helsinki | Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market and sample local produce, like liquorice or smoked reindeer.
Explore the city of design and see its harbour.

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

Stockholm | *Insight Choice* Delve into Sweden's spirited past with a visit to the engaging Spirit Museum, tracing the nation's cultural connection with alcohol, *or* visit ABBA The Museum to explore the band's stories and virtually try on costumes, mix music and stand on stage with ABBA avatars.

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

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

Copenhagen | Dine at a Cofoco Group Restaurant, which is leading the way in minimising food waste and promoting a sustainable future. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 12: Affordable and Clean Energy & Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Baltic Sea | Dine with your fellow travellers whilst enjoying views of the setting sun over the horizon.

Stockholm | Savour the flavours of Sweden's capital city over dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Warsaw & The Baltic States

Uncover insights of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Explore Vilnius' Old Town and browse Riga's Central Market.

8 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 10 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E979

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - September

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE WARSAW

Welcome to Warsaw! Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director for dinner at an authentic local restaurant full of Polish charm that serves delicious traditional meals, accompanied by wine. **(D)**
Hotel: The Westin Warsaw

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING THE PROUD POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

A Local Expert will show you how well the Polish capital was restored after almost complete obliteration during World War II. This incredible restoration can be credited to the amazing detail of Canaletto's paintings! Pass the tiered Palace of Culture and stroll through Łazienki Park to the Chopin Memorial. Take a moment to reflect at the Monument to Ghetto Heroes, built in 1948 to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943. Then walk to the Market Square in the Old Town. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the University Botanic Gardens with a biologist. The garden's main function is the protection of biological diversity and the conservation of endangered Polish wild species. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Don't miss the chance to visit Wilanow Palace, the residence of Polish King Sobieski, known as Victor of Vienna, or perhaps attend an exclusive private recital of the music of Chopin, the celebrated Polish pianist. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | VILNIUS, VENERABLE CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA

Pass Augustów and Suwalki during your scenic journey through Masuria, a region rich in lakes and vast forests. Cross into Lithuania and continue to the capital city of Vilnius. See the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, the neoclassical cathedral and the charming Old Town. Your hotel for the next two nights is located in the heart of Vilnius. All major sights are within easy walking distance and you can enjoy views of the Old Town Square from the on-site restaurant. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Lietuva, Vilnius

DAY 4 | VILNIUS AND THE CASTLE OF TRAKAI

Visit the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, the neoclassical cathedral and the charming Old Town. Walk along the streets of bohemian Užupis, a Vilnius neighbourhood that proclaimed itself a republic in 2002. Your Local Expert introduces you to its quirky history and artistic flair. A highlight of your travels will be a visit to the fortified island castle of Trakai. Originally built in the 15th century and now restored to all its glory, this red-brick castle is located on an island in Lake Galvė. Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

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

DAY 5 | THE VOTIVE HILL OF CROSSES AND THE ART NOUVEAU NIRVANA OF RIGA
Head north to visit the unusual Votive Hill of Crosses near Šiauliai, the symbol of resistance against the Soviet occupation. Tonight, your hotel is set in the most ideal location, overlooking Riga's Vērmane Garden and just a short stroll from the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Latvija Conference & Spa, Riga

> *Tallinn is like stepping into a medieval postcard - cobblestone streets, colourful towers, and a creative buzz that makes it unforgettable.*
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> **TIM, TRAVEL EXPERIENCES**

DAY 6 | RIGA SIGHTSEEING AND ONTO TALLINN
Explore Riga's Old Town with your Local Expert, including a visit to the old aircraft hangars that now house the Riga Central Market, one of the largest in Eastern Europe. Enjoy the vibrant colours and flavours when sampling some of the local delicacies as you wander through the maze of stalls. Your travels continue along the shores of the Gulf of Riga and across the Estonian border to reach Tallinn. Hailed by travel aficionados as the new Prague, Tallinn is a lively city, where history and modern culture merge. From its brightly coloured architecture to its quirky art scenes, Tallinn is made for the curious and creative. **(B)**
Hotel: Swissotel Tallinn

DAY 7 | SURRENDER TO THE MAGIC OF TALLINN
Explore Tallinn with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walking tour with panoramic views leading to the Town Hall Square. Alternatively, stroll the fairytale Old Town and hear about Estonian artisans. Enjoy free time to browse Tallinn's shops, famous for fine amber and silver jewellery. Join your travelling companions at a local restaurant for a dinner. Toast to your trip, as you savour a freshly prepared meal, rich with traditional flavours and accompanied with wine. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | DEPART TALLINN
Your trip comes to an end after breakfast. **(B)**
TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 05:00 and 10:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Warsaw | See the Old Town, Palace of Culture and visit the Chopin Memorial in the Lazienki Park.

Vilnius | Discover the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Vilnius, a Baroque masterpiece filled with over 2,000 white stucco sculptures that create a breathtaking and serene spiritual atmosphere. Visit Užupis, a quirky neighbourhood of Vilnius. Learn how a small community of artists created this self-proclaimed republic in order to revitalise post-communist Vilnius.

Riga | Sightseeing of Riga's Old Town with a Local Expert includes a visit to the Domkirk and seeing the city walls, the House of the Three Brothers and the castle of the Livonian Knights.

Warsaw | Visit the University Botanic Gardens with a biologist. The garden's main function is the protection of biological diversity and the conservation of endangered Polish wild species. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Warsaw | Your dinner is at an authentic local restaurant full of Polish charm and serving delicious traditional meals accompanied with wine.

Vilnius | Your Travel Director offers you a varied selection of charming restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening, a culinary experience not to be missed.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Glories of Greece

Discover Greece in all its glory, visit the Acropolis, marvel at Meteora's Monasteries, explore Olympic history and master local cuisine at a cooking demonstration.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC





Trip code: I951B/W951

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS
Venture back to a time when great philosophers roamed the halls of the Agora and gods vied for supremacy. Embark on an unforgettable exploration of ancient myths and legends in the vibrant capital of Athens. Upon arrival, your Local Host will meet you and escort you to your hotel, where you can settle in and relax or explore the City of Violet Crown. This evening, join your Travel Director for dinner, savouring local cuisine whilst getting to know your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis/New, Athens/Athens Marriott

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | ATHENS, CITY OF GODS
Begin your journey into ancient Greece today, where the history of this remarkable civilisation comes to life. Explore Athens with an Insight Choice experience. Choose to visit the city's renowned ancient sites with a Local Expert, or venture into the dynamic Plaka neighbourhood, guided by your Travel Director. Next, venture to Thermopylae, the mountain pass where King Leonidas and his Spartan warriors made their legendary stand against the Persians in 480 B.C. Pay tribute at the memorial honouring their courage before continuing to your hotel in Kalambaka for a delicious dinner crafted from fresh, seasonal ingredients. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Divani Meteora/Grand Meteora, Kalambaka

DAY 3 | THE PINNACLES OF METEORA
With your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora, meaning 'suspended in the air', renowned for its uniquely strange and beautiful landscape featuring monasteries perched atop towering rock formations. Originally, twenty-four of these monasteries were built despite incredible difficulties; today, only six remain active and open to the public for viewing. This awe-inspiring backdrop has graced the scenes of numerous movies and TV shows, such as James Bond's film 'For Your Eyes Only' and Game of Thrones. Visit one of the monasteries to see the collection of ancient religious artefacts, including icons and frescoes and witness the daily routines of the resident monks. Learn about their spiritual practices and enjoy stunning views over the Peneios Valley. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Consider a relaxed walk along the nature trails or a visit to the Natural History Museum. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | THE SACRED WAY AND ONTO OLYMPIA
Travel south, stopping at the foothills of Mount Parnassus. Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. Pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall,

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

with its interlocking stones still perfectly intact after thousands of years. You'll approach the Temple of Apollo, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words,' rumoured to have successfully predicted events related to the Argonauts' expedition and the Trojan War. Your travels continue to Olympia, where dinner will be served at your hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Amalia Olympia/Olympion Asty

> *This tour will delight you daily with ancient history, incredible sights and delicious food. But, the towering heights of the monasteries of Meteora...simply breathtaking and a personal favourite.*
>
> **NATALIE, TRAVEL DIRECTOR**

DAY 5 | ANCIENT OLYMPIA

It's all in the name. Ancient Olympia is the site where the Ancient Olympic Games began in 776 B.C., in dedication to Zeus. See the ruined Temple of Zeus that was built to honour the ruler of the gods. Continue your exploration through time to the athletes' gymnasium and the Ancient Stadium of Olympia with its characteristic arch. The start and finish points for the sprint track are still marked by stones and there is time to capture your own memory, with a photo at the starting line. In the evening, join a local chef who will share with you their passion for local ingredients and high-quality products with an entertaining and immersive cooking demonstration, showcasing classic Greek cuisine. Experience authentic Greek regional flavours, as you savour dishes prepared for your dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 | MYCENAE AND NAFPLIO

Today you leave the town of Olympia and begin your journey back to the Greek capital. Stop for a visit at the ruined city of Mycenae with a Local Expert. Walk through the Lion Gate, visit the royal beehive-tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones, used to build the city walls. Travel to the elegant town of Nafplio known for its beautiful architecture, colourful shops and vibrant cafes. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet Maria and her daughter to learn about the ancient techniques of hand weaving. Your journey continues, following the shores of the Saronic Gulf to pass the Corinth Canal, dividing the Peloponnese and mainland Greece, before arriving in Athens. In the evening, enjoy a hearty dinner in true Greek style with good company. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis/New, Athens/Athens Marriott

DAY 7 | DEPART ATHENS

This morning after breakfast, bid a fond antío to newfound friends as your unforgettable Grecian odyssey comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Athens Airport at 07:00 and 10:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Athens | *Insight Choice* Stroll through the ancient streets of Plaka, known as the "Neighbourhood of the Gods" under the guidance of your Travel Director, *or* get up close and personal with ancient Greece as you explore this city with a Local Expert. Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens.

Meteora | Visit one of the remarkable centuries-old monasteries, teetering on towers of rock.

Delphi | Walk to the Sacred Way, and take in the Athenian Treasury, Polygonal Wall and Temple of Apollo.

Olympia | Join a local chef for a cooking demonstration and learn how to make tzatziki and other regional dishes.

Archaeological Site of Olympia | Explore the Stadium of Olympia, see the Temple of Zeus, athletes' gymnasium and the stone marker where the sprint began.

Archaeological Site of Mycenae | Walk through the Lion Gate, where Schliemann uncovered golden treasures, as your Local Expert shares tales of Agamemnon.

Nafplio | Visit the atelier of Maria Gonidou, a celebrated artisan to learn traditional Greek weaving techniques. Watch a live demonstration and explore a boutique filled with one-of-a-kind pieces. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Athens | Indulge in local specialities with your fellow travellers as you savour dinner in one of the city's historic neighbourhoods. Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner in true Greek style at a local restaurant or the hotel restaurant.

Olympia | Taste unique Greek flavours and savour regional specialities over dinner.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

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Thermopylae | See the Leonidas Monument dedicated to the brave warrior and his 300 Spartans.

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Treasures of Greece & The Islands

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED



Experience Athens' historic Acropolis, Santorini's breathtaking sunsets and Mykonos' charming beaches on a captivating tour of Greece and the islands.

Immerse yourself in the splendour of the Greek Isles.

Starting in Athens, visit the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian before ascending to the iconic Acropolis and its majestic Parthenon. See the memorial dedicated to legendary Leonidas and his courageous Spartans and explore one of the hilltop monasteries of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora. Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi to reach the Temple of Apollo and walk through the Lion Gate into the ancient city of Mycenae. Embrace local tradition as you meet the artisans of a local hand-weaving workshop during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Sail to Santorini for two full sun-drenched days, where you can unwind at clifftop restaurants, wander cobblestone streets, and witness one of the world's best sunsets. Explore the maze-like walkways of white-washed Mykonos, sunbathe on its dazzling beaches, and soak in the beauty of this enchanting island paradise. On your final day, a transfer will take you to Athens airport.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

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

Trip code: I953

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

Grecian Fables

15 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 32 MEALS | BALANCED



Journey across the Aegean Sea, cruising to the islands of Crete, Santorini and Mykonos. Visit the ancient sites of Athens and explore Ephesus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Embark on an adventure through Greece with a cruise to Turkey, Crete and the Greek Islands.

In Athens, a Local Expert will guide you through the rich history of the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Acropolis, and the Temple of Athena Nike. Sail to Crete and Santorini, where the iconic town of Thira offers panoramic views of the crescent-shaped island. Explore Mykonos and navigate its maze of narrow walkways to a traditional taverna for a delightful Greek salad or fresh-caught fish. In Kusadasi, a Local Expert will reveal the wonders of the ancient ruins of Ephesus, including the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Experience these captivating destinations on a journey filled with sights and insights. On the final day of your trip, a transfer will take you to Athens airport.

See your full itinerary, hotels and all experiences online.



KEY

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

Trip code: I989

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Athens | Insight Choice Stroll through the ancient streets of Plaka, known as the "Neighbourhood of the Gods" under the guidance of your Travel Director, or get up close and personal with ancient Greece as you explore this city with a Local Expert. Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens.

Meteora | Visit one of the remarkable centuries-old monasteries, teetering on towers of rock.

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Archaeological Site of Olympia | Explore the Stadium of Olympia, see the Temple of Zeus, athletes' gymnasium and the stone marker where the sprint began.

Olympia | Join a local chef for a cooking demonstration and learn how to make tzatziki and other regional dishes.

Ephesus | Walk the Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and Amphitheatre and visit the House of the Virgin Mary.

Nafplio | Visit the atelier of Maria Gonidou, a celebrated artisan to learn traditional Greek weaving techniques. Watch a live demonstration and explore a boutique filled with one-of-a-kind pieces. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Athens | Indulge in local specialities with your fellow travellers as you savour dinner in one of the city's historic neighbourhoods.

Olympia | Taste unique Greek flavours and savour regional specialities over dinner.

Athens | Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner in true Greek style at a local restaurant or the hotel restaurant.

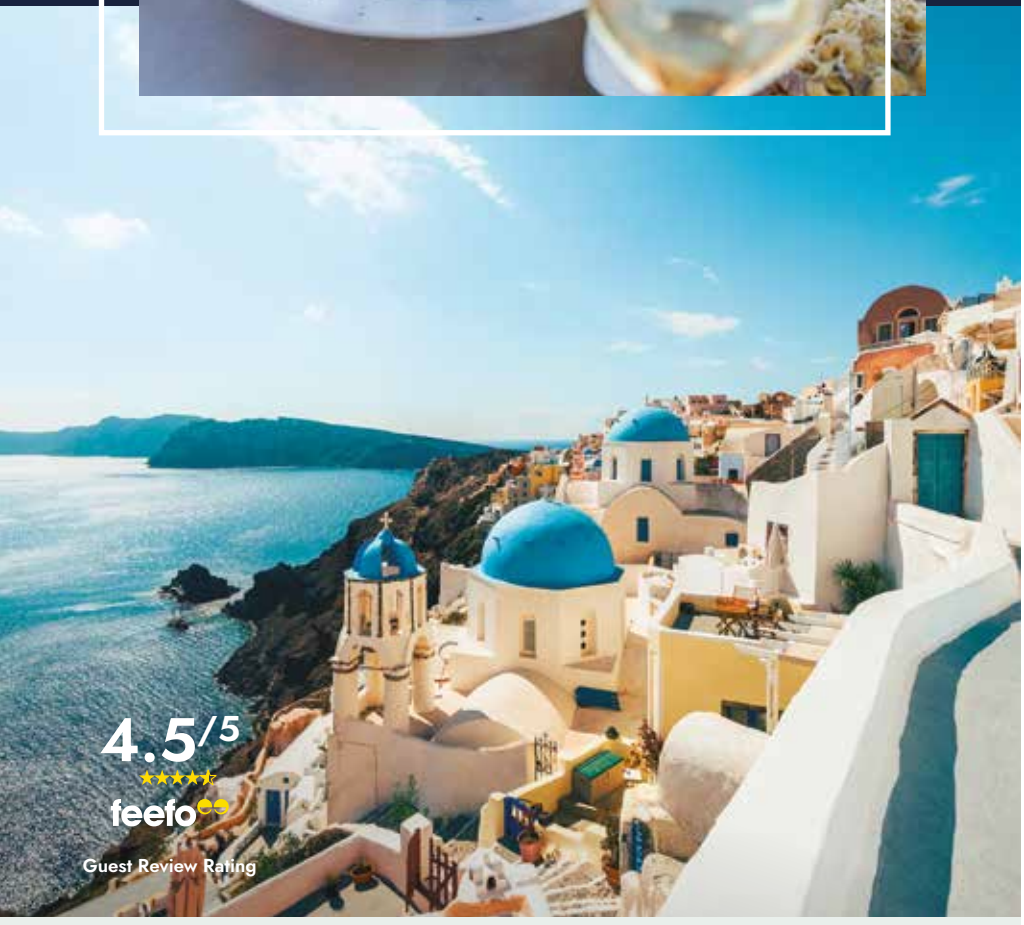
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Greek Island Hopper

Set sail for the island of Santorini and Mykonos' narrow alleys followed by a private tasting of traditional Mykonian cuisine.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY





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Trip code: I956A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS
Venture back to a time when great philosophers roamed the halls of the Agora and gods vied for supremacy. Embark on an unforgettable exploration of ancient myths and legends in the vibrant capital of Athens. Upon arrival, your Local Host will meet you and escort you to your hotel, where you can settle in and relax or explore the City of Violet Crown. This evening, join your Travel Director for dinner, savouring local cuisine whilst getting to know your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis/New, Athens/Athens Marriott

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | ATHENS SIGHTSEEING
Begin your journey into ancient Greece today, where the history of this remarkable civilisation comes to life. Explore Athens with an Insight Choice experience. Choose to visit the city's renowned ancient sites with a Local Expert, or venture into the dynamic Plaka neighbourhood, guided by your Travel Director. The rest of your day is at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 3 | DEPART FOR SANTORINI
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the port for the early ferry to Santorini. Famed for the scattered white Cycladic houses that rest upon its cliffs, Santorini is a dreamy getaway. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and take time to relax. Why not take a dip in the pool? In the evening join your fellow travellers for a refreshing cocktail as you watch the sunset over the caldera and the Aegean Sea. **(B)**
Hotel: Orama/The Majestic/El Greco Resort & Spa

DAY 4 | SANTORINI
Today, you'll delve into the geological history of Santorini. In the morning, a Local Expert will reveal the secrets of this volcanic island and its dramatic caldera, uncovering the fascinating story of its formation. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. Why not head out for a swim at Ammoudi Bay, pay a visit to the Santorini Wine Museum, or ask your Travel Director for some restaurant recommendations? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 5 | SANTORINI AT LEISURE
With a day at leisure, why not take the opportunity to visit the site of Akrotiri, an ancient city covered by volcanic ash and unearthed in 1967. If shopping is to your liking, spend your time walking the white walled alleyways, browsing the many shops and taking in the breathtaking views of the caldera. You may wish to take the opportunity to climb up the top of the volcano, swim in the hot springs and

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

relax on-board a wooden Caique, setting sail for the sunset and the beautiful village of Oia high above the cliffside. **(B) (RS)**

> *Athens, Santorini, and Mykonos were wonderful. It was a great combination of interesting sites and free time.*
>
> **OUR GUEST JO ANN**
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> ★★★★★

DAY 6 | MYKONOS SIGHTSEEING
After your breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the port for the ferry sailing to Mykonos. Upon arrival you'll be transferred to your hotel. Explore the town of Mykonos with a Local Expert and discover the maze of pretty alleyways of stunning Cycladic houses lining the island mountainside. See the famous windmills, the Matogianni Alleys and of course, Little Venice. Later, make a welcoming stop to taste a selection of local delicacies and learn the secrets of Mykonian cuisine. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Despotiko/Dorion/Porto Mykonos

DAY 7 | MYKONOS AT LEISURE
Today, you'll have free time to explore as you wish, with many exciting adventures to choose from. Why not explore the picturesque Mykonos Town and the beautiful port area? Or visit Delos, once a Sacred Island and the legendary birthplace of God Apollo and his twin sister Artemis. Today, Delos is one of the most important archaeological sites of the eastern Mediterranean. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | MYKONOS
Board your kaiki for a real Insight Experience: a traditional boat, where you'll meet a Greek captain to cruise around the stunning, world-famous Little Venice of Mykonos whilst you learn more about life on the island. Sit back and relax as you enjoy views of the iconic windmills (weather permitting). **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | DEPART MYKONOS
After breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred to the port of Mykonos to board the ship to Piraeus in Athens. Once here you will be met at the port and transferred to your Athens hotel. Enjoy your last night with your fellow travellers at dinner to toast your experiences. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis/New, Athens/Athens Marriott

DAY 10 | DEPART ATHENS
Bid a fond antío to your Greek island journey as it comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Athens Airport at 07:00 and 10:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Athens | *Insight Choice* Stroll through the ancient streets of Plaka, known as the "Neighbourhood of the Gods" under the guidance of your Travel Director, *or* get up close and personal with ancient Greece as you explore this city with a Local Expert. Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens.

Santorini | Marvel at the beauty of the Aegean Sea as you sail the waters to Santorini.
Meet a local geology expert and learn how the Santorini caldera, one of Earth's natural wonders, was formed 3,500 years ago.

Mykonos | Enjoy the ferry ride from Santorini to Mykonos with beautiful views of the surrounding islands.
Explore Mykonos Town with a Local Expert and wander the beautiful blue and white streets.
Meet a Greek captain on a traditional caique to cruise the coast of Mykonos and learn about life on the island.

Premium Dining

Athens | Indulge in local specialities with your fellow travellers as you savour dinner in one of the city's historic neighbourhoods.
Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner in true Greek style at a local restaurant or the hotel restaurant.

Santorini | What better way to start your island adventure than to sip on a cocktail as you take in one of the world's most beautiful sunsets.

Mykonos | Taste the flavours of the island through its local delicacies.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Greece Undiscovered

Explore the Acropolis in Athens, visit a family-run honey farm with a local beekeeper in Delphi and discover archaeological treasures in Crete.

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 21 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS
Begin your Greece Undiscovered adventure in Athens by joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a delightful dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis/New, Athens/Athens Marriott

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | THE GLORIOUS CITY OF ATHENS
Delve into history at the Acropolis and the 5th-century B.C. Parthenon. View the Panathenaic Stadium, Hadrian's Arch, Temple of Zeus, Parliament building, the tomb of the unknown soldier and the trilogy of Athens. This evening, choose to join an optional dinner experience in lively Psiri. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ANCIENT DION AND ON TO THESSALONIKI
Embark to the battle site of Thermopylae to see the memorial dedicated to Leonidas and his Spartans. Stop at the archaeological park of Ancient Dion, the mythical home of the 12 Greek Gods. In Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece, dine on northern Greek cuisine food. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: MonAsty, Thessaloniki

DAY 4 | THESSALONIKI YOUR WAY
Thessaloniki is yours to discover with Insight Choice. Explore the old town or "Ano Poli" to take in views of the city below. Or, indulge your foodie side exploring Thessaloniki city whilst sampling local delicacies. **(B)**

DAY 5 | VERGINA, METSOVO AND ON TO IOANNINA
Vergina is a treasure trove of important remains including a monumental palace and burial ground with more than 300 tumuli. Your Local Expert reveals the tomb where Alexander the Great's father Philippos is believed to be buried. Continue your discovery at the Polycentric Museum of Aigai. Visit the traditional mountain town of Metsovo before arriving in Ioannina for dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Du Lac, Ioannina

DAY 6 | PICTURESQUE IOANNINA
Discover Ioannina's history as you walk inside the castle walls of the old fortified city, the Kastro, punctuated with ancient towers. View Lake Pamvotis before cruising to the quiet island of Ioannina by local boat. **(B)**

DAY 7 | NAFPAKTOS TO GALAXIDI
A beautiful harbour and the site of the Great Sea battle of Lepanto, scenery and history are revealed on your visit to the Venetian town of Nafpaktos. Continue your travels to Galaxidi, where you'll delight at views from your seaside restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ganimede/Nostos/Epavlis Boutique, Galaxidi

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

DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - October

For dates, prices and to choose your group size, call your Travel Agent or visit **insightvacations.com/greece-undiscovered**

Trip code: I951/W952

DAY 8 | DELPHI WITH A LOCAL EXPERT
Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. Pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall and approach the Temple of Apollo. Meet a beekeeper on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. **(B)**

DAY 9 | ON TO NAFPLION
Journey across the impressive Rio-Andirio bridge to the Peloponnese. Delight your palate over a winery tour and tasting with lunch in Nemea. In Nafplio, explore Neoclassical buildings, the first parliament of modern Greece, and the central square with your Travel Director. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Ippoliti/3Sixty/Castellano, Nafplion

DAY 10 | THE BEAUTY OF NAFPLION
Classical Greek culture is revealed on your visit to the ruined city of Mycenae. Walk through the Lion Gate, visit the royal beehive-tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones. Visit the Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus, one of the best-preserved amphitheatres in Greece. Before returning to Nafplion, stop for a tasting at a local olive oil grove. **(B)**

DAY 11 | HERAKLION, CRETE'S CAPITAL
Take a guided walking tour to see the Koules Fortress, the Venetian Loggia, Morosini Fountain, the Basilica of St Mark, the Church of Agios Titus, the monastery of St Catherine and the Cathedral of Agios Minas. This evening, indulge in local dishes paired with the 'fiery' local drink, raki. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Megaron, Heraklion

DAY 12 | HERAKLION SIGHTSEEING
The island of Crete has drawn historians and travellers just like you to its shores. Explore the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Further your discovery of the island and its past on a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion with a Local Expert. **(B)**

DAY 13 | RETHYMNO AND ON TO CHANIA
One of the best-preserved medieval towns in Greece, Rethymno will enchant the most curious of travellers. Take a walking tour past the Venetian buildings as well as Ottoman domes and minarets before arriving in Chania for the night. **(B)**
Hotel: Samaria, Chania

DAY 14 | CHANIA, THE OLD TOWN
Visit the monuments in the old town and the Ottoman district of Splantzia. Explore the Jewish district with its famous Etz Hayyim synagogue. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner in a traditional Cretan restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 15 | FAREWELL GREECE
After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Chania airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

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



KEY
Join/Leave Options · Included Flights · UNESCO Heritage Site · 1 Hotels and Nights · Place Visited



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Athens | Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion's Porch of the Maidens.

Thessaloniki | *Insight Choice* Explore Thessaloniki and its cuisine, perfect for local-food-lovers, *or* explore the historical city of Thessaloniki with your Local Expert.

Vergina | Visit the UNESCO-protected ancient city of Aiga (Vergina) and its archaeological museum, see the monumental palace and burial grounds.

Delphi | Walk to the Sacred Way, and take in the Athenian Treasury, Polygonal Wall and Temple of Apollo.

Nafplion | Meet a sommelier at Nemea winery to learn about Greek winemaking and sample wine paired with local cheeses and cured meats.

Archaeological Site of Mycenae | Walk through the Lion Gate, where Schliemann uncovered golden treasures, as your Local Expert shares tales of Agamemnon.

Heraklion | Enjoy a guided visit to the Palace of Minos at Knossos.

Chania | Explore the fusion of Venetian and Ottoman archaeology, visit the key monuments of the old town and the Ottoman district of Splantzia.

Delphi | Visit a family-run honey farm for an educational tour about bees and taste the rich thyme honey produced in the valley of olive trees. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Heraklion | Experience a traditional Cretan feast served family-style to share at a local restaurant.

Chania | Toast the culmination of your travels with dinner in true Greek style at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Jordan Experience with Dead Sea Option

Get up close and personal to magic, mystery and history in the Greco-Roman city of Jerash, Amman and the UNESCO-listed wonders of Petra and Wadi Rum.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

Trip code: I889/W889

DAY 1 | ARRIVE AMMAN

Your journey begins in Amman, the innovative white stone capital city of Jordan. The landscape of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has remained largely unchanged for 2,000 years. On arrival at Amman International airport, you will be transferred to your hotel, where you can choose to relax and settle in or explore at your leisure. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**

Hotel: Amman Rotana

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING AMMAN AND JERASH

Today, you will join two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences. First, delve into the inspiring work of a woman's cooperative in Iraq Al-Amir, which empowers women and girls from nearby Wadi Al Seer villages with training and work opportunities, helping them to become financially independent whilst preserving local heritage. Then, the journey to Jerash reveals the most beautifully preserved Greco-Roman city still in existence. Enter through Hadrian's Arch to explore the grand ruins of the temples of Artemis and Zeus, where you can listen to the Whispering Column. Overlook the vast Oval Plaza and Cardo Maximus, the key Roman Road. Second, visit Beit Khairat Souf, a women-owned cafe dedicated to combatting female unemployment and fostering a strong community of women leaders, and savour an al fresco lunch of natural produce and family recipes. Return to Amman, where the rest of the day is at leisure. **(B) (L)**

DAY 3 | MOUNT NEBO, MADABA, SHOBAK AND ON TO PETRA

Continue to Mount Nebo, one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, where Moses is said to have stood and seen before him the Promised Land. In Madaba, visit the famous Greek Orthodox Church of St. George with its amazing 6th-century mosaic map depicting the entire Holy Land, stretching from Jordan and Palestine in the north to Egypt in the south. Afterwards, indulge in a Farm-to-Table lunch with fresh local organic produce, and learn how they connect with local farmers to build a community of conscious food producers. Follow the King's Highway to visit Shobak, an authentic 12th-century crusader fortress perched on the side of a rocky mountain. Admire the towers and Arabic calligraphy on the external walls before stepping inside to discover the original Crusader chapel, palace complex, and even a set of secret passages. Later, head south for one of the highlights of your journey: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Petra, voted one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. **(B) (L) (D)**

Hotel: Grand Mercure Petra

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

DAY 4 | EXPLORING THE LOST CITY OF PETRA

This day is devoted to the beautiful 'rose-red city, half as old as time', half-built and half-carved into the rock. It is one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture. You enter this 'Lost City', undiscovered by the Western world until 1812, through a narrow gorge, the Siq, with walls that rise up to 200 metres. Upon emerging from the path, you will behold the magnificent Treasury (Al-Khazneh), Petra's most iconic monument, carved out of solid rock and standing over 40 metres high. Wind your way through the canyon to explore the ancient tombs and the Roman Amphitheatre, which once seated 3,000 spectators. Tonight, taste authentic Jordanian flavours as you experience a traditional desert dinner with locals amidst the stunning backdrop at the Ammarin Bedouin camp. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | WADI RUM WITH THE BEDOUIN

Head to Wadi Rum, the Valley of the Moon and a UNESCO World Heritage Site recognised for its natural drama and cultural significance. Described as "Vast, echoing and God-like" by British officer T.E. Lawrence, it has served as a backdrop for several movies, most notably the classic film Lawrence of Arabia. Enjoy a jeep safari through its majestic, red-hued, Mars-like desert landscape, where you will see stunning rock formations and learn about the history of the area and the local Bedouin culture. In Aqaba, the only coastal city in Jordan, delve into mosaic designs during a Stone Mosaic Class—an ancient Jordanian tradition that provides a fascinating glimpse into the past. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Mövenpick Aqaba

DAY 6 | AMMAN

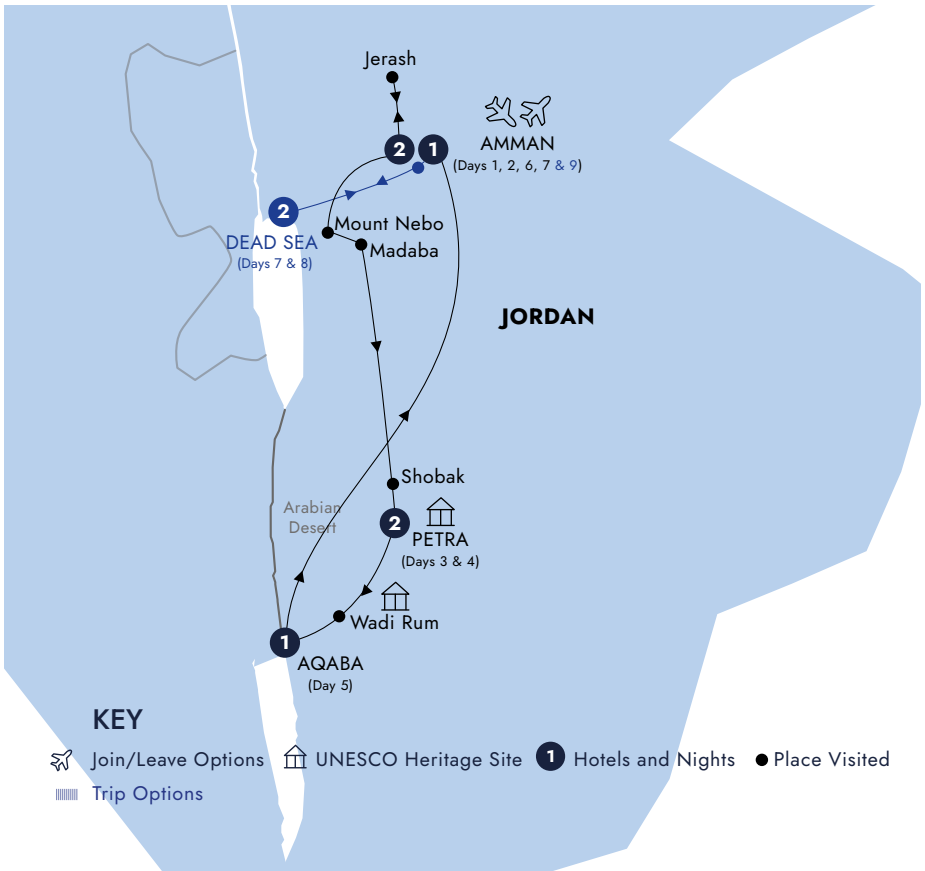
Explore Amman, where ancient history meets modern life, with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided sightseeing experience, highlighting the city's history, architecture and culture. Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour that will provide you with a new perspective on Jordan's capital. Later, settle in at your hotel and spend the rest of your day at leisure. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner paired with wine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 | DEPART AMMAN

After breakfast, you are transferred to Amman Airport for your onwards flight. For those continuing their adventure to the Dead Sea, indulge in pampering treatments at your resort to soothe the body and mind. Immerse yourself in mineral-rich waters and feel your body become lighter and buoyant as you float effortlessly. **(B)**

Dead Sea Option

Personalise your holiday by adding a two-day Dead Sea extension. See insightvacations.com for more details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Jerash | Explore the ancient metropolis, the finest surviving Greco-Roman city in the world.

Mount Nebo | Take in the view of Moses' Promised Land, where the ruins are a sight to behold.

Petra | Explore the 'rose-red' city, see the Treasury (Al-Khazneh) and discover the Roman Amphitheatre and ancient tombs.

Aqaba | Join a stone mosaic class to learn about the ancient art of mosaic design and craft your own masterpiece.

Wadi Rum | Enjoy a jeep safari deep into the heart of the majestic desert.

Amman | *Insight Choice* Explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour, *or* join a guided tour of Citadel, the grand Roman Amphitheatre and the Archaeological Museum.

Amman | Visit the Iraq-Al Amir Women's Co-operative to learn traditional handicraft skills and admire the work supporting their financial livelihoods. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 5 & 11: Gender Equality & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Amman | Enjoy lunch at Beit Khairat Souf, a female-owned cafe in the Bataresh family home supporting local women's financial independence.

Madaba | Savour a Farm-to-Table lunch at Carob House and learn about their community-driven support for conscious food production.

Petra | Taste authentic Jordanian flavours with a traditional desert dinner at Ammarin Bedouin camp.

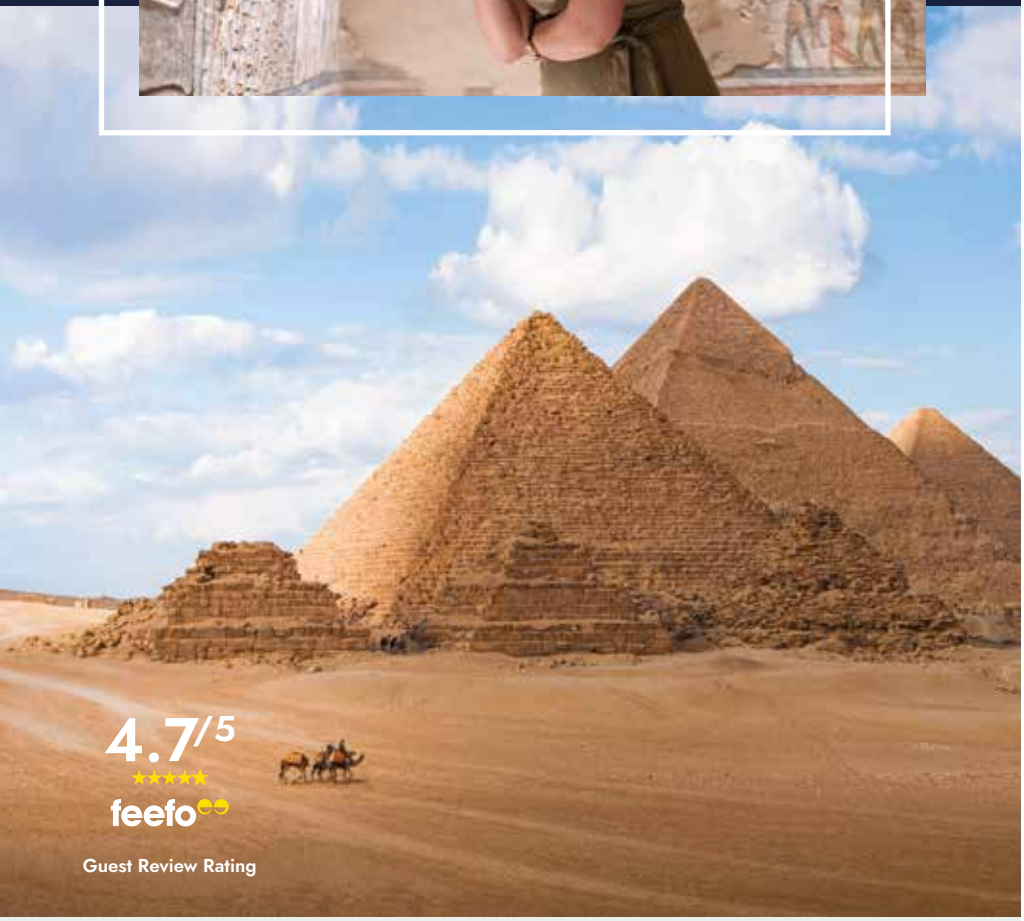
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Wonders of Egypt

Pharaohs to pyramids & beyond: Walk through Karnak's avenue of sphinxes and board a felucca setting sail along the Nile.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CAIRO
Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs and home to the great Pyramid of Giza, one of the seven wonders of the Ancient World. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers over a drink, toasting the start of your Egyptian adventure.
Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE
In the morning, meet your Travel Director and fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next four nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artefacts. Enjoy dinner on the ship before relaxing in the ship lounge or in the comfort of your room. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam

DAY 3 | VALLEY OF THE KINGS TO EDFU
This morning, travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun. Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, whilst they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life. Visit the massive Luxor Temple complex, which archaeologists began excavating in the 1860s and didn't complete until the 1960s. Return to your cruise ship and sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu, for your overnight stay. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 4 | KOM OMBO TO ASWAN
In the early morning sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt dedicated to two gods. Discover the Temple, learning all about its 'double' and perfectly symmetrical design for the duo of gods – one side dedicated to Sobek, the crocodile god, and the other to Horus the Elder, the falcon god. Indulge your culinary side during an Egyptian cooking demonstration or tea with the Captain for your Insight Choice experience. This evening, enjoy a fun-filled traditional Egyptian themed dinner and galabeya party on board your ship. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | ASWAN'S HIGH DAM AND NILE FELUCCA
Visit the Aswan High Dam and granite quarries, to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis. Rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae, it was the last temple built in the

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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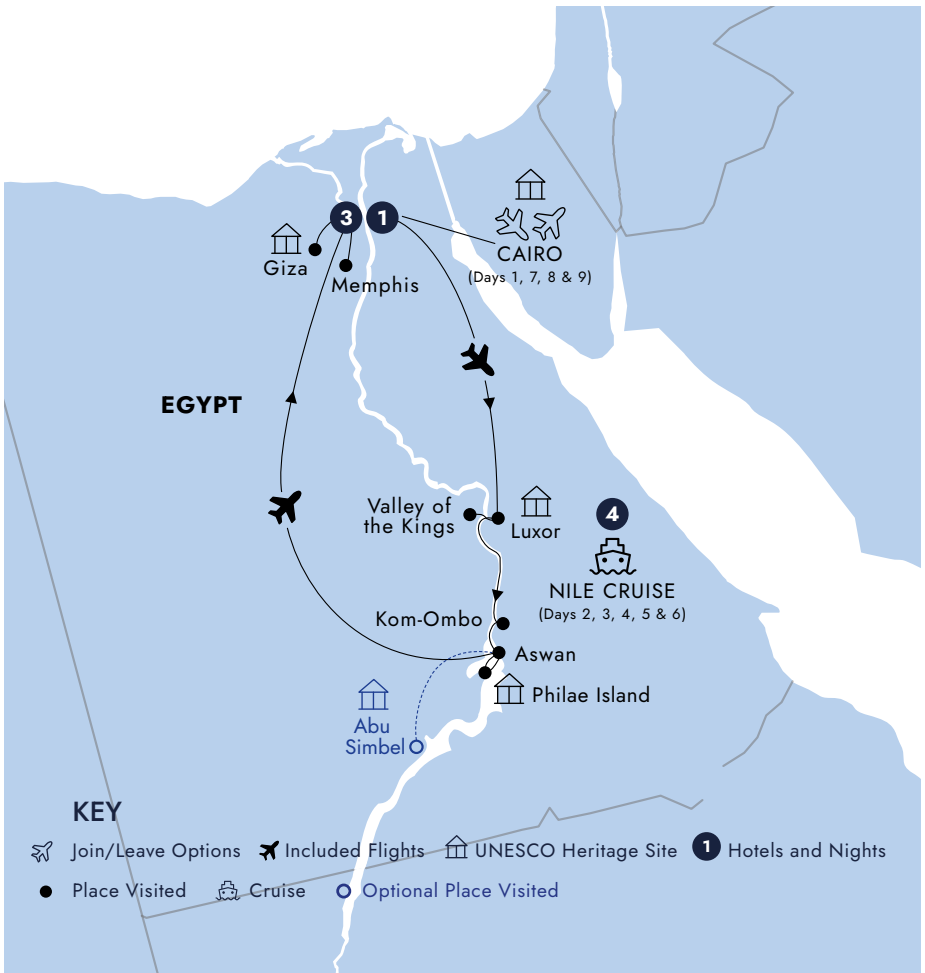
classical Egyptian style. Later, on a traditional Nile Felucca, meet a sailor and learn about traditional sailing practices. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel. The likes of Sir Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie stayed at this pretty venue, and Christie supposedly wrote "Death on the Nile" from the hotel itself. Return to Philae Island, this evening, for the atmospheric Sound and Light Show, where the temple's illuminated facade brings ancient myths to life in a vivid display across the Nile. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 6 | ASWAN AND BACK TO CAIRO
This morning, disembark your cruise ship and enjoy time at leisure in Aswan. Why not join an Optional Experience and travel by air to the magnificent Temples of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Otherwise, spend the morning as you wish. Perhaps soak up the African atmosphere in the Nubian bazaar or visit one of the many points of interest nearby, such as the Botanical Gardens, Elephantine Island and the Aga Khan Mausoleum. Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo for the night. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

DAY 7 | CAIRO SIGHTSEEING
Begin your city sightseeing with your Egyptologist by exploring the Cairo Citadel, a medieval Islamic-era fortification that served as the seat of the Egyptian government for almost seven centuries, and visit the Great Alabaster Mosque. Later, visit the remarkable treasures from Tutankhamun's tomb. **(B)**

DAY 8 | THE GREAT PYRAMIDS OF GIZA
Gain a deeper understanding of the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World during a visit to Giza with your Egyptologist. Stand in awe before the Pyramids and meet the enigmatic Sphinx, poised at the foot of the Chephren's Causeway. Venture inside one of the ancient tombs. Journey onward to Memphis, the capital of the Old Kingdom, to see the colossal statue of Ramesses II and the impressive Alabaster Sphinx. At Sakkara, marvel at the Step Pyramid of Zoser, Egypt's oldest, dating back to around 2700 B.C. Visit a local weaving school for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This evening, raise a glass and savour canapes with your newfound friends. **(B)**

DAY 9 | DEPART CAIRO
Your wonderful Egyptian adventure comes to an end after breakfast. Transfer to Cairo airport. **(B)**





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

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

Cairo | With your Egyptologist, admire the remarkable treasures of Tutankhamun.

Giza | Meet the enigmatic Sphinx and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids.

Cairo | Meet the skilled artisans at a weaving school and learn about the traditional art of Egyptian carpet weaving. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

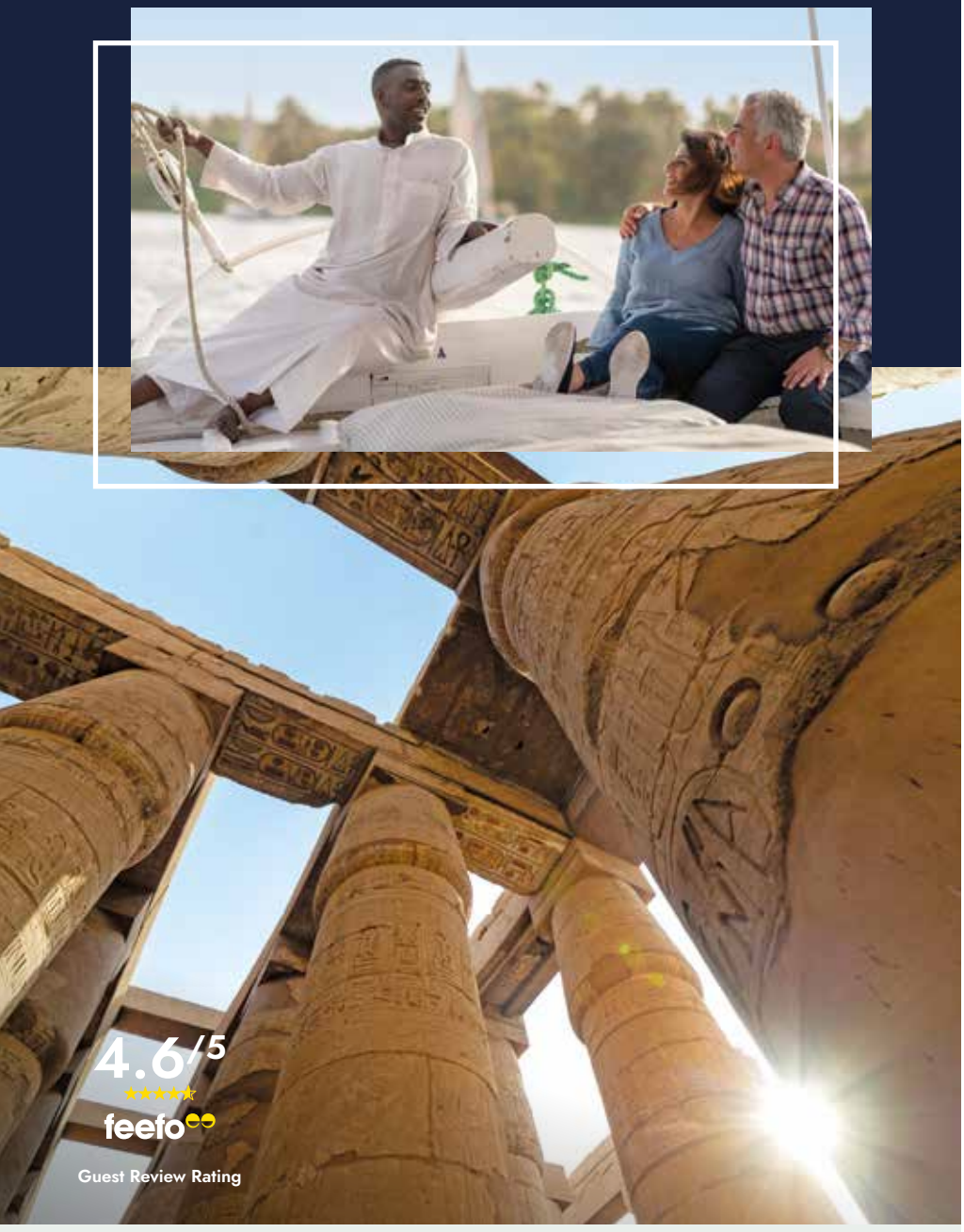
Aswan | Indulge in high tea at Aswan's iconic Old Cataract Hotel, following in the footsteps of Sir Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Splendours of Egypt

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

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 25 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CAIRO
Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs. Later, get acquainted with your Travel Director and fellow travellers over a drink, toasting the start of your Egyptian adventure.
Hotel: Cairo Marriott & Omar Khayyam Casino

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE
In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the vast temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next seven nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum and admire its collection of ancient artefacts. In the evening, enjoy dinner on the ship and unwind at your leisure. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: MS Medea or MS Miriam

DAY 3 | DENDERA AND ON TO EDFU
Visit the Temple of Hathor in Dendera, one of the best-preserved temples in Egypt. It contains a rare depiction of Cleopatra and her son Caesarion. Return to your ship and enjoy a scenic journey via the Esna Lock to Edfu. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 4 | EDFU TO ASWAN
Cruise along the Nile to Kom Ombo before continuing on to the city of Aswan, famous for its archaeological sites such as the Philae temple complex and the Temple of Isis. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 5 | ASWAN'S HIGH DAM AND TEMPLE OF ISIS
Today's sightseeing includes a visit to Aswan's High Dam and granite quarries, where you'll see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. Enjoy a retelling of the Nile flood and the stories of the goddesses Isis and Hathor in a Roman-style theatre. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 6 | FELUCCAS AND HIGH TEA
Throughout your journey, you'll have seen many feluccas sailing along the Nile. Now it's your turn to explore one for yourself. On board this traditional vessel, meet a local sailor who shares the history and techniques behind navigating this culturally significant boat. Visit the local women's co-op on your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and see how scrap materials are transformed into fine handicrafts. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel. Round off the day with an atmospheric Sound and Light Show at Philae Island, where the temple's illuminated facade becomes the stage for tales of Isis, Hathor and the sacred Nile. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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DAY 7 | FREE TIME AND ON TO KOM OMBO
With the morning free, perhaps join an Optional Experience to Abu Simbel. Later, sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt, dedicated to two gods: the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | CRUISING THE NILE TO LUXOR
Your cruise continues along the bustling waters of the Nile. Keep your cameras at the ready for the sights as you leisurely make your way to Luxor. In the evening, visit Luxor Temple, where you dock for the night. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 9 | EXPLORE LUXOR AND FLY TO CAIRO
Disembark from your cruise and travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun. Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family. Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. **(B)**
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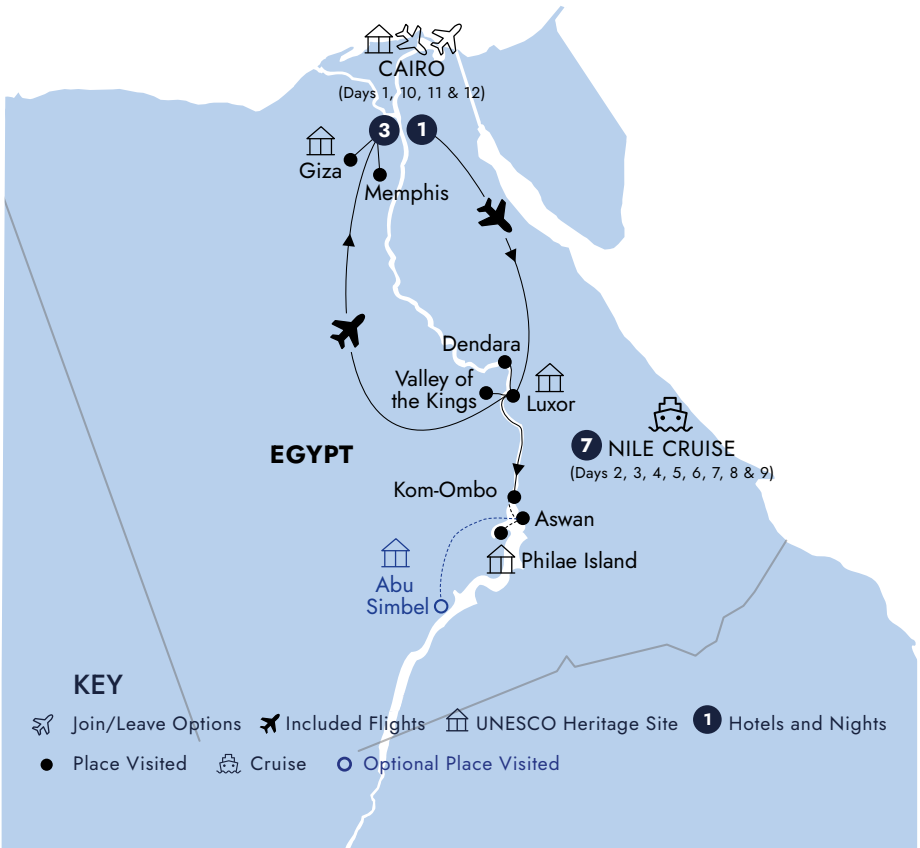
DAY 10 | CAIRO SIGHTSEEING
Ascend to the Citadel for sweeping views over the city. Whilst here, visit the Alabaster Mosque, otherwise known as the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, regarded as the founder of modern Egypt. Continue to the home of a remarkable collection of ancient artefacts, including the treasures of Tutankhamun. **(B)**

DAY 11 | CAIRO AND THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA
Head to Memphis, the legendary capital of the ancient world. See the colossal statue of Ramses II and the Great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to view the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest in Egypt, dating back to 2700 B.C. This afternoon, journey to Giza to come face-to-face with the enigmatic Sphinx. Gather at your hotel with your Travel Director and fellow travellers to share canapes and a drink, marking the end of your unforgettable journey. **(B)**

DAY 12 | DEPART CAIRO
After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. **(B)**

Women-Only Option

We also offer an exclusive Women-Only departure for this tour. Designed by women, for women, this inspiring journey welcomes up to 24 like-minded guests and features enriching experiences that support female-owned businesses. To read the full itinerary visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent.





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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

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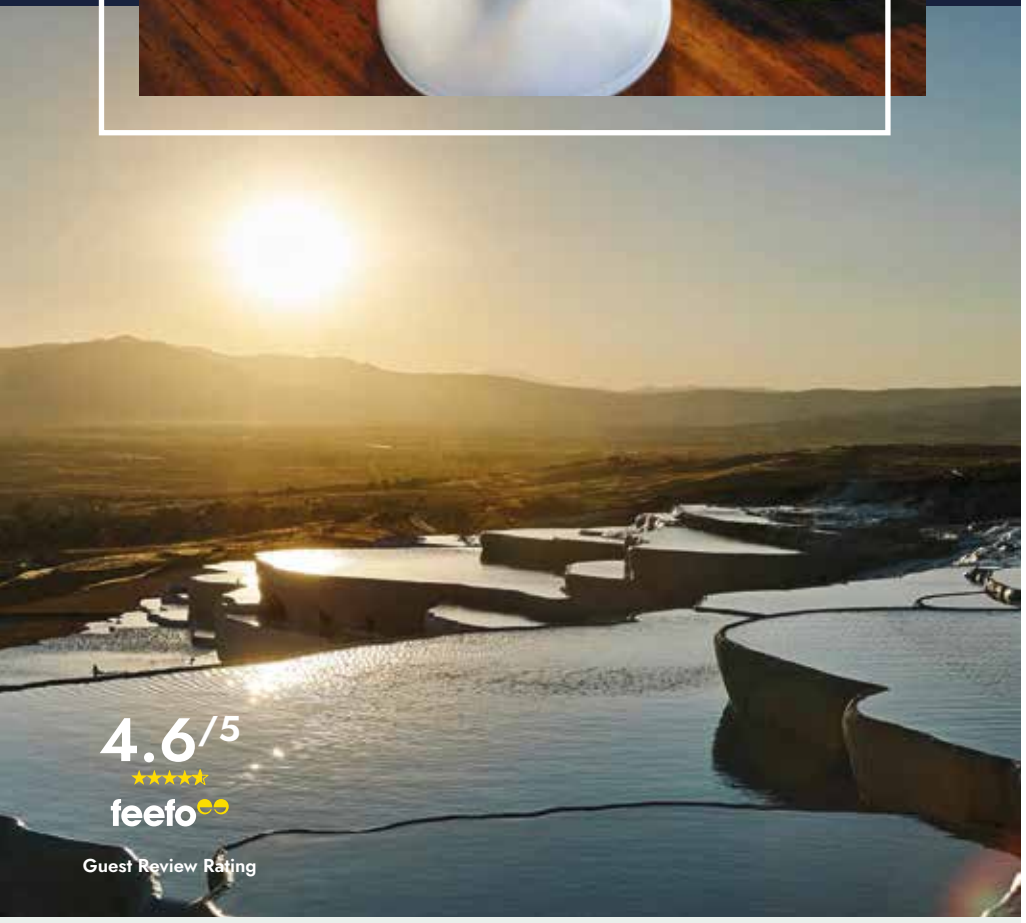
Wonders of Turkey

Explore ancient Ephesus, marvel at the turquoise travertine pools of Pamukkale, be captivated by whirling dervishes and visit Istanbul's majestic Blue Mosque.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ISTANBUL
Welcome to Turkey. Your journey begins in vibrant Istanbul, the only city in the world that spans two continents: Europe and Asia, where a representative will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to the hotel. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli, Istanbul

TRANSFERS: Depart Istanbul International Airport (IST) at 13:30 and 16:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | GALLIPOLI, ANZAC COVE AND TROY
Marvel at breathtaking coastal views as you make your way along the shores of the Sea of Marmara to historic Gallipoli. Located in the southern part of East Thrace, it was here that, for nine months during the Great War, Anzac troops fought in an attempt to gain control of the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and Lone Pine Cemetery. Later, join your group as you head from Eceabat across the sea to Çanakkale before arriving at the historic city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan War and the backdrop to one of history's most famous love stories. A replica of the mighty Trojan horse, which helped the Greeks capture the city in 1200 B.C., can be seen beside the city's walls. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Kolin, Çanakkale

DAY 3 | IZMIR
Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Copmadam, a women's co-op turning recycled materials into unique items, and addressing women's employment issues. After some time exploring, continue your journey to Izmir, where you will stop for a Farm-to-Table lunch at Nif Bağları, a family-owned wine producer. Explore the four acres of crop fields, nestled amidst picturesque surroundings before continuing your journey to the coastal resort of Izmir. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Swissotel Büyük Efes, Izmir

DAY 4 | EPHESUS - IZMIR
Start your morning with a trip to the nearby town of Selçuk. Home to the House of the Virgin Mary and the Temple of Artemis, you'll begin with an educational visit to the Archaeological Museum. Once here, delve into the area's history as you explore the museum's exhibits, many of which have been retrieved from the nearby Ephesus excavation site. Later, explore the famous site itself. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and the huge Amphitheatre, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary, situated above the Ephesus ruins. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE
Head to Pamukkale, famous for its mineral-rich thermal waters and chalk-white limestone

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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terraces, explore the area with your Travel Director. See the ruins of the ancient Roman spa city of Hierapolis, founded in 190 B.C. You'll see the city's well-preserved theatre and its turquoise travertine pools. Later, head back to your hotel, the esteemed Doğa Thermal Health & Spa. Take full advantage of its indoor and outdoor thermal pools, steam room and its Turkish bath complex. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale

DAY 6 | THE UNDERGROUND CITY AND CAPPADOCIA

Today your journey takes you to Urgup, a historic town in the heart of Cappadocia. Visit the 13th-century Sultanhani Caravanserai before exploring the underground city of Saratli. You will recognise this famous area from the striking golden, volcanic landscapes that surround it. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia

DAY 7 | THE CAPPADOCIA EXPERIENCE

Move on to Göreme, a town in the Cappadocia region of Turkey. Explore its rock-hewn churches decorated with ancient wall paintings before moving on to the Pasabag Valley. With your Travel Director join a Cappadocian local who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house. Dinner tonight will be accompanied by a performance of Whirling Dervishes. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 8 | ANKARA

This morning, learn about the art of earthenware pottery making in Avanos. Continue your journey to Ankara, where you'll visit the Hittite Museum and the Mausoleum of Atatürk, Turkey's greatest modern leader. **(B)**
Hotel: Ankara HiltonSA

DAY 9 | TO ISTANBUL

It's time to head to Istanbul. A glorious fusion of East and West, this popular city offers something for everyone, with history, culture, modernity, delicious cuisine and of course, the friendliest of faces. Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar. Your evening is at leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli, Istanbul

DAY 10 | ISTANBUL AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Take in the sites of Istanbul, visit the historic Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held. Explore Hagia Sophia with Insight Choice. Choose between visiting Hagia Sophia History Digital Experience, or alternatively, visit Hagia Sophia, built in A.D. 537 and famous for its domed roof. Visit Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, the primary inlet of the waterway. Enjoy a relaxing cruise on the Bosphorus, where you will pass Ottoman palaces, old mansions and fortresses. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | FAREWELL ISTANBUL

Bid farewell to Istanbul and your fellow travellers as your journey through the wonders of Turkey comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Istanbul International Airport (IST) at 06:00 and 12:00.



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



Special Events & Dates

Select a departure in April spend two nights on the Gallipoli Peninsula and attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Ephesus | Walk the Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and Amphitheatre and visit the House of the Virgin Mary.

Pamukkale | See the cascading Cotton Castle of milky white travertine pools and the ancient ruin of Hierapolis.

Saratli | Descend into a layered underground city—explore carved rooms, ventilation chimneys and millstone doors that sheltered early Christians beneath Cappadocia.

Cappadocia | Join a Cappadocian local for a tour of their cave house to learn about their unique way of life.

Ankara | Visit the Mausoleum of Atatürk and discover the mysterious Hittite civilisation.

Istanbul | *Insight Choice* Experience the rich cultural and religious heritage of Istanbul at Hagia Sophia, *or* delve into the captivating history of Hagia Sophia through an immersive digital experience.

Istanbul | Visit the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, and the Topkapi Palace, then explore the Grand Bazaar.

Ayvalik | Visit the Copmadam workshop, where one-of-a-kind items are made from recycled packaging, creating employment opportunities for local women. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Izmir | Visit an organic farm for a Farm-to-Table lunch made from seasonal crops grown on site, with breathtaking views.

Cappadocia | Watch a Whirling Dervishes performance and indulge in a delightful dinner at a local restaurant.

Istanbul | Toast the culmination of your travels during dinner at a local restaurant.

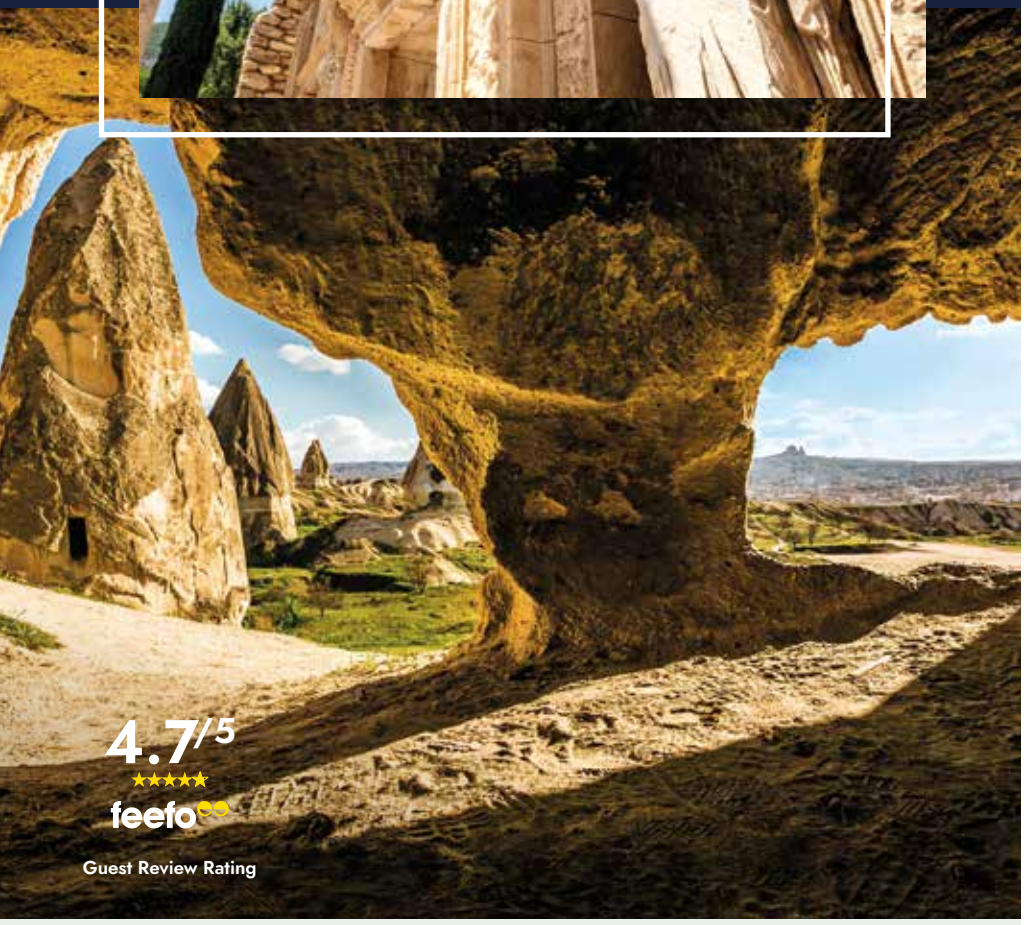
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Turkey

Descend into a local resident's cave house in Cappadocia, uncover Ephesus' finest archaeological sites and visit the iconic Blue Mosque in Istanbul.

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 24 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ISTANBUL
Welcome to Turkey. Your journey begins in vibrant Istanbul, the only city in the world that spans two continents: Europe and Asia, where a representative will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to the hotel. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli, Istanbul

TRANSFERS: Depart Istanbul International Airport (IST) at 13:30 and 16:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 | BOSPHORUS CRUISE AND BURSA
Embark on a cruise along Bosphorus Strait, passing Ottoman palaces and fortresses along the waterfront of the old city. Later, leave Istanbul for Bursa, the first major capital of the Ottoman Empire, to visit the Green Mosque, the Grand Mosque and the Mausoleum complex. This evening, venture to a local restaurant for dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Mövenpick Bursa and Thermal Spa

DAY 3 | CUMALIKIZIK AND GORDION
Begin your day in the village of Cumalikizik, with its traditional wooden houses and narrow cobblestone streets. Then, head to Gordion, which was once the capital city of ancient Phrygia, as you make your way to Turkey's modern capital, Ankara. **(B)**
Hotel: Ankara HiltonSA

DAY 4 | SOPHISTICATED ANKARA
Sightseeing includes visits to the Hittite Museum and the Mausoleum of Atatürk. Later, head to Avanos in Cappadocia. Famed for its unique geological formations, Cappadocia is a scenic delight of golden hills and panoramic views. Visit the underground city of Özkonak, carved into soft volcanic rock. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia

DAY 5 | CAPPADOCIA
Explore Göreme's rock-hewn churches adorned with ancient wall paintings. Savour the flavours of Anatolia with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Uçhisar Kadineli Restaurant. Continue to the Paşabağ Valley, then step into the home of a local Cappadocian living in an authentic cave house to discover their unique lifestyle, traditions and family life. In the evening, witness a performance of Whirling Dervishes before dinner at a local restaurant.
(B) (L) (D) (RS)

DAY 6 | KONYA
Learn more about traditional pottery making in Avanos before journeying along the famous Silk Road to visit a 13th-century caravanserai. Later, travel to Turkey's most religious city, Konya, the old capital of the Anatolian Seljuk Empire.
(B) (D) (RS)
Hotel: Novotel Konya

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

DAY 7 | THROUGH THE TAURUS MOUNTAINS
See the Karatay Medrese and Ince Minaret Medrese, and visit the Mevlana Museum before a scenic drive through the Taurus Mountains to Aspendos, an ancient city in Antalya province, renowned for its best-preserved Roman theatre. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Akra Antalya

DAY 8 | ANTALYA'S OLD TOWN
Visit Antalya's charming Old Town, with its souvenir markets and sweeping sea views. Spend the day exploring at your own pace, or relax and enjoy the leisure facilities at your hotel. **(B)**

DAY 9 | THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE
Cross the Taurus Mountains to see the remains of the ancient city of Hierapolis. Next to the ruins, you can see the gleaming white travertine terraces of Pamukkale. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale

DAY 10 | KUŞADASI
Start your morning with a trip to the Temple of Aphrodite, dedicated to the goddess of love, beauty and fertility, in Geyre. Based in the ruins of the ancient city of Aphrodisias, it was the focal point of the city in its heyday. Arrive into the coastal resort of Kuşadası for an evening at leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: KoruMar De Luxe, Kuşadası

DAY 11 | ANCIENT EPHESUS
Discover one of the world's finest archaeological sites, Ephesus. Walk through the colonnaded Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and the huge Amphitheatre, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary, situated above the Ephesus ruins and the Ephesus Archaeological Museum. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | TROY AND ÇANAKKALE
In Homer's city of Troy, the focal point of the Trojan War and the backdrop to one of history's most famous love stories, you can find a replica of the mighty Trojan Horse beside the city's walls. After some time exploring, continue your journey to Çanakkale. **(B)**
Hotel: Kolin, Çanakkale

DAY 13 | GALLIPOLI AND ANZAC COVE
Cross the Dardanelles Strait by ferry to the Gallipoli Peninsula. Located in southern East Thrace, this was the site where Anzac troops fought for nine months during the Great War, in a bid to control the Dardanelles Strait. Learn more about these events as you visit Anzac Cove and pay your respects at the Lone Pine Cemetery. Later, return to Istanbul. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli, Istanbul

DAY 14 | ISTANBUL AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE
Visit the historic Blue Mosque and see the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held. Explore Hagia Sophia with Insight Choice. Choose between visiting Hagia Sophia History Digital Experience, or alternatively, visit Hagia Sophia, built in A.D. 537 and famous for its domed roof. Visit Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn, the primary inlet of the waterway. Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 15 | FAREWELL ISTANBUL
It's time to say goodbye to your newfound friends as your Treasures of Turkey journey comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at Istanbul International Airport (IST) at 06:00 and 12:00.



KEY
Join/Leave Options | UNESCO Heritage Site | 1 Hotels and Nights | ● Place Visited



Special Events & Dates
Select a departure in April spend two nights on the Gallipoli Peninsula and attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Ankara | Discover Roman and Byzantine heritage by visiting the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and the Mausoleum of Atatürk.

Cappadocia | Join a Cappadocian local for a tour of their cave house to learn about their unique way of life.

Pamukkale | See the cascading Cotton Castle of milky white travertine pools and the ancient ruin of Hierapolis.

Ephesus | Walk the Arcadian Way, see the Library of Celsus and Amphitheatre and visit the House of the Virgin Mary.

Troy | See the wooden Trojan Horse and hear about myths and legends connected to this UNESCO-listed archaeological site.

Istanbul | *Insight Choice* Experience the rich cultural and religious heritage of Istanbul at Hagia Sophia, *or* delve into the captivating history of Hagia Sophia through an immersive digital experience.

Istanbul | Visit the Blue Mosque, the Hippodrome, and the Topkapi Palace, then explore the Grand Bazaar.

Uçhisar | Visit Uçhisar Kadineli Restaurant, a women-owned establishment where women are empowered through employment and skills training. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Istanbul | Begin your travels savouring traditional flavours over dinner at a local restaurant.
Toast the culmination of your travels at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers.

Cappadocia | Watch a Whirling Dervishes performance and indulge in a delightful dinner at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Road to Rome

Experience the charm of Paris, admire Burgundy's vineyards and Lucerne's mountains, enjoy Venice's glassblowing artistry and embrace ancient Rome.

12 DAYS | 7 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | LEISURELY





DAY 1 | LONDON TO PARIS BY EUROSTAR™
Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar™. Alternatively, join in Paris. This evening join your Travel Director for a fabulous dinner at a local brasserie. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

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

DAY 2 | PARIS, THE 'CITY OF LIGHT'
Discover the vibrant 'City of Light' and the iconic sites such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine. Explore Paris with Insight Choice and discover the true meaning of Parisian culture. **(B)**

DAY 3 | BURGUNDY AND LUCERNE
Travel through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wine. Later, arrive in glorious lakeside Lucerne. A range of enticing options are available for your Dine-Around evening. Choose from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

DAY 4 | LUCERNE AND MOUNT STANSERHORN
Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up the summit. Upon return to Lucerne, see the Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge to the ornate Jesuit Church. The rest of the day is at leisure to shop for delectable chocolate and glamourous Swiss watches in the Old Town. **(B)**

DAY 5 | LUCERNE TO INNSBRUCK
Start the day with a journey to the heart of the Alps to visit the Principality of Liechtenstein. See its capital, Vaduz, with its castle located on a hillside overlooking the city. Continue through the Arlberg Tunnel to mountain-ringed Innsbruck. Your Travel Director will show you the impressive Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAY 6 | THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE
Leave Innsbruck to travel across the impressive Europa Bridge and through the Dolomites. Cross into Italy and the romantic city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Long after the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the islands with dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: BW Premier Collection CHC Continental, Venice

Trip code: E924

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - December

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

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

DAY 7 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'
See the immense Campanile on St. Mark's Square and Doge's Palace, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the traditional art of glassblowing. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE
Visit Il Poggio organic farm for a guided walk and learn about organic food and wine production. On the veranda, take in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, as you taste the farm's wines and freshly produced olive oil. Enjoy an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. Explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert and see the famous Leaning Tower. Afterwards, travel to Florence. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Ambasciatori, Florence

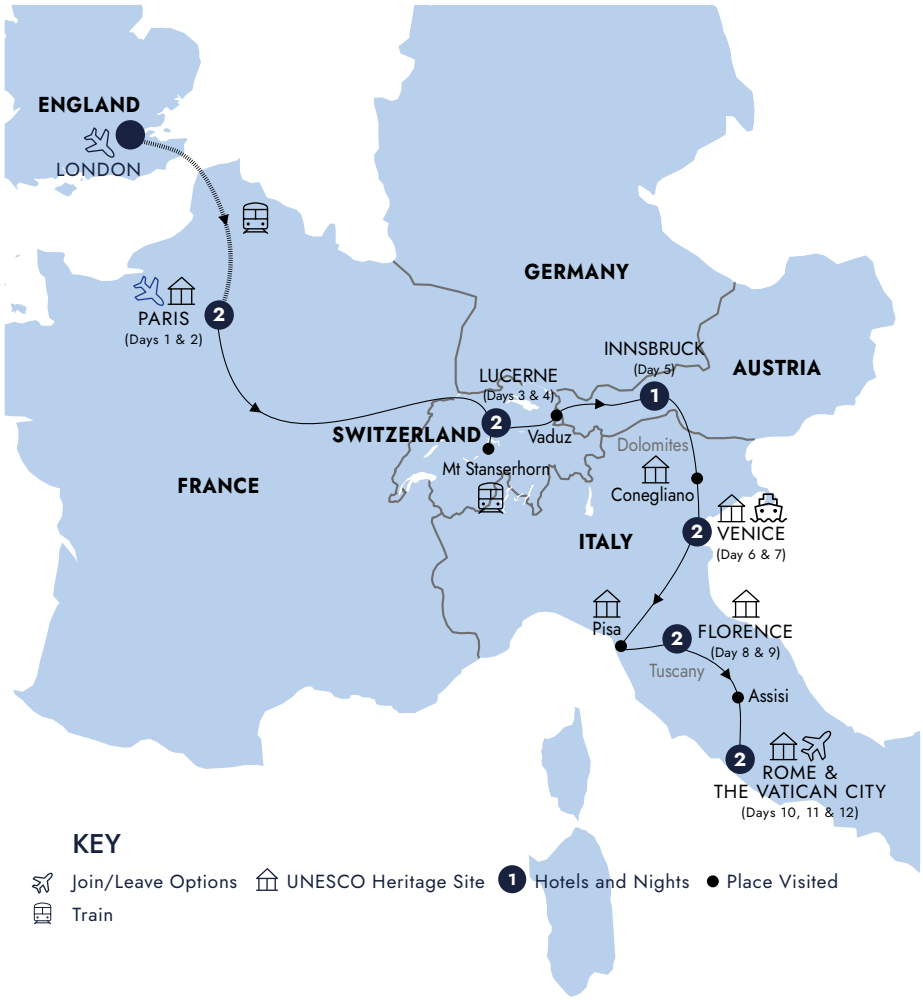
DAY 9 | FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING
Walk with your Local Expert to the marble-clad Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistery to see the Gates of Paradise. Then, visit Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Indigo, Florence

DAY 10 | CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ASSISI AND ON TO ROME
Journey through the vineyards of the Chianti region, passing Lake Trasimeno, one of the Italian Peninsula's largest lakes and the site of a great battle in ancient times against Hannibal and his war elephants. Continue up the foothills of the Apennine Mountains to reach the town of Assisi, built from stone and spilling over the steep hillside. With a Local Expert, visit the tomb of St. Francis and admire the beautiful frescoes by Giotto in the great basilica, before continuing along the valley of the River Tiber towards the Eternal City of Rome. **(B)**
Hotel: Radisson Blu GHR, Rome

DAY 11 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME
Visit the Sistine Chapel to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and view the Circus Maximus, the ancient chariot-racing stadium. Celebrate your incredible journey through Europe as you indulge in dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA
Bid farewell to the glories of Italy, savouring the memories of its enchanting cities, historic landmarks and stunning landscapes. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Vaduz | Admire Vaduz Castle, the Royal family of Liechtenstein's residence perched above the capital and surrounded by snow-peaked mountains year-round.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

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

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

Assisi | A Local Expert reveals why the Basilica of St. Francis is considered one of the crowning achievements of Europe.

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

Stanserhorn | Ascend Mount Stanserhorn on a solar-powered cable car, enjoy breathtaking summit views, explore scenic pathways and learn about local flora and fauna. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

Lucerne | Choose from a selection of restaurants on your Dine-Around evening and hand-pick your preferred ambience and cuisine.

Rome | Savour a dinner accompanied by the rich tremolo of some of Italy's best-loved operas.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Highlights of Europe

Cruise Amsterdam's canals, dine with Romans, enjoy fast-track entry to the Vatican, roam scenic Lucerne and fall for the romance of Paris.

14 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E933

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR™ AND ON TO AMSTERDAM
Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar™. Your comfortable rail journey takes you through the Channel Tunnel to Brussels, en route to Amsterdam. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a cruise along the canals, exploring the heart of the Old City before a pleasant evening of dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: The Manor Amsterdam

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

DAY 2 | THE RHINE VALLEY AND HEIDELBERG
Journey through the captivating Rhine Valley, where medieval castles, historic towns and terraced vineyards stretch along the river, including the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley, before arriving in Heidelberg. **(B)**
Hotel: ATLANTIC Heidelberg

DAY 3 | MOUNTAIN-RINGED INNSBRUCK
Stop beneath the royal castles of Hohenschwangau and King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein, rumoured to have inspired Walt Disney's iconic castle. See the architectural jewels of the city, including the Imperial Palace, Golden Roof and the 14th-century houses of the Old Town. **(B)**
Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE
Cross into Italy and visit a local winery in Veneto, where you'll discover traditional winemaking and sample regional flavours before continuing to romantic Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 5 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the traditional art of glassblowing. Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square and admire the richly decorated Basilica. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 6 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Pass through Tuscany and Umbria, to reach the Eternal City of Rome. For dinner, enjoy local Roman hospitality at its best. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

DAY 7 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME
Join a Local Expert for a tour of the priceless art housed in the Vatican Museums and the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel. Then visit St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest churches in the world. Cross the River Tiber to see the largest amphitheatre of the Roman Empire, the Colosseum. **(B)**

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

DAY 8 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE
On arrival in Florence, a Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo. Continue to Piazza della Signoria. In your free time, perhaps visit the Accademia Gallery with an art historian and see Michelangelo's David. Savour an authentic meal at a local trattoria in the heart of Florence. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: NH Firenze, Florence

DAY 9 | LAKE MAGGIORE
Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District. For your Dine-Around evening, enjoy your preferred dining experience from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Simplon, Baveno

> *Immerse yourself in the art, elegance, and flavours of Europe on a journey that showcases its most captivating highlights.*
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DAY 10 | THE ALPS AND ON TO LUCERNE
Cross the Swiss border before exploring Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up the summit. Continue to lakeside Lucerne where the afternoon is at your leisure. You may choose to enjoy a cruise on Lake Lucerne with its dramatic vistas. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

DAY 11 | LAKESIDE LUCERNE
View the emotive Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 12 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS
Journey through the rural French countryside of Alsace and Burgundy regions, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine. **(B)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

DAY 13 | THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS
Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join an avid food lover to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and savour French cuisine. **(B) (D)**

DAY 14 | AU REVOIR PARIS
Bid a fond 'au revoir' to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th century.

Rhine Valley | Discover the scenic beauty of enchanting fairytale castles, historic towns and terraced vineyards stretching along the River Rhine.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

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

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

Paris | *Insight Choice* Join a local food lover to sample local treats from patisseries, boulangeries and chocolatiers, *or* explore community life in the pedestrianised Montorgueil district.

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Rome | Experience the Italian way of life as you join your local host for a truly authentic home-cooked meal.

Florence | Experience local Florentine flavours whilst relaxing over dinner with wine.

Paris | Rendezvous with your new-found friends at La Coupole for a rousing dinner with wine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

European Dream

Enjoy fast-track access to the Vatican, ascend Mount Stanserhorn via a scenic cable car and savour the flavours of French cuisine in Paris.

11 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: N912

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VENICE
Welcome to the Queen of the Adriatic, known for its unique waterscapes and rich cultural heritage. Transfers depart from Venice Airport and journey to the hotel by water taxi. What better way to start your dream holiday than in true Venetian style? Join your Travel Director for a dinner at a local restaurant. Savour a cocktail at twilight whilst being serenaded by an ensemble of talented musicians, and admire the tranquillity of St. Mark's Square long after the day-trippers have gone to their mainland hotels. Return to your canal-side hotel in the quiet, peaceful authentic neighbourhood. **(D)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

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

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'
In the morning, prepare to embrace this most romantic city. Visit St. Mark's Square, dominated by its magnificent basilica and overlooked by the great Clock Tower. Also in the square stands the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace which is connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the art of traditional glassblowing. The rest of the day is free. Perhaps shop in the small arcades or why not cruise the Venetian lagoon to the island of Burano for a meal of local specialities and wine? **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | VILLA MACHIAVELLI AND ROME
Journey through the lush Tuscan countryside. Meet your local host for a guided tour through the house of the Italian Renaissance diplomat and writer, Niccolò Machiavelli. Savour a light lunch and a tasting of wines made from the vineyards surrounding the estate. Your journey continues as you follow the course of the Tiber to your hotel in the Eternal City of Rome. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

DAY 4 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME
Join your Local Expert for a visit to the Vatican Museums with fast-track entry and admire the Papal art collection. Inside the Sistine Chapel, marvel at Michelangelo's famous ceiling before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. Leave Vatican City to cross the Tiber and stand outside the Colosseum, imagining yourself back in the days of the gladiators. The afternoon is at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 5 | UMBRIA AND ON TO FLORENCE
Meet chef Lorenzo at his family farm in Umbria. Join an entertaining pasta demonstration and delicious lunch accompanied by Orvieto Classico wine. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: Villa Neroli, Florence

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

DAY 6 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE
With your Local Expert, view the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery. You also visit Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. In the afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the Renaissance capital, famous for the quality of luxury goods. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower? **(B)**

> *Great balance between art, history and culture and fun!*
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> **OUR GUEST KOPEL**
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DAY 7 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE
Head north towards the Italian Lake District via Lake Lugano. Continue into the heart of the Swiss Alps before travelling alongside towering mountains and past rushing torrents, down to scenic Lake Lucerne. Upon arrival in Lucerne, see the Lion Monument, a tribute to the brave Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Then stroll across the covered Chapel Bridge to see the baroque Jesuit Church. **(B)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

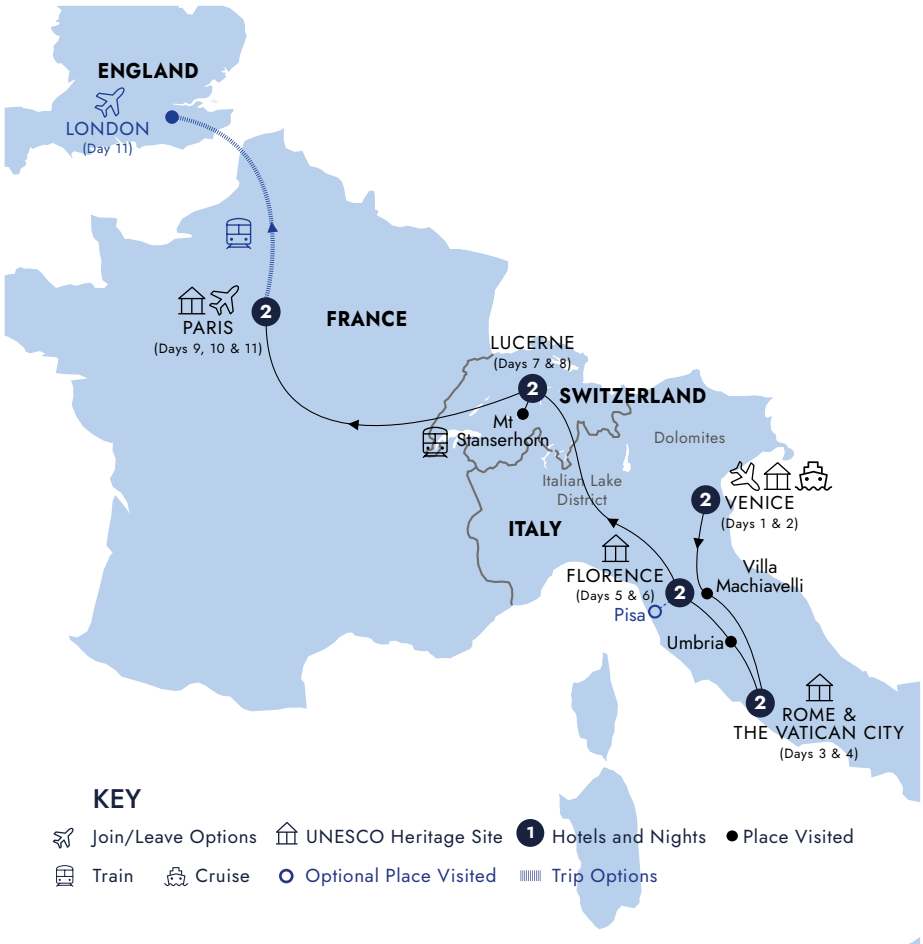
DAY 8 | LUCERNE AND MT. STANSERHORN
Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up the summit. This evening, you are offered a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS
Journey through the Burgundy region, famous for its vineyards and wines, on your way to Paris, home of the Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

DAY 10 | THE FLAVOURS OF PARIS
Explore Paris with Insight Choice, choose to explore Montorgueil or join a food lovers' tour and sample local treats. This evening, indulge in refined French cuisine at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | AU REVOIR PARIS
Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. Alternatively, you may depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar™ option. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Rome | Discover the history and the legends of the iconic Colosseum as you stroll around the exterior of this amazing structure.

Florence | Explore Piazza della Signoria, the political heart of the city and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces, including Cellini's Perseus with the Head of Medusa and a replica of Michelangelo's David guarding Palazzo Vecchio.

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

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Venice | Sample traditional Venetian fare and soak up the ambiance of this charming city.

Umbria | Explore the art of Italian cooking with Chef Lorenzo followed by a tasty lunch.

Paris | Indulge in refined French cuisine during your dinner at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

European Rhapsody

Revel in the history of Austria, Italy and Germany from twilight cocktails at Caffè Lavena to a delightful dinner cruise in Budapest.

11 DAYS | 7 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: T912

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | LONDON TO AMSTERDAM
Meet your Travel Director and board the high-speed Eurostar™ to Brussels, where you continue by coach to Amsterdam. If you're starting your tour in Amsterdam, meet your Travel Director in the evening for dinner. See the heart of the city on a canal cruise before dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

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

DAY 2 | RHINE VALLEY TO WÜRZBURG
Journey to Würzburg through the enchanting Rhine Valley, where medieval castles, historic towns and terraced vineyards stretch along the river, including the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maritim, Würzburg

DAY 3 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE
Venture to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Continue east to the Czech border, to reach the Golden City of Prague. **(B)**
Hotel: Royal, Prague

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES
Join a Local Expert in the morning for guided sightseeing of one of the most beautiful and well-preserved historic centres in Europe. Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the Castle District, or alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter and sample delicious Trdelník. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THROUGH BOHEMIA TO BUDAPEST
Start the day with a journey through the beautiful forested countryside of Bohemia. Travel to Hungary, following the River Danube to Budapest. In the evening, join a Local Expert to enjoy a scenic dinner cruise, gliding past UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The city's spectacular night-time beauty earns it the nickname 'Pearl of the Danube'. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, Budapest

DAY 6 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE
Drive along the beautiful Andrassy Avenue to Heroes' Square. Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda and admire sweeping views from the Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 7 | THE FLAVOURS OF BUDAPEST
This morning, visit Liszt Academy. Continue your travels to the Austrian border and through pleasant farming country to Vienna. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

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

> *You'll be in awe learning the history of St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague Castle, the largest ancient castle complex in the world and resting place of Bohemian kings and emperors, including Charles IV.*
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DAY 8 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS
In the morning, there is the option to join a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and formal gardens. Get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ringstrasse. Later, join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt. Sit down for traditional coffee and cake and mingle with locals at a cosy cafe. **(B)**

DAY 9 | ALONG THE SHORES OF LAKE WÖRTHERSEE TO VENICE
Travel into the Carinthian Lake District, passing the Wörthersee, to cross into Italy. Then follow mountain valleys and cascading streams on your way to the unique city of Venice. Arrive by private boat to your hotel. In the late afternoon and early evening, sip a cocktail on the corner of Piazza San Marco, whilst you are serenaded by an ensemble of talented musicians. Afterwards, stroll past the Doge's Palace and the famous 'Bridge of Sighs' to a local restaurant in the heart of the San Marco 'sestieri' for a magical dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 10 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'
In the morning, prepare to embrace this most romantic city. Visit St. Mark's Square, described by Napoleon as 'the finest drawing room in Europe,' dominated by its magnificent basilica and overlooked by the great Clock Tower. Also in the square stands the immense Campanile. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and witness the art of traditional glassblowing. The rest of the day is free. Perhaps shop in the small arcades or cruise the Venetian lagoon to the island of Burano for a meal of local specialities and wine. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE
Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th century.

Rhine Valley | Discover the scenic beauty of enchanting fairytale castles, historic towns and terraced vineyards stretching along the River Rhine.

Rothenburg ob der Tauber | Explore the city walls, towers and gates of this well-preserved medieval town in Germany.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, *or* stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert, and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.

Vienna | Tour the Ringstrasse with your Local Expert to gain insights into the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche.

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Amsterdam | Enjoy a dinner of modern European cuisine at a local restaurant.

Budapest | Enjoy a scenic dinner cruise and soak up the city lights along the Danube.

Venice | Savour a Venetian dinner in a restaurant in the heart of this historic city.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

European Discovery

Discover Europe's finest, from Parisian elegance to the romantic canals of Amsterdam and Venice, Rome's grandeur and Cinque Terre's beauty.

17 DAYS | 9 COUNTRIES | 23 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: E812A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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DAY 1 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR™ AND ON TO AMSTERDAM
Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar™ to Brussels, travel on to Amsterdam. Alternatively, if you're joining in Amsterdam, meet your Travel Director in the evening for dinner. Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: The Manor Amsterdam

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

DAY 2 | AMSTERDAM
If you choose, you could start the morning by visiting the Van Loon Museum. Later, visit the newly refurbished Rijksmuseum with a Local Expert, Amsterdam's famed treasure trove of Dutch art, housing Rembrandt's 'Night Watch'. **(B)**

DAY 3 | LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE
Journey to Würzburg through the enchanting Rhine Valley, where medieval castles, historic towns and terraced vineyards stretch along the river, including the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maritim, Würzburg

DAY 4 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE
Venture to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Continue east to the Czech border, passing the town of Pilsen, renowned for its beer, before arriving in the Golden City of Prague. In the evening, perhaps enjoy a river cruise through the heart of the city. **(B)**
Hotel: NH Collection Prague City

DAY 5 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES
Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Walk the courtyards of the Castle, or join your Local Expert through the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, see the mighty Marienburg Fortress. Then, the city is all yours to explore. In the evening, why not enjoy an Optional Experience in the Czech countryside? **(B)**

DAY 6 | SALZBURG, CITY OF MOZART
Continue to Salzburg. A Local Expert shows you the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residence Square and Mozart's birthplace. In the evening, experience authentic Farm-to-Table dining at a local organic farm and enjoy the flavours of homemade dishes. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: NH Collection Salzburg City

DAY 7 | THE TAUERN MOUNTAINS TO VENICE
Continue to Venice, where your hotel is perfectly located in one of the quietest peaceful and authentic Venetian districts. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

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

DAY 8 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'
See the immense Campanile and Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts centre. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | ON TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Head into the Apennine Mountains and the peaceful landscapes of Tuscany and Umbria. Your journey continues as you follow the course of the Tiber to your hotel in the Eternal City of Rome. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Bettoja Massimo D'Azeglio, Rome

DAY 10 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS
This morning enjoy a walking tour with a Local Expert, toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain and see the best-preserved monument from the Roman period - the Pantheon. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Villa Neroli, Florence

DAY 11 | THE VATICAN AND FLORENCE
Start the day with a guided visit to the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel, then travel through Umbria and Tuscany to Florence. There, see the Duomo, the Gates of Paradise, and the statues of Piazza della Signoria. **(B)**

DAY 12 | THE CINQUE TERRE
Discover the famous Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a Local Expert. Spend time exploring the medieval quarter or unwind on the popular sandy beach. Arrive at one of the region's historic fishing villages and relax over lunch. Continue on to your resort in Santa Margherita Ligure. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: B&B Park Suisse Santa Margherita Ligure

DAY 13 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE
Pass the Italian Lake District en route to scenic Lake Lucerne. **(B)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

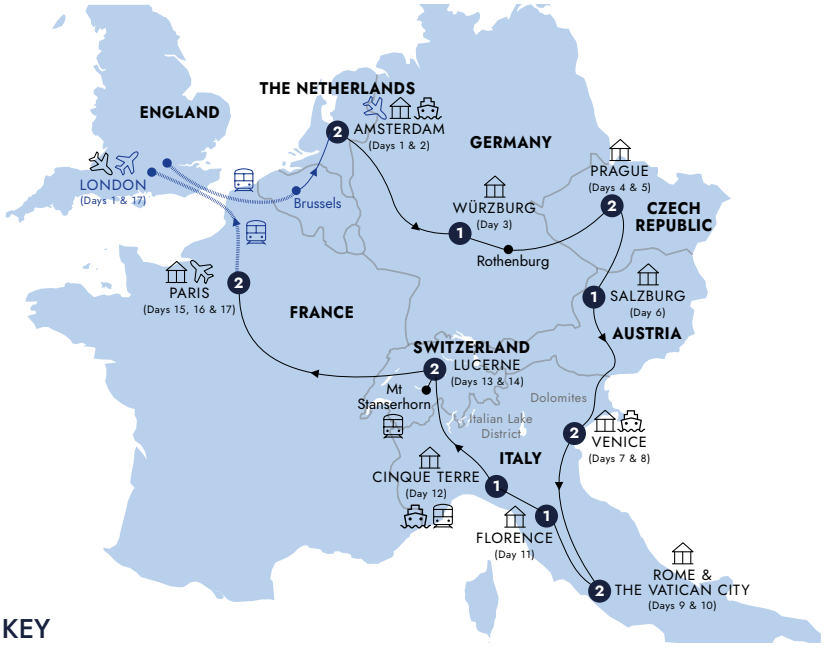
DAY 14 | LUCERNE'S LAKES AND MOUNTAINS
Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Enjoy a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

DAY 15 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS
Journey to the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

DAY 16 | THE FOOD AND FLAVOURS OF PARIS
Explore Paris with Insight Choice. Choose to explore community life in the picturesque Montorgueil district. Alternatively, join an avid foodie to explore small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. Indulge in refined French cuisine during dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 17 | AU REVOIR PARIS
Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. Alternatively, you may depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar™ option. **(B)**

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



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Amsterdam | Cruise along the waterways, discovering the architectural gems of the old city, including mansions dating from the 17th century.

Rhine Valley | Discover the scenic beauty of enchanting fairytale castles, historic towns and terraced vineyards stretching along the River Rhine.

Prague | *Insight Choice* Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, *or* stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert, and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Paris | *Insight Choice* Join a local food lover to sample local treats from patisseries, boulangeries and chocolatiers, *or* explore community life in the pedestrianised Montorgueil district.

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

Cinque Terre | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site with your Local Expert and explore one of the charming fishing villages.

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

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

Stanserhorn | Ascend Mount Stanserhorn on a solar-powered cable car, enjoy breathtaking summit views, explore scenic pathways and learn about local flora and fauna. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7 & 15: Affordable and Clean Energy & Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Salzburg | Enjoy a wonderful Farm-to-Table dinner, freshly prepared from locally sourced ingredients.

Lucerne | Choose from a selection of restaurants on your Dine-Around evening and hand-pick your preferred ambience and cuisine.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Romantic European

From Prague to Vienna and on to Paris, this immersive tour of Europe takes in the mansions of Amsterdam, Rome's ancient relics and the breathtaking Alps.

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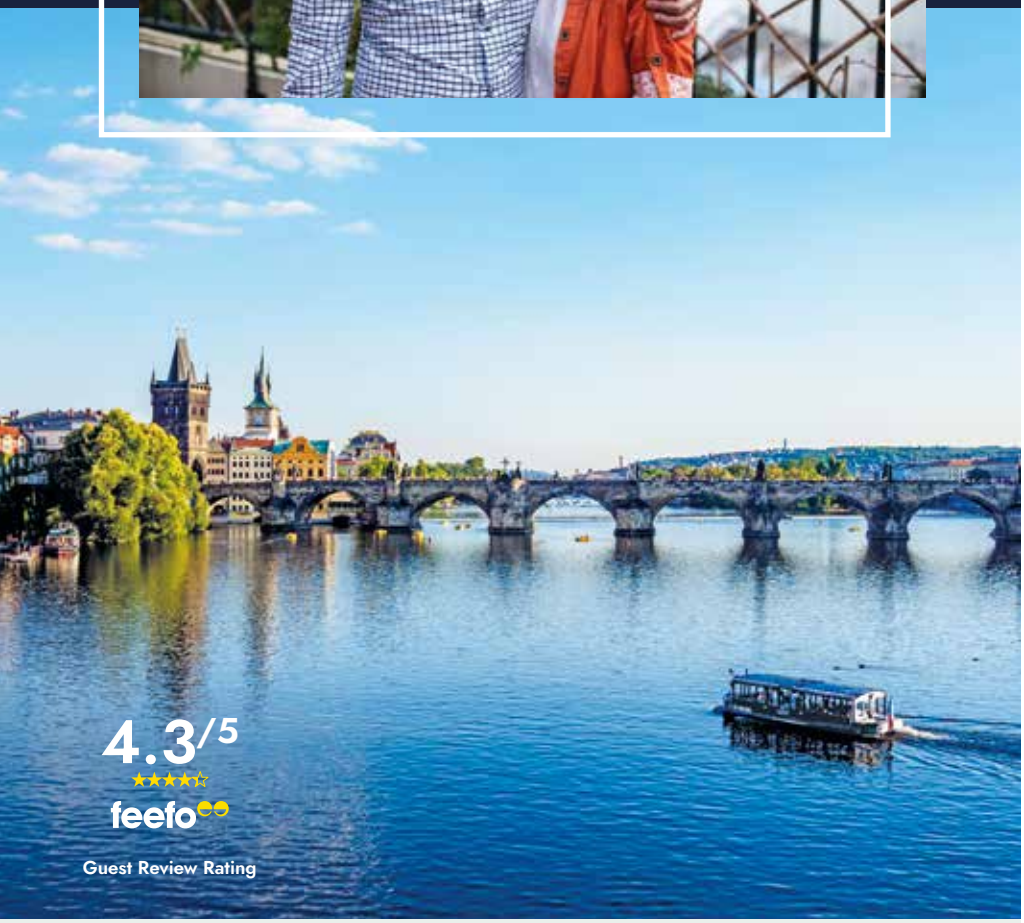

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | LONDON TO AMSTERDAM
Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar™ to Brussels. Board the coach and continue to Amsterdam. Alternatively, if you're joining in Amsterdam meet your Travel Director in the evening for dinner. Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

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

DAY 2 | RHINE VALLEY TO WÜRZBURG
Journey to Würzburg through the enchanting Rhine Valley, where medieval castles, historic towns and terraced vineyards stretch along the river, including the UNESCO-listed Upper Middle Rhine Valley. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maritim, Würzburg

DAY 3 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE
Venture to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Continue east to the Czech border, to reach the Golden City of Prague. **(B)**
Hotel: Royal, Prague

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES
Join a Local Expert in the morning for guided sightseeing of one of the most beautiful and well-preserved historic centres in Europe. Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the Castle District, or alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter and sample delicious Trdelník. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THROUGH BOHEMIA TO BUDAPEST
Start the day with a journey through the beautiful forested countryside of Bohemia. Travel to Hungary, following the River Danube to Budapest. In the evening, join a Local Expert to enjoy a scenic dinner cruise, gliding past UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The city's spectacular night-time beauty earns it the nickname 'Pearl of the Danube'. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Nemzeti Budapest - MGallery Collection

DAY 6 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE
Drive along the beautiful Andrassy Avenue to Heroes' Square. Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda and admire sweeping views from the Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 7 | THE FLAVOURS OF BUDAPEST
This morning, visit Liszt Academy. Continue your travels to the Austrian border and through pleasant farming country to Vienna. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

DAY 8 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS
In the morning, there is the option to join a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Palace and formal gardens. Get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ringstrasse. Later, join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt. Sit down for traditional coffee and cake and mingle with locals at a cosy cafe. **(B)**

DAY 9 | ALONG THE SHORES OF LAKE WÖRTHERSEE TO VENICE
Travel into the Carinthian Lake District, passing the Wörthersee, on your way to Venice, where you'll arrive by private boat to your hotel. Later, stroll past the Doge's Palace and the famous Bridge of Sighs to the heart of the San Marco 'sestiere' for dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 10 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'
Visit St. Mark's Square, dominated by its magnificent basilica and clock tower, then join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to witness the skill of traditional glassblowing. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 11 | VILLA MACHIAVELLI AND ROME
Journey through the lush Tuscan countryside to the house of the Italian Renaissance diplomat and writer, Niccolò Machiavelli. Meet your local host for a guided tour, then savour a light lunch and a tasting of wines made from the vineyards surrounding the estate. After lunch, follow the Tiber River to Rome. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

DAY 12 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME
With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides fast-track entry to avoid the crowds and admire the Papal art collection. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. **(B)**

DAY 13 | UMBRIA AND ON TO FLORENCE
Meet chef Lorenzo at his family farm in Umbria. Join an entertaining pasta demonstration and delicious lunch accompanied by Orvieto Classico wine. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: Villa Neroli, Florence

DAY 14 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE
With your Local Expert, view the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery. **(B)**

DAY 15 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE
See Lucerne's proud Lion Monument, the covered Chapel Bridge and the Baroque Jesuit Church. **(B)**
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

DAY 16 | LUCERNE AND MT. STANSERHORN
Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up the summit. This evening, you are offered a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

DAY 17 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS
Journey through the Burgundy region, famous for its vineyards and wines, on your way to Paris, home of the Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. **(B)**
Hotel: Le Meridien Paris Arc de Triomphe

DAY 18 | THE FLAVOURS OF PARIS
Explore Paris with Insight Choice, choose to explore Montorgueil or join a food lovers' tour. This evening indulge in refined French cuisine at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 19 | AU REVOIR PARIS
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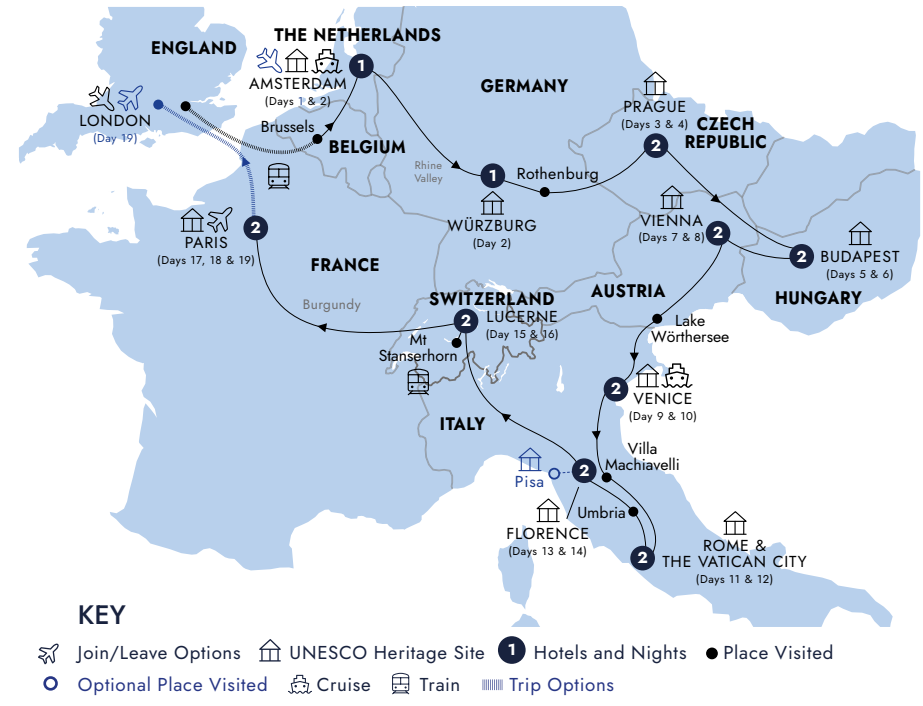

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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Prague | *Insight Choice* Visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral and explore the atmospheric courtyards of the historic Prague Castle, *or* stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert, and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Budapest | Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy, followed by an enchanting recital performed by a student.

Vienna | Indulge in traditional coffee and cake at a local cafe that promotes well-being support for the community, in addition to crafting delicious treats.

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

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Budapest | Enjoy a scenic dinner cruise and soak up the city lights along the Danube.

Umbria | Explore the art of Italian cooking with Chef Lorenzo followed by a tasty lunch.

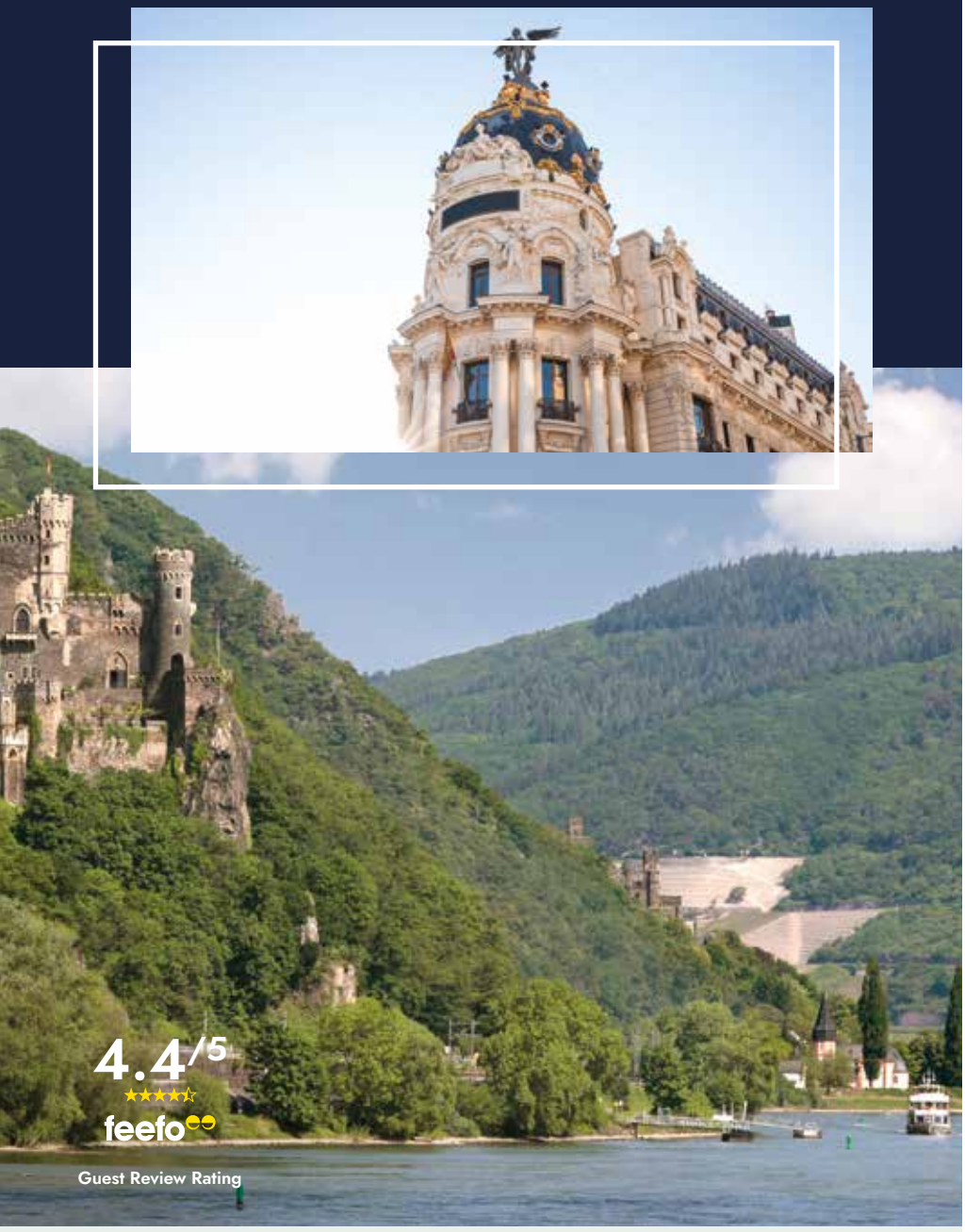
Paris | Indulge in refined French cuisine during your dinner at a local restaurant.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

European Grandeur

Unveil the opulence and grandeur of Europe, from shopping along Parisian boulevards to seeing Picasso's trailblazing masterpieces in Madrid.

26 DAYS | 10 COUNTRIES | 32 MEALS | BALANCED



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - September

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

DAY 1 | LONDON TO PARIS BY EUROSTAR™
Meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar™. Alternatively, join in Paris. This evening enjoy dinner at a local brasserie. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Rive Gauche, Paris

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

DAY 2 | PARIS, THE CITY OF LIGHT
Immerse yourself in the romantic charm of Paris as your Travel Director introduces you to its iconic landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées and the Louvre, home to the Mona Lisa. **(B)**

DAY 3 | ONTO BORDEAUX
Take a scenic drive along the Loire Valley. Visit the majestic Chenonceau Castle. Continue to bustling Bordeaux. **(B)**
Hotel: Novotel Gare St Jean, Bordeaux

DAY 4 | BORDEAUX AND SAN SEBASTIÁN
Join a Local Expert for a guided tour of Bordeaux. Journey to San Sebastián, where you visit a variety of pintxos bars to mingle and dine with locals. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián

DAYS 5 - 6 | MADRID
Pass Burgos on the way to Madrid. Join your Local Expert for a sightseeing tour of Madrid's Old Town as well as, along the elegant Paseo de la Castellana and past the fountain in the Plaza de Cibeles. Visit the Reina Sofia Museum with an art historian to see Picasso's Guernica.
Hotel: Barceló Torre de Madrid

DAYS 7 - 8 | BARCELONA, CITY OF GAUDÍ
Continue to the vibrant port of Barcelona. Join your Local Expert to view the Gothic Quarter and see Gaudí's extraordinary masterpiece, the mesmerising Sagrada Família.
Hotel: Labtwentytwo/Torre Melina Gran Meliá, Barcelona

DAY 9 | JOURNEY TO THE FRENCH RIVIERA
Journey to Nice on the French Riviera, admire the Bay of Angels, stroll along the Promenade des Anglais and soak up Côte d'Azur charm. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Apollinaire, Nice

DAY 10 | ON THE SHORES OF NICE AND MONACO
Spend the morning at your leisure to relax on the beach or stroll through the Old Town. Later, explore Monaco where you are driven along part of the Grand Prix circuit, before walking with your Travel Director through Monaco-ville the oldest district of the Principality of Monaco. See the Royal Palace where the Grimaldi family live, the yacht-filled harbour and the cathedral, housing the tombs of the late Prince Rainier and Princess Grace. **(B)**

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

DAYS 11 - 12 | PISA AND FLORENCE
Join your Local Expert to admire the incredible Leaning Tower of Pisa. In Florence, walk with your Local Expert to the baptistery and the Piazza della Signoria, an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces.
Hotel: Villa Neroli, Florence

DAYS 13 - 15 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME
Journey into Rome, the capital of Italy and savour a traditional dinner at a local restaurant. Visit St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums to see Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel.
Hotel: Room 007 Select, Rome

DAYS 16 - 17 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA
Arrive at the glorious city of Venice by water taxi and savour a cocktail at sunset before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant. Admire the Doge's Palace on St. Mark's Square and the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of traditional glassblowing.
Hotel: Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

DAY 18 | VENICE TO ELEGANT LJUBLJANA
In Ljubljana, a Local Expert shows you the highlights of the city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the tranquil shores of Lake Bled. **(B)**
Hotel: Exe Lev Ljubljana

DAYS 19 - 20 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS
Pass Maribor and Graz en route to Vienna. Join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese cafe to enjoy local specialities of coffee and Sachertorte, or visit the Capuchins Crypt, the resting place of the Habsburg family.
Hotel: Hilton Vienna Park

DAY 21 | SALZBURG AND ONTO INNSBRUCK
In Salzburg, join a Local Expert for a visit to the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace. **(B)**
Hotel: AC, Innsbruck

DAYS 22 - 23 | LIECHTENSTEIN, LUCERNE AND MOUNT STANSERHORN
Journey to the Principality of Liechtenstein and spend some time in its tiny capital, Vaduz. In Lucerne, visit the proud Lion Monument. You are offered a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around evening. Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels takes you up the summit.
Hotel: Astoria Lucerne

DAY 24 | LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE
Travel through Germany along the scenic Rhine Valley to Königswinter. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Maritim, Königswinter

DAY 25 | THE CANALS OF AMSTERDAM
Continue to the Netherlands' capital, Amsterdam, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and embark on a scenic canal cruise. In the evening, raise a toast to your adventure with dinner at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Apollo, Amsterdam

DAY 26 | DEPART AMSTERDAM OR RETURN LONDON OPTION
Bid farewell to your travelling companions as your journey comes to an end. Alternatively, you may return to London with the Eurostar™ option. **(B)**

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



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Madrid | Visit the Reina Sofia Museum with an art historian and see Pablo Picasso's masterpiece Guernica.

Florence | Join a Local Expert for a city tour to view the multicoloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise.

Rome | See the medieval buildings, including Renaissance palaces and Baroque churches, scattered throughout the city.

Venice | Cruise to St. Mark's Square and see the Doge's Palace, Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Basilica.

Vienna | *Insight Choice* Savour coffee and Sachertorte at a traditional Viennese coffeehouse during a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, *or* visit Capuchins Crypt, the burial place of the Habsburg family.

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MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

Venice | In St Marks Square at sunset, sip cocktails canal-side before dinner at a local restaurant.

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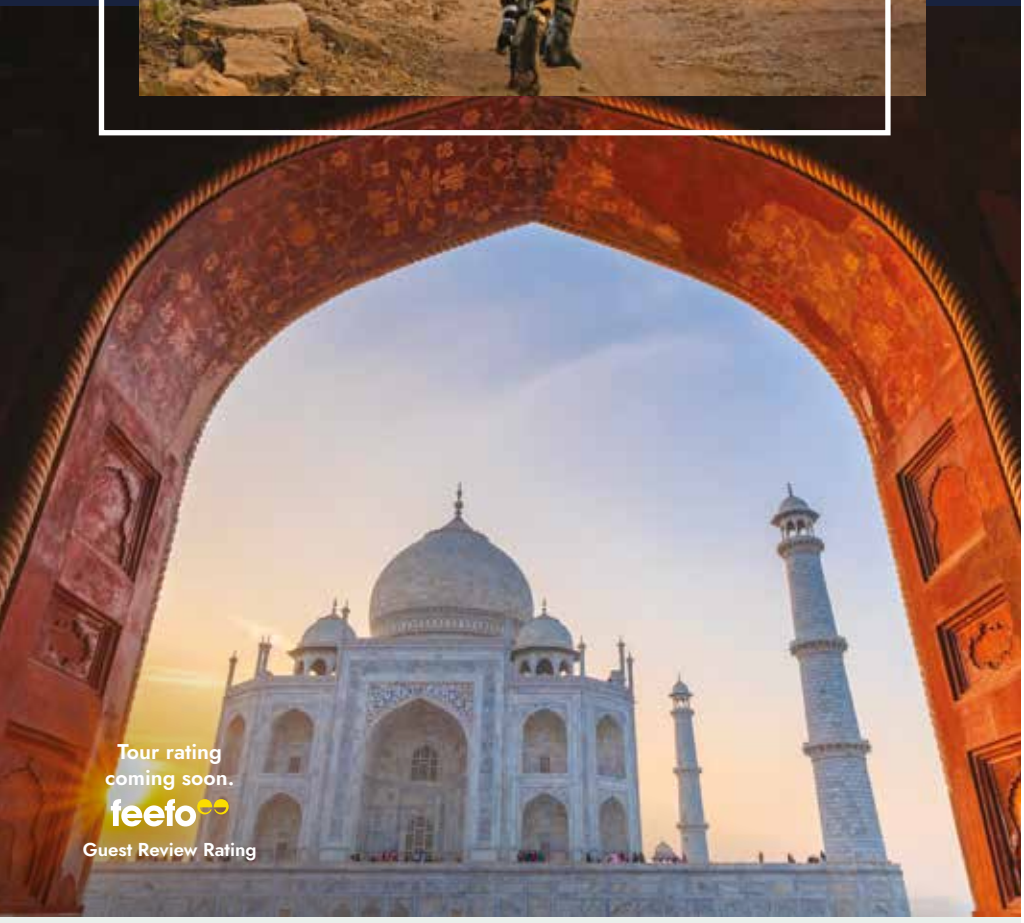
Classic India with Tiger Reserve

Journey from Delhi to Udaipur via Agra, Sariska and Jaipur. Stand before the Taj Mahal at sunrise, spot tigers in the wild, explore Amber Fort, wander through Jaipur's bazaars and dine in heritage residences across Rajasthan.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 20 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

October - April

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DELHI

Welcome to the vibrant heart of India. Meet your Travel Director and fellow guests this evening for a warm welcome over a traditional Indian dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**
Hotel: Le Méridien, New Delhi

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 06:00 and 14:00.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 | OLD DELHI HERITAGE

Begin your day at Jama Masjid, one of India's largest mosques, before weaving through the historic lanes of Chandni Chowk on a traditional rickshaw ride. Glimpse the imposing Red Fort as you pass by, then visit Raj Ghat, the memorial marking the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi. At Bangla Sahib Gurdwara, explore the serene temple complex and meet the volunteers who prepare and serve over 10,000 meals each day as part of seva, the Sikh principle of selfless service. Conclude with a visit to Humayun's Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and architectural precursor to the Taj Mahal, blending Persian and Mughal elements in a tranquil garden setting. **(B)**

DAY 3 | NEW DELHI AND ON TO AGRA

Start your morning exploring Agrasen ki Baoli, a 14th-century stepwell, before travelling to Agra, former capital of the Mughal Empire. Enjoy a guided walk of the art-filled village of Kachhpura and learn about its sustainability projects, then unwind at Mehtab Bagh with tea and pakoras, admiring the Taj Mahal across the Yamuna River. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Taj View, Agra

DAY 4 | THE TAJ MAHAL AT SUNRISE

Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise, when the early light reveals the monument's architectural symmetry and refined detail. Explore Agra Fort, a UNESCO-listed 16th-century Mughal stronghold that served as both a military base and imperial residence. Enjoy a traditional Indian lunch in a former royal palace, with Rajasthani specialities served in a heritage setting. Travel onward to Sariska Tiger Reserve, a protected landscape once used as a royal hunting ground. Settle into your hotel and dine on regional cuisine, followed by a cultural performance that brings to life the music and dance traditions of the surrounding region. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Vanaashrya Resort and Spa Sariska, Tehla

DAY 5 | ON SAFARI AT SARISKA TIGER RESERVE

Begin your day with a pre-breakfast game drive through Sariska Tiger Reserve, where cooler temperatures prompt activity among sambar deer, leopards, and Bengal tigers. Once devoid of tigers, the park now shelters a growing population thanks to reintroduction efforts. With fewer visitors than larger reserves, Sariska offers a quieter, more authentic safari through dry deciduous forest.

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

After lunch, return to the reserve for a second drive, followed by a cooking demo highlighting the flavours and techniques of Rajasthani cuisine. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 6 | JAIPUR, THE PINK CITY

Travel to Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan and famed for its distinctive pink-hued architecture. Discover the walled city on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with The Pink City Rickshaw Co, an innovative social enterprise empowering local women as trained drivers and equity holders. Ride through historic quarters and past the intricate facade of the Palace of the Winds in a custom-designed e-rickshaw. This evening, dine under the stars at a private estate in the Aravalli Hills, where traditional dishes are served in a setting once favoured by Jaipur's nobility for their countryside retreats. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Hilton Jaipur

DAY 7 | FORTS AND PALACES OF JAIPUR

Begin at Amber Fort, the 16th-century UNESCO-listed stronghold of the Kachhwaha Rajputs, reached by Jeep. Explore mirrored halls, painted chambers, and receive a traditional blessing. Continue to the City Palace, still home to Jaipur's royal family. After lunch, choose between visiting Rajasthan's oldest museum, Albert Hall, or Jantar Mantar, a UNESCO-listed 18th-century astronomical observatory. Later, enjoy high tea and kite-flying at Dera Mandawa. In the evening, join an Optional Experience to witness the Aarti ceremony at Birla Temple. **(B)**

DAY 8 | THROUGH RURAL RAJASTHAN TO DEOGARH MAHAL

Your day begins with a Relaxed Start before travelling to Bijay Niwars Palace for a Farm-to-Table lunch prepared with ingredients from the palace's organic gardens. In Deogarh, stay at the hilltop Deogarh Mahal, a 17th-century hilltop residence built by Rawat Dwarka Dasji. Explore its richly decorated interiors with a Local Expert, uncovering centuries of Rajput and Mughal history. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Deogarh Mahal, Deogarh

DAY 9 | TO UDAIPUR AND LAKE PICHOLA

Start the day with an Optional Experience of yoga at Deogarh Mahal, guided by a trained instructor in a calm and atmospheric setting. Travel to Udaipur, a city founded in the 16th-century by Maharana Udai Singh II and known for its palaces and lakeside views. On arrival, take to the waters of Lake Pichola, a freshwater reservoir created in 1362 and later shaped by the Mewar dynasty. The boat cruise offers views of the City Palace, Jag Mandir and shoreline mansions, set against the dramatic backdrop of the Aravalli Hills. **(B)**
Hotel: Fateh Villas, Udaipur

DAY 10 | UDAIPUR, THE CITY OF LAKES

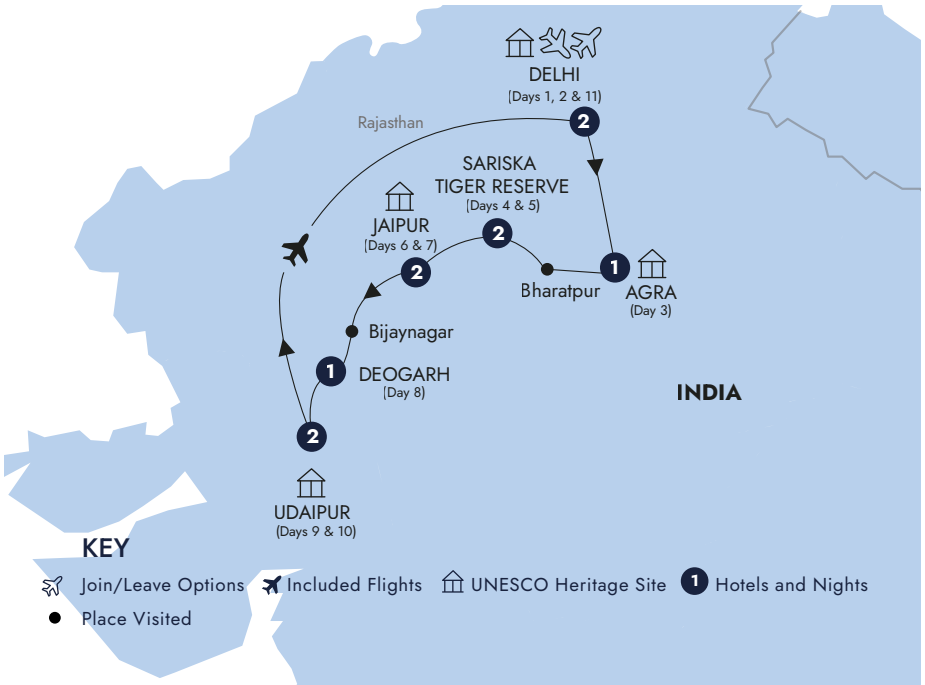
Take a closer look at Udaipur's royal and cultural landmarks with a visit to the City Palace, then stroll past Jagdish Temple and Saheliyon-ki-Bari. Complete your morning exploration in the bustling local bazaar before an afternoon at leisure. In the evening, dine with your Travel Director and fellow guests beside Lake Pichola. **(B) (D)**

DAY 11 | FAREWELL INDIA

Enjoy a Relaxed Start with the morning free to soak up the final moments of your time in Rajasthan. Later, board your flight to Delhi, where your journey concludes and your onward travel begins. Please ensure your onward flights from Delhi are scheduled for departure after 20:00. **(B) (RS)**

Women-Only Option

We also offer an exclusive Women-Only departure for this tour. Designed by women, for women, this inspiring journey welcomes up to 24 like-minded guests and features enriching experiences that support female-owned businesses. To read the full itinerary visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Delhi | Visit UNESCO-listed Humayun's Tomb.
Explore Chandni Chowk by rickshaw.

New Delhi | Visit Delhi's golden-domed Sikh temple, where over 10,000 free meals are served daily in a spirit of selfless service.

Agra | Walk through Kachhpura village to scenic Mehtab Bagh and enjoy pakoras with tea.
Explore UNESCO-listed Agra Fort, a former imperial residence.
Visit the Taj Mahal at sunrise.

Sariska Tiger Reserve | Explore Sariska's wildlife on expert-led game drives.

Jaipur | Insight Choice Discover Jantar Mantar, UNESCO-listed 18th-century astronomical observatory, *or* visit the Albert Hall Museum, Rajasthan's oldest state museum.

Jaipur | Enjoy Indian high tea as Mr Durga Singh and expert flyers demonstrate patangbaazi, Jaipur's traditional kite-flying sport.
Experience Jaipur's walled city by custom-designed e-rickshaw, driven by women trained through a pioneering initiative that provides aspirational livelihoods to those from low-income households. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Agra | Enjoy a menu of traditional Indian dishes at Laxmi Niwas Palace.

Jaipur | Dine outdoors at Dera Amer, nestled in the Aravalli Hills.

Deogarh | Enjoy a farm-fresh lunch at a former royal retreat Bijay Niwas Palace, with ingredients from its organic farm supporting local jobs.

Udaipur | As Udaipur's lakeside palaces glow at dusk, savour regional cuisine and toast your journey through Rajasthan.

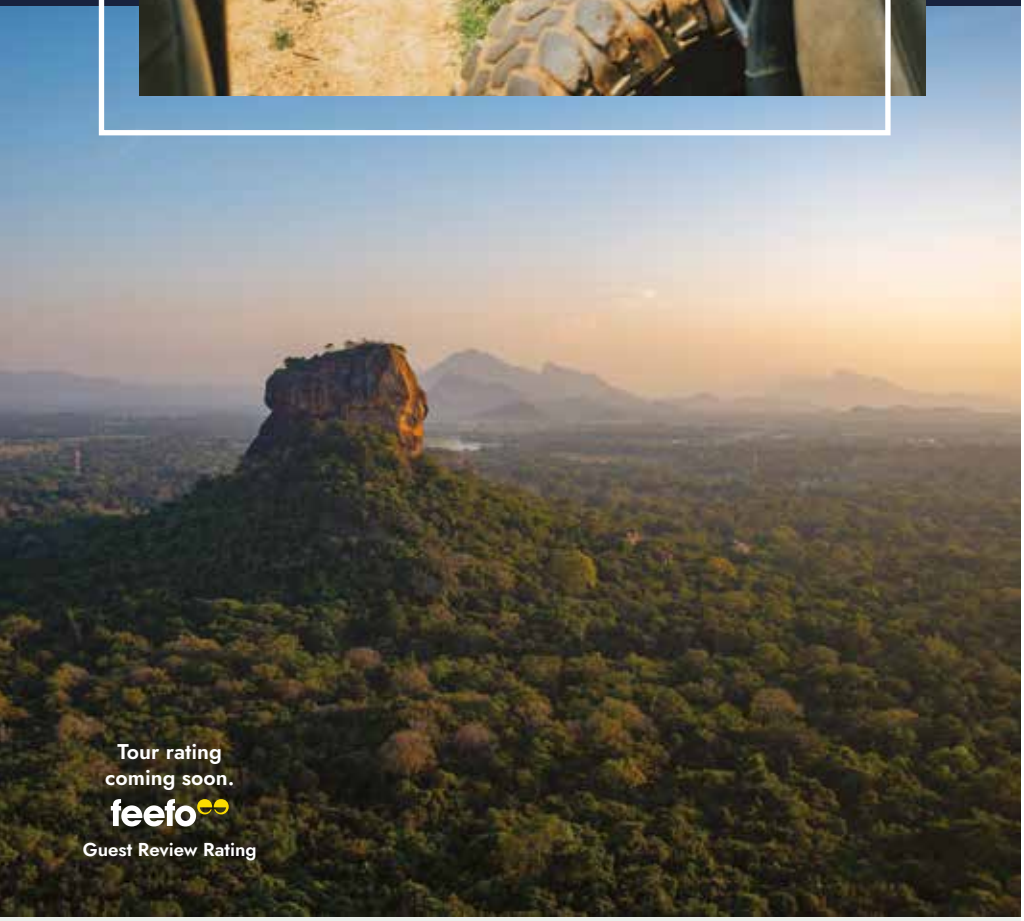
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Wonders of Sri Lanka

Experience Sri Lanka's spirit through ritual and wild beauty. Explore Anuradhapura, climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress, visit Kandy's temple, sip Ceylon tea and spot elephants.

13 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 26 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

August - April

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVAL COLOMBO
Arrive in Sri Lanka's vibrant capital, where colonial charm meets modern life. Once a hub of the Silk Road, Colombo blends European architecture with temples and spice markets. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a rooftop dinner featuring locally inspired cuisine and views of the city skyline. **(D)**
Hotel: Cinnamon Lakeside, Colombo

TRANSFERS: Depart the airport at 10:00 and 16:30.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

DAY 2 | SEE THE SIGHTS OF COLOMBO
Take an exciting tuk-tuk ride through Colombo's vibrant streets. Explore Pettah Market, see the Red Mosque, visit Wolvendaal Church and the multicultural Gangaramaya Temple. Finish at Hotel Nippon with its famous spiced mutton roll. **(B)**

DAY 3 | VILLAGE LIFE IN HIRIWADUNNA
Journey inland to Hiriwadunna, where rural life unfolds amid lush farmland and peaceful waterways. Take a guided walk through village fields before enjoying a Farm-to-Table lunch made from seasonal ingredients. Explore the Ibbankatuwa Megalithic Tombs, an archaeological site offering a rare glimpse into Sri Lanka's prehistoric burial customs and early artistry. Later, arrive in Dambulla to unwind at your lakeside hotel. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Jetwing Lake, Dambulla

DAY 4 | EXPLORE THE ANCIENT SIGIRIYA ROCK FORTRESS
This morning, choose between two enriching Insight Choice experiences. Climb the UNESCO-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress or visit a botanical garden inspired by Sri Lanka's royal gardens. Later, visit the ancient capital of Polonnaruwa with a Local Expert. Return to your hotel for a Sri Lankan barbecue dinner. **(B) (D)**

DAY 5 | EARLY HERITAGE IN ANURADHAPURA
Travel to Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka's first great capital. At Isurumuniya Temple, join a monk-led blessing ceremony, then visit a village where artisans handcraft clay pots. Later, perhaps explore Minneriya National Park on an Optional Experience to witness wild Asian elephants gathering at the reservoir. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 | INTO THE HILLS OF KANDY
Travel into Sri Lanka's cultural heart, beginning at the Dambulla Cave Temple, a monastic sanctuary dating back over 2,000 years. Hidden within its rock-hewn chambers, more than 150 gilded Buddha statues sit in quiet meditation. Continue to Kandy, where misty hills frame the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, believed to bring divine right to rule. As evening falls, witness the rhythmic energy of a Kandyan dance performance, where drummers and fire dancers bring ancient storytelling to life. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Cinnamon Citadel Kandy

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

DAY 7 | CULTURAL KANDY
Spend the morning in Yatiwawala, walking through rice fields and spice gardens, visiting a market, meeting an Ayurvedic doctor, and helping cook a traditional meal. In the afternoon, explore the Royal Botanical Gardens. Later, choose an Optional Experience: a Kandy walking tour or a Mahaweli River cruise. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 8 | ALL ABOARD THE TRAIN TO NUWARA ELIYA
Board a train to Sri Lanka's central highlands. In Nuwara Eliya, visit a tea estate to see how Ceylon tea is made, from plucking to brewing. Explore the town with your Travel Director, then enjoy high tea with scones, sandwiches and fine Ceylon tea at the Grand Hotel. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grand, Nuwara Eliya

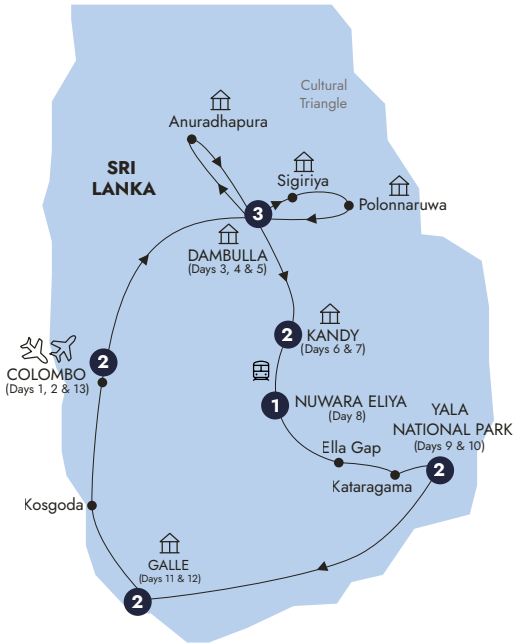
DAY 9 | THROUGH THE LOWLANDS TO YALA NATIONAL PARK
Journey south from Nuwara Eliya as the highlands give way to sunlit lowlands. Stop at a scenic viewpoint with tea estates and waterfalls. Continue to Kataragama, a sacred town for multiple faiths, then arrive in Yala to relax at a coastal retreat near the national park.
(B) (L) (D) (RS)
Hotel: Jetwing Yala

DAY 10 | YALA NATIONAL PARK SAFARI
Join morning and evening game drives with an expert ranger through Yala's varied landscapes, from woodlands to coastal lagoons. Watch for elephants by waterholes, crocodiles on the banks and, if lucky, a Sri Lankan leopard. Between drives, enjoy a guided nature walk around the hotel, spotting colourful birdlife like kingfishers, bee-eaters and herons. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 11 | ALONG THE COAST TO GALLE
Travel along Sri Lanka's southern coast, where fishing villages and palm-lined shores reflect a sea-shaped way of life. Meet Weligama's stilt fishermen, who fish from wooden poles. Continue to Galle Fort, a UNESCO site built by the Portuguese in 1588 and expanded by the Dutch. With your Travel Director, explore the atmospheric streets, visiting the old District Judge's house, museums, temples and a historic mosque. Finish at the lighthouse, where locals gather at sunset to admire views over the Indian Ocean. **(B)**
Hotel: Jetwing Lighthouse, Galle

DAY 12 | GALLE AT LEISURE
Spend the day at leisure, relaxing at your hotel or exploring Galle's historic streets and coast. Optional Experiences today include an early whale-watching cruise, or a morning visit to a cinnamon estate to learn about its cultivation. In the afternoon, you can opt to take a boat trip on Koggala Lake. End the day with a relaxing dinner at the hotel. **(B) (D)**

DAY 13 | GOODBYE SRI LANKA
Spend your final morning at leisure before visiting a sea turtle conservation centre during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Learn about conservation efforts and, if in season, see hatchlings released. Afterwards, say goodbye to your Travel Director and fellow travellers when you transfer to the airport. Please ensure your flight booking departs after 20:00. **(B) (RS)**



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Colombo | Undertake a tuk-tuk adventure through historic streets.

Sigiriya | *Insight Choice* Visit the beautifully landscaped Sigiriya's Royal Gardens boasting advanced irrigation techniques, *or* climb Sigiriya Rock Fortress and admire the breathtaking views below.

Anuradhapura | Discover Sri Lanka's sacred sites from ancient stupas to rock carvings, and meet local artisans.

Kandy | Visit Sri Lanka's sacred Temple of the Tooth, home to a revered relic of the Buddha.

Nuwara Eliya | Visit a tea estate and factory to learn about Ceylon tea's history, harvesting process, and enjoy a freshly brewed cup.

Yala National Park | Embark on morning and evening game drives through Sri Lanka's most celebrated national park, where dry woodlands, open grasslands and coastal lagoons create a habitat for diverse wildlife.

Galle | Walk through the cobbled streets of the 16th-century UNESCO-listed fort. Meet Weligama's stilt fishermen using a unique, time-honoured technique on wooden stilts.

Kosgoda | Visit Victor Hasselblad Sea Turtle Research & Conservation Centre and learn about the threats facing the marine creatures, from habitat loss to pollution. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainability Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Colombo | Join a welcome dinner, set on a rooftop overlooking the city skyline.

Habarana | Enjoy a Farm-to-Table lunch at Hiriwadunna Community, featuring authentic Sri Lankan dishes made with locally sourced ingredients and served in a scenic rural setting.

Dambulla | Gather for a Sri Lankan barbecue dinner where fragrant spices and fresh local ingredients take centre stage.

Nuwara Eliya | Savour a traditional high tea in the Grand Hotel, a colonial-era landmark in Sri Lanka's hill country.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines

Fly above the Nazca Lines, tour the ancient Koricancha temple and adventure through Machu Picchu and the ruins at Ollantaytambo.

13 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 24 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - November

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LIMA
Arrive in Lima for the first day of your journey. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Unwind at your luxury abode, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers in the evening for dinner with drinks. **(D)**
Hotel: MGallery Manto, Lima

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE LIMA
Explore the colourful capital of Peru this morning with your Local Expert. Delve into its colonial past and see key attractions. Visit Casa Aliaga, an impressive mansion that has been home to the Aliaga family for 17 generations. For art enthusiasts, head to Lima's Museo Larco, South America's highest-rated museum, showcasing a remarkable collection of pre-Columbian art. Enjoy lunch surrounded by the museum's stunning gardens. Then, meet a Local Expert to explore Peru's rich culture, ancient history and spiritual traditions through the museum's fascinating collections. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 3 | LIMA TO SACRED VALLEY
After a morning flight to Cusco, begin your exploration with a tour of the Sacred Valley, whilst taking in impressive views on your scenic drive along the way. Enjoy lunch at Altar Inca, surrounded by some of the most stunning sights of the region. Arrive at your hotel for a leisurely evening. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Aranwa Sacred Valley, Urubamba

DAY 4 | EXPLORE SACRED VALLEY
Begin the day with a visit to the stunning Maras salt pans before heading to an Incan laboratory in Moray, located on an archaeological site close to Cusco. Then join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit a local traditional Quechua weaver where you will learn first-hand about ancient weaving techniques and the importance these textiles have in shaping both personal and regional identities. Make your way to Laguna Piuray where you'll enjoy your lunch of Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast. In the evening, transfer to Hacienda Huayoccari, a gem of the Sacred Valley. Explore its grounds and sit down for a special dinner made with local farm-grown produce. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | EXPLORE MACHU PICCHU
Board and prepare to be stunned for your 360° Inca Rail train ride that takes you through countless stunning sights of Peru. On the way, visit the Ollantaytambo ruins and stop at a local house in the village to meet the family living there for fantastic local insight into the region. In the afternoon, it is finally time to visit Machu Picchu, where you'll meet Local Experts for a guided visit in small groups. They will take you through the countless ruins and explain their historical and archaeological

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significance, as well as the importance of their location. End your day with a relaxing dinner and drinks at your hotel. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Sumaq Machu Picchu, Aguas Calientes

DAY 6 | MACHU PICCHU AT LEISURE
Take in the beauty and history of Machu Picchu for a second time, spending your morning exploring at your own pace. The afternoon is at your leisure for further exploration or relaxation. Then in the evening enjoy a fantastic dinner with your fellow travellers. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 | ON TO CUSCO
After breakfast, return by train to Ollantaytambo, where you will transfer to the ancient city of Cusco. Once you arrive, head out on a walking tour with a Local Expert. Visit its cathedral and the Korikancha temple, the most important temple in the Inca Empire. The evening is yours at leisure. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: JW Marriott El Convento, Cusco

DAY 8 | EXPLORING CUSCO
Start your day with a walking tour of Sacsayhuaman. Afterwards, explore with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert on a guided hike of the Inca ruins at Puca Pucara. Alternatively, you can explore the lively and colourful San Pedro Market. Later, make your way to the city's planetarium for a private, after-hours tour, sample some local delicacies and hot wine as you gaze at the night sky. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 9 | LEISURE TIME IN CUSCO
Today, explore Cusco at your own pace. Perhaps join an optional visit to the ChocoMuseum to discover the art of chocolate making or lace up your boots for a scenic hike to Rainbow Mountain. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a memorable dinner at Inka Grill. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | FROM THE ANDES TO THE COAST
Depart Cusco and fly to Lima. From here, enjoy a leisurely coastal drive to the beach town of Paracas. Known for its sandy beaches, tranquil bay, wildlife and the Paracas Candelabra geoglyph. With the rest of your evening free, take the opportunity to relax at your beautiful resort right on the beach. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort

DAY 11 | PARACAS & THE NAZCA LINES
This morning meet a local fisherman to learn about their daily life and routine. Afterwards, take in the area from above with an aircraft ride over the mysterious Nazca Lines. This is truly the best way to experience this stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site in all its glory. **(B)**

DAY 12 | BALLESTAS ISLANDS AND PERUVIAN WILDLIFE
Home to blue footed boobies, Humboldt penguins, Peruvian pelicans, fur seals and sea lions, the Ballestas Islands are famous for their abundant marine life as well as striking rock formations. Soak it all in on this morning's scenic cruise with your Local Expert. Experience another side of the area in the nearby city of Ica at a pisco distillery for a tasting. Enhance your cultural discoveries at one of Peru's finest small museums housing mummies, skulls, fossils, ceramics, textiles and artefacts from the Inca and other significant civilisations of the region. **(B) (L)**

DAY 13 | CHINCHA AND RETURN TO LIMA
During your return to Lima, stop at Hacienda San José in Chincha and gain insight into a darker chapter of Peruvian history at this former slave plantation. After immersion in Peru's history, your tour concludes with a drop-off at Lima airport. **(B) (L) (RS)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 18:00.

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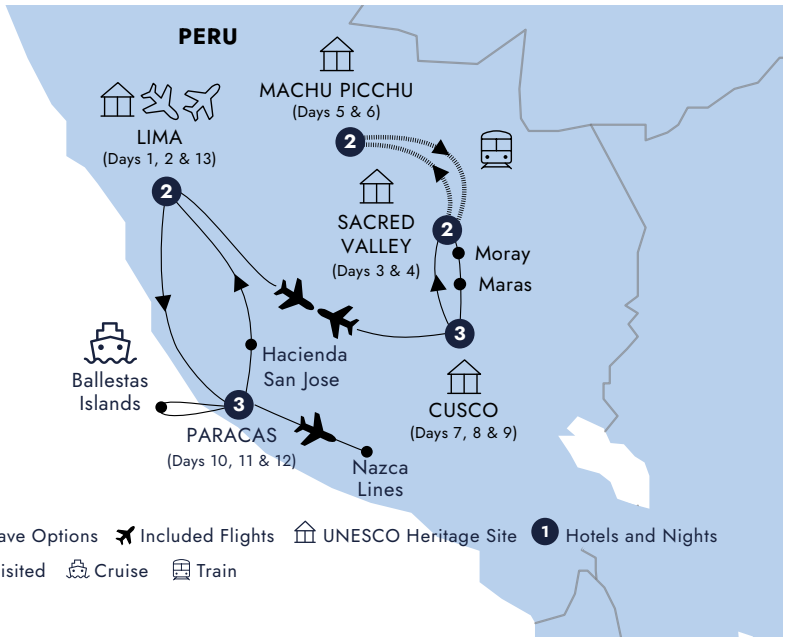

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Lima | Tour Museo Larco's collection of Pre-Columbian art.

Machu Picchu | Walk in the footsteps of Inca engineers as you explore this majestic UNESCO World Heritage Site. With your Local Expert, uncover the astronomical precision of the solar observatory, the ceremonial significance of the Temple of the Three Windows and the ingenious design behind the ritual baths. Marvel at dry-stone walls so masterfully constructed they've resisted centuries of seismic activity. Learn how this 15th-century sanctuary, perched high in the Andes, eluded Spanish conquistadors, its secrets safeguarded by the cloud forest until its rediscovery.
Journey in style on your 360° IncaRail train ride.

Cusco | *Insight Choice* Explore San Pedro Market on a guided tour, *or* join a guided hike of the Inca ruins in Puca Pucara.

Cusco | Enjoy an after-hours Planetarium visit to learn how the Incas interpreted the stars.
Explore the Incan archaeological site of Sacsayhuaman.

Paracas | Take to the skies to see the iconic Nazca Lines.
Enjoy a scenic cruise to the Ballestas Islands.

Ica | Delve into the history of the nation's beloved drink, pisco, during a tasting at a local distillery.

Sacred Valley | Visit a local traditional Quechua weaver for a private textile presentation and learn about ancient technique and their cultural significance. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 5 & 10: Gender Equality Reduced Inequalities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Lima | Discover traditional flavours in Museo Larco's 18th century garden.

Sacred Valley | Enjoy a Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast, on the shores of Laguna Piuray.

Cusco | Savour a slow-cooked Cusquenian lunch in the courtyard of a historic mansion.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Heart of Patagonia

Journey deep into Patagonia to explore national parks, cruise past vast glaciers and walk beneath the Andes. You'll discover traditional ranch life and gain insights with a glacier expert in this strikingly remote region.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

January - February + April + October - November

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

DAY 1 | TOUCHDOWN IN CHILE

Welcome to Santiago, Chile's vibrant capital nestled between the Andes and the Pacific. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Settle in, and meet your Travel Director and fellow guests over a relaxed dinner, looking ahead to the journey ahead. **(D)**
Hotel: NOI Vitacura, Santiago

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | SIGHTS OF SANTIAGO

Discover Santiago's soul with your Local Expert. Admire neoclassical architecture, visit the bustling Central Market and take in city views from San Cristóbal Hill. At Pueblito Los Dominicos, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet artisans preserving the art of horsehair weaving, a cherished tradition in southern Chile. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | ON TO PUERTO NATALES

Fly south to Punta Arenas, gateway to Patagonia. Cross the vast steppe to Puerto Natales, a quiet town on Seno Última Esperanza. Here, glacier-fed waters and distant peaks offer your first taste of Patagonia's rugged beauty. **(B)**
Hotel: Remota Patagonia Lodge, Puerto Natales

DAY 4 | ÚLTIMA ESPERANZA FJORD

Cross the glacier-fed waters of Última Esperanza Fjord by boat, arriving at Estancia La Península: a working Patagonian ranch set amidst breathtaking southern scenery. You're welcomed with traditional sopaipillas, crispy fried pumpkin dough, served with homemade jam before choosing your own way to explore the landscape. Ride horseback along trails once used by gauchos or join a guided hike through wetlands and evergreen forest, rich in birdlife and native flora. Later, gather for a slow-roasted lamb barbecue, then watch skilled sheepdogs at work and learn about shearing techniques that have shaped rural life in Patagonia for generations. **(B) (L)**

DAY 5 | PUERTO NATALES TO TORRES DEL PAINE

Enter Torres del Paine National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Settle in at Hotel Las Torres Patagonia. You may wish to discover the traditions of Patagonian horsemen, whose bond with the land and their horses is central to life in the south, or explore the hotel's organic gardens and learn how sustainable practices support the fragile local ecosystem. Both experiences offer a unique window into the spirit of Patagonia. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Las Torres Patagonia, Torres del Paine National Park

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

DAY 6 | TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK
Uncover the contrasts of Torres del Paine. Visit panoramic lookouts at Puente Negro, Nordenskjöld, Sarmiento and Lake Pehoé, and witness the force of Salto Grande waterfall. Pause for a gourmet al fresco lunch set against jagged peaks. Walk along Lago Grey, where icebergs drift from the glacier. Reflect over dinner amid this untouched wilderness. **(B) (L) (D)**

DAY 7 | EL CALAFATE AND LOS GLACIARES NATIONAL PARK
Travel into Argentina to El Calafate, gateway to Los Glaciares National Park. Named after the native berry believed to guarantee a return, this remote town marks your transition from Chilean to Argentine Patagonia. **(B)**
Hotel: Posada Los Alamos, El Calafate

DAY 8 | GLACIERS OF PATAGONIA
Set out on a full-day exploration of Los Glaciares National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site home to some of Patagonia's most iconic ice fields. Cruise across Argentino Lake, passing massive icebergs en route to the Upsala Glacier, one of the largest in South America. Continue through the Spegazzini Channel to view its towering namesake glacier, the park's tallest. Disembark for a guided nature walk through native lenga forest, then enjoy a scenic lunch aboard the boat before approaching the dramatic northern face of Perito Moreno Glacier. **(B) (L)**

DAY 9 | PERITO MORENO GLACIER
Get up close to Perito Moreno Glacier. Wander the boardwalks for panoramic views and, if lucky, witness calving ice. Visit the Glaciarium Patagonia Ice Museum and gain a deeper understanding of Patagonia's glaciers through a talk with a Local Expert. Discover how these vast ice fields have shaped the region's geography over thousands of years. **(B)**

DAY 10 | OFF TO BUENOS AIRES
Fly north to Buenos Aires, Argentina's lively capital. Trade wild landscapes for grand boulevards, tree-lined streets and a spirited urban culture. **(B)**
Hotel: MGallery Palladio, Buenos Aires

DAY 11 | EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES
Take a deep dive into Buenos Aires on a city tour through its historical and cultural heart. From Teatro Colón and Plaza de Mayo to colourful La Boca and refined Recoleta, each district reveals a different facet of the city. End your journey with a farewell dinner and tango show at El Viejo Almacén in San Telmo for a fitting finale. **(B) (D)**

DAY 12 | DEPART BUENOS AIRES
Your journey comes to an end as you bid farewell to your Travel Director and fellow guests before your transfer to the airport. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.



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Join/Leave Options · Included Flights · UNESCO Heritage Site · 1 Hotels and Nights · Place Visited

HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Santiago | Discover neoclassical landmarks and panoramic views with a Local Expert.

Puerto Natales | *Insight Choice* Explore the rich biodiversity on a hike with a Local Expert, *or* explore the landscape on horseback.

Torres del Paine National Park | *Insight Choice* Tour the regions oldest organic kitchen and garden at Reserva Cerro Paine, *or* meet the baquenos and learn the Patagonian way of life as you sip yerba mate tea with these guardians of local ranching tradition.

Torres del Paine National Park | Take a scenic drive through Chile's Patagonia Region. Explore the rugged beauty with a hike along the shores of Lago Grey.

El Calafate | Cruise past towering icebergs and glacial cliffs. Visit the Glaciarium, a cutting-edge interpretive centre. Meet a glacier expert, for a deeper understanding of Patagonia. Take in panoramic views of Perito Moreno Glacier from a network of elevated boardwalks.

Santiago | Meet southern Chilean artisans at Santiago's Pueblito Los Dominicos and see how delicate strands of horsehair are dyed, woven and transformed into intricate designs. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Puerto Natales | Discover deep-rooted traditions of Chile's southern frontier during a traditional Patagonian lamb barbecue at Estancia La Peninsula.

Torres del Paine National Park | Enjoy a taste of Patagonian tradition during a dinner prepared with fresh ingredients and inspired by the rugged beauty of Torres del Paine.

Buenos Aires | Spend an evening at El Viejo Almacén, one of Buenos Aires' oldest and most revered tango venues. Your dinner is followed by an evocative tango performance celebrating Argentina's living cultural legacy.

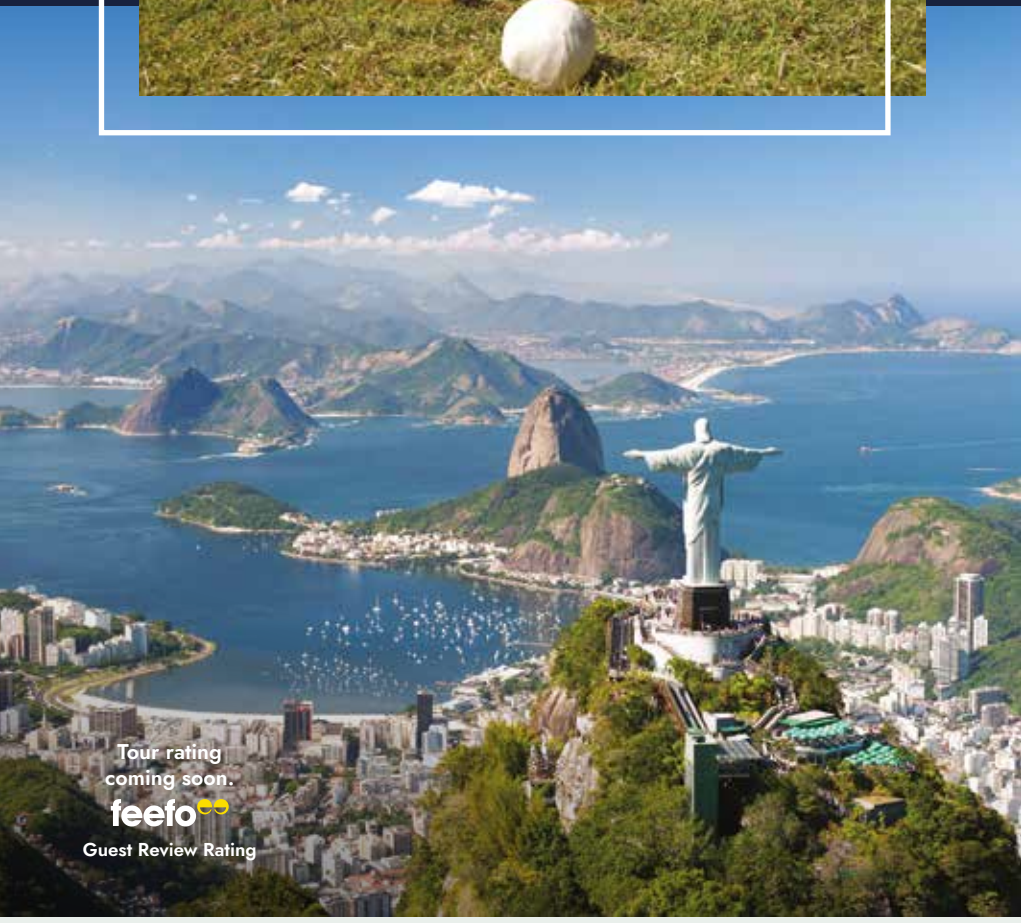
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Contrasts of Brazil & Argentina

Discover the contrasts of Argentina and Brazil, from tango halls to rainforest trails. You'll connect with gaucho traditions and take in Atlantic vistas before completing your tour with panoramic views from Sugarloaf Mountain.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: ZABR

DEPARTURE MONTHS

September - March

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUENOS AIRES

Welcome to the sophisticated capital of Argentina, often affectionately dubbed the "Paris of South America". On arrival, you'll be transferred to your hand-picked hotel. Take time to settle in and unwind before joining your Travel Director and fellow guests for dinner. **(D)**
Hotel: MGallery Palladio, Buenos Aires

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer to your hotel is scheduled according to your flight arrival time.

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES

After a Relaxed Start, gain a deeper understanding of Argentina's identity as you explore the capital with your Travel Director. A guided walking tour takes you through key Argentina attractions. Immerse yourself in Argentina's grilling culture for lunch at Fogón Asado. This immersive dining experience reimagines traditional parrilla cooking, with chefs preparing premium cuts over an open flame, right before your eyes - a contemporary take on one of Argentina's most beloved culinary traditions. In San Telmo, experience an Insightful Encounter at El Viejo Almacén, one of the city's oldest tango venues, where dancers bring this expressive art form to life. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 3 | INTO ARGENTINA'S PAMPAS

Leave the city behind as you journey into fertile lowlands, the Pampas, for a visit to La Bandada, a traditional estancia nestled among open plains and native woodlands. This family-run ranch offers a warm welcome and a glimpse into gaucho heritage, with a lunch of regional specialities served in a relaxed, rustic setting. Later, personalise your experience with Insight Choice. Discover Argentina's national sport with an introduction to polo, where you'll learn about the rules, strategy and enduring popularity of the game (no riding required). Alternatively, step into the kitchen for a hands-on cooking class, where the estancia's chef shares the secrets behind Argentina's beloved empanadas. **(B) (L)**

DAY 4 | IGUAZÚ NATIONAL PARK

Fly north to the province of Misiones, where the subtropical rainforest meets one of South America's greatest natural wonders. The Iguazú River plunges into a series of nearly 300 individual cascades, creating the awe-inspiring Iguazú Falls – wider than Victoria and taller than Niagara. As you arrive in Puerto Iguazú, you'll visit a forest-sheltered local market that supports sustainable producers and celebrates regional traditions. Here, enjoy an Insightful Encounter as you discover the story behind Argentina's most iconic drink - mate, a herbal infusion made from the native yerba mate plant. Learn why this energising tea is more than a beverage - it's a daily ritual and a symbol of hospitality across Argentina. This evening, settle

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

into your premium retreat and the only hotel located inside Iguazú National Park. **(B)**
Hotel: Gran Meliá, Iguazú National Park

DAY 5 | THE ARGENTINIAN SIDE
Explore the Argentinian side of Iguazú Falls with your Local Expert, where a network of trails and walkways reveals the raw beauty of this UNESCO-listed site. Feel the spray on your skin as you approach the roaring Devil's Throat, and witness the power of nature up close from multiple vantage points across the rainforest canopy and riverbanks. In the evening, visit a local finca for a dinner steeped in regional flavour. Set amid native forest, this rural hideaway showcases seasonal produce and time-honoured recipes, offering a relaxed and authentic taste of Misiones province under open skies. **(B) (D)**

DAY 6 | OFF TO RIO DE JANEIRO
Wake inside Iguazú National Park and enjoy breakfast overlooking the rainforest canopy. Cross into Brazil with your Local Expert for a guided visit to the eastern side of the falls. Here you can see the entire waterfall system at once, including San Martin Island, from panoramic viewing platforms. Board your flight to Rio de Janeiro, where your hotel sits just moments from Copacabana Beach, one of the most iconic Brazil attractions. Your ocean-view room offers front-row views of one of Rio's most iconic shorelines. From the rooftop, watch the sun dip behind the mountains, or head out to explore the rhythm of local life in the surrounding streets. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro

DAY 7 | SIGHTSEEING IN RIO
Explore Rio de Janeiro with your Local Expert, discovering neighbourhoods and landmarks that reveal the city's history, culture and striking natural setting. Enjoy Fast Pass Access as you ride the cable car to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain for panoramic views across Guanabara Bay and the surrounding peaks. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Refettorio Gastromotiva, a non-profit restaurant that transforms surplus food into gourmet meals. The initiative offers culinary training to members of marginalised communities, combining creativity and purpose to promote sustainability and social inclusion in the heart of the city. **(B) (L)**

DAY 8 | EXPLORE RIO DE JANEIRO
With your Local Expert, travel to the summit of Corcovado Mountain for a close look at Christ the Redeemer, one of the most recognisable landmarks in the world. Learn how its design blends engineering innovation with national identity, and take in views across Rio's natural amphitheatre of sea, mountain and city. Later, sit down to a traditional Brazilian barbecue at Assador Churrascaria. Located beside Guanabara Bay, the restaurant pairs classic dishes with one of Rio's most scenic settings. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO
It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your trip comes to an end. You can take an organised transfer to Rio de Janeiro's Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport or continue your exploration of Rio de Janeiro at your leisure. **(B)**

TRANSFERS: A complimentary transfer from your hotel to the airport is scheduled according to your flight departure time.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Buenos Aires | Enjoy a private tango demonstration and engage first-hand with the professional dancers.
Experience life on a traditional Argentine ranch in the Pampas with a homemade lunch prepared with ingredients from the estancia's own land.

Buenos Aires | *Insight Choice* Delve into the fast-paced world of polo, Argentina's most prestigious sport, *or* join a hands-on masterclass as you prepare empanadas.

Puerto Iguazú | Discover the story behind mate, Argentina's most iconic drink made from the native yerba mate plant.

Iguazú Falls | Enjoy breathtaking views from both the Argentinian and Brazilian side of the park with a Local Expert.

Rio de Janeiro | Take a cable car ride up to Sugarloaf Mountain with Fast Pass Access.
Discover the contrasts between Rio's historic heart and modern spirit, guided by a Local Expert.

Rio de Janeiro | Dine at a non-profit Refettorio Gastromotiva where gourmet meals are prepared using surplus ingredients and trains members of marginalised communities. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Buenos Aires | Discover the bold flavours of modern Argentine cuisine during a nine-course Asado Tasting Menu at Fogón Asado.

Iguazú National Park | Explore Guaraní food culture through a fire-cooked meal and live music.

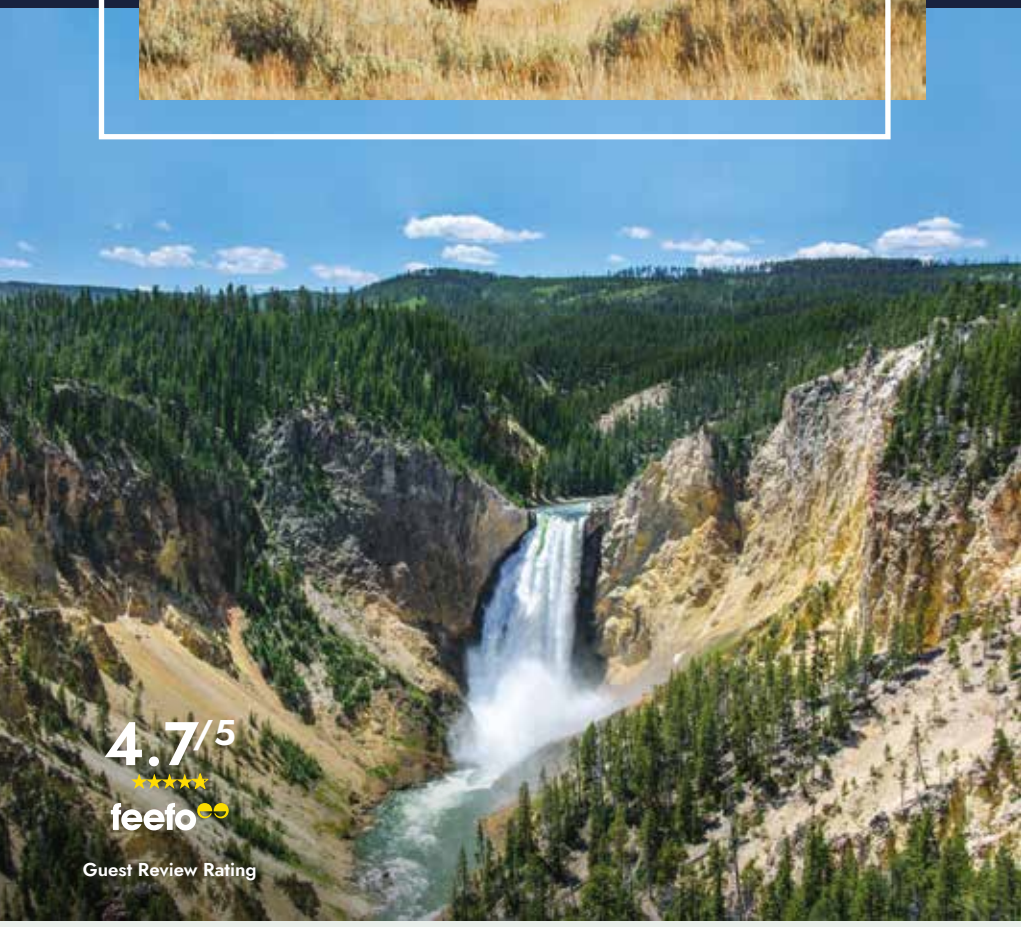
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Yellowstone Discovery

Enter the vast wonderland of the world's first National Park. Meet a local naturalist and explore natural wonders from Bozeman to Jackson Hole on an in-depth discovery.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

June - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BOZEMAN

Views of the magnificent Rocky Mountains welcome you to Bozeman. Get to know this charming town with an easy stroll along Main Street. In the evening, dine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**

Hotel: AC by Marriott Downtown, Bozeman

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | ENJOY BOZEMAN

Let your curiosity be your guide as you explore Bozeman with Insight Choice. Opt to join a guided walking tour of Bozeman's historic Main Street, once a gathering place for the local indigenous people and an important location in the 1860s gold rush. Enjoy the stories of the colourful characters who influenced the look and shape of the town as you stroll past historic buildings. Or, visit the Museum of the Rockies, a world-class cultural and natural history museum renowned for displaying an extensive collection of dinosaur fossils. Get up close to the fully mounted Montana Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton and explore exhibits including Welcome to Yellowstone Country, Enduring Peoples and the Paugh History Hall. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | HELLO YELLOWSTONE

Begin in Big Sky Country and travel toward West Yellowstone, a long-standing gateway to the park since the early 1900s. Inside Yellowstone National Park, pause at Gibbon Falls, where the river descends over ancient volcanic rock. Nearby, Norris Geyser Basin reveals the park's most thermally active terrain, with acidic springs, steam vents and unpredictable geysers offering a close look at Yellowstone's powerful geothermal systems. **(B) (L)**

Hotel: Yellowstone National Park Lodges

DAY 4 | MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS SIGHTSEEING

Set out with Local Expert Adam Brubaker, naturalist and photographer, to track Yellowstone's iconic wildlife in its natural habitat, from elusive wolves to mighty bison. As you scan the vast landscapes, learn how to spot telltale signs of movement and discover the delicate balance that allows these species to thrive. One of the major geyser basins in Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs terraces invites you to put boots to ground on a gentle hike. The 2.2-mile Mammoth Terraces Trail passes many of the most beautiful and historic hot spring terraces of the park and snakes up to a sweeping outlook. This afternoon, explore Fort Yellowstone, home to 35 remaining buildings from the 1890s and early 1900s, and visit the Mail Carrier's Cabin, the only 1800s log structure still standing in Mammoth Hot Springs. After this step back in time, your Travel Director reveals more of Yellowstone National Park. **(B) (D)**

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

> *Visiting Yellowstone feels like stepping onto another planet, where over 10,000 geothermal features bubble, steam, and erupt in a landscape unlike anywhere else on Earth.*
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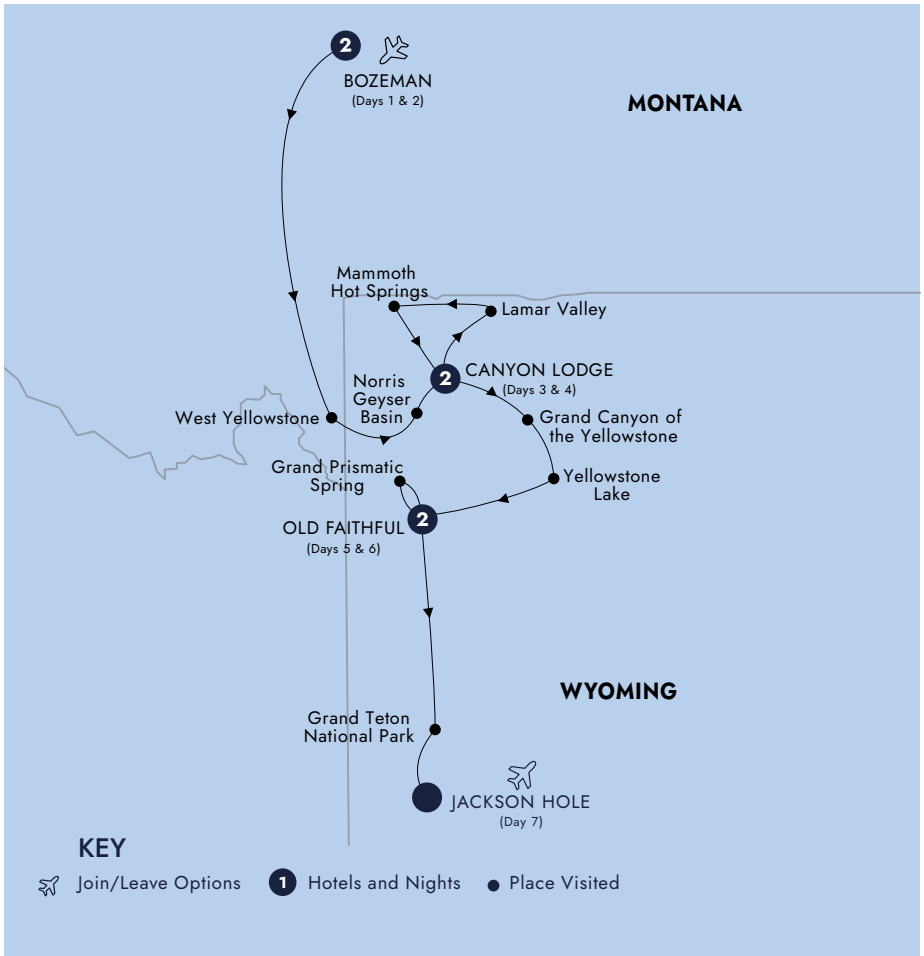
> **MARITZA, SENIOR TRAVEL EXPERIENCES MANAGER**

DAY 5 | YELLOWSTONE'S GRAND CANYON
Venture deeper into Yellowstone's heart as you journey from the travertine terraces of Mammoth Hot Springs to the dramatic landscapes around Canyon Village. Pause at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, where the river has carved a spectacular chasm over millennia. From Artist Point, enjoy a view of the towering Lower Falls framed by the canyon's vividly coloured volcanic walls. Later, engage in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that brings you face-to-face with the living heritage of the Apsáalooke Nation. Through the words of Charles Yarlott, Jr., gain powerful insight into his people's ancestral connection to this land, passed down through oral history and lived tradition. Discover how the Crow people, known for their horsemanship and warrior traditions, preserved their culture and identity through centuries of upheaval. **(B)**

DAY 6 | YELLOWSTONE'S FAMOUS OLD FAITHFUL
Set off this morning with a short hike on the Midway Geyser Loop, strolling along the boardwalks as steam rises from the distant Grand Prismatic Spring - Yellowstone's largest hot spring - and past Turquoise Pool and Opal Pool. Your Travel Director leads the way to Old Faithful showcasing other highlights of the park along the way. After lunch, take your time exploring the many impressive thermal features around Old Faithful, one of Yellowstone's most famous geysers. From rising steam to colourful pools and ponds, choose from a variety of hikes from less than 1.6km to 5km. **(B)**
Hotel: Canyon Lodge, Yellowstone National Park

DAY 7 | MOUNTAIN PEAKS AND THE WILD WEST
Conclude your journey in Grand Teton National Park to marvel at the stunning mountain peaks as your Travel Director reveals all the best vistas in this wildlife haven. Cap off your adventure with a lunch in the private Members Only lounge of the National Museum of Wildlife Art, home to over 5,000 artworks spanning 4,500 years of wildlife history. In the late afternoon, bid farewell to the National Parks with a transfer to Jackson Hole Airport. **(B) (L)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 14:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Bozeman | *Insight Choice* Discover the charm of downtown Bozeman on a walking tour, *or* explore the exhibits of the Museum of the Rockies.

Yellowstone National Park | Explore the many geothermal wonders including Grand Prismatic Spring, Excelsior Geyser, Opal Pool, Norris Geyser Basin and the world-famous Old Faithful.
Discover the wild beauty of Lamar Valley alongside local expert, Adam Brubaker.
Hike the Mammoth Hot Springs area.
Keep your eye out for wildlife in Hayden Valley. Admire the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

Grand Teton National Park | See the soaring peaks of the Tetons within the National Park and watch for local wildlife.

Yellowstone National Park | Hear the living history of Yellowstone from Charles Yarlott, Jr., a storyteller raised in the Crow language. Discover how the Crow people, known for their horsemanship and warrior traditions, preserved their culture and identity through centuries of upheaval.
Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10 and 11: Reduced Inequalities and Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Bozeman | Delight in local specialities like bison meatloaf for a true taste of the region.

West Yellowstone | Enjoy lunch at Bullwinkle's Saloon and Eatery, a family-owned restaurant.

Yellowstone National Park | Enjoy dinner at Lake Yellowstone Hotel Dining Room, recognised for its commitment to sustainable practice and locally sourced and organic ingredients.

Jackson | Savour inventive lunch dishes from Palate in the Members Only Lounge at the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Enchanting Canyonlands

Marvel at the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park. See Sedona's towering red rocks and immerse yourself in Monument Valley's Navajo culture.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: AEC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

February - October

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PHOENIX AND TRAVEL TO SCOTTSDALE

Welcome to Arizona, famous for its scenic road trips, towering Monument Valley, and of course the awe-inspiring Grand Canyon. Arrive in Phoenix and transfer on your own to Scottsdale. Perhaps explore the city's Arts District, home to numerous galleries, museums, and public art installations. This evening, savour dinner in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Valley Ho, Scottsdale

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

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

Travel through world-renowned Red Rock Country along the Red Rock Scenic Byway, one of only 37 designated All-American Roads nationwide. Explore bohemian Sedona with its shops and galleries, or simply take in the exceptional beauty of Red Rock Country before heading to the Grand Canyon. At an astonishing 445 km long, 29 km wide and 1.6 km deep, the Grand Canyon is the second-most-visited national park in the USA. Meet your Local Expert 'Canyon Tim' at the South Rim for specialised insight on the Grand Canyon. You'll discover the origins of the five-million-year-old canyon and the jaw-dropping features of this park, home to deep canyons, sweeping vistas and rich environmental history. The afternoon is at leisure to explore as you please. Perhaps take to the sky on an optional flightseeing helicopter tour over the South and North Rims. Tonight, enjoy spectacular sunset views from your hotel inside the park. **(B)**
Hotel: Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

DAY 3 | SIGHTS OF MONUMENT VALLEY

Early risers will witness one of Mother Nature's grandest shows on earth: a sunrise over the Grand Canyon. Travel along the South Rim View Drive, skirting the South Rim of the canyon. Stop at Desert View Point to see the historic Watchtower built by Mary Coulter in the Puebloan style. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park, where Navajo (Diné) Local Experts guide you through the history, culture and heritage of the Navajo Nation aboard all-terrain vehicles. Enjoy a Navajo cookout amid the giant buttes and mesas of this unique landscape. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas

DAY 4 | LEISURELY LAKE POWELL

Today is entirely yours to do as you please. Partake in one of our popular Optional Experiences, explore on your own, or simply relax by the resort swimming pool with views of Lake Powell. As an optional activity this morning, let yourself be tempted by a gentle trip down the Colorado River. Calmly float past some of the most awe-inspiring sites, like the iconic Horseshoe Bend and Petroglyph Beach. Or, explore the iconic and picturesque

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Antelope Canyon with a local Navajo (Diné) guide. Tonight, Navajo culture takes centre stage with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Red Heritage. This Navajo-owned performing arts theatre will delight as you see local tribal members sing, share a colourful powwow dance, flute playing and live drum music over dinner and drinks. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | BRYCE CANYON COUNTRY

Journey across a wide-open landscape punctuated by colourful sandstone cliffs and high ridges dotted with piñon pine and juniper. Travel through Bryce Canyon Country on a portion of the Scenic Highway 89, recognised by National Geographic as the No. 1 Drivers' Drives in the world. You will be struck by the beauty of Bryce Canyon National Park, an otherworldly landscape of red rock pillars known as hoodoos, pink cliffs, and endless vistas. Take in the breathtaking views along the Rim Trail with photo stops at the most scenic viewpoints. Enjoy a leisurely walk from Sunset Point to Sunrise Point, where you'll be spellbound by the beauty and majesty of this dramatic natural landscape. In the evening, you'll arrive at our lodge. Take an evening stroll or relax and unwind in preparation for a full day of exploring the next day. **(B)**

Hotel: The Red Cliffs Lodge Zion, Springdale

DAY 6 | ZION NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a day of exploration in Zion National Park. Established in 1919 to protect the stunning landscapes, the park features towering sandstone cliffs, narrow slot canyons, and diverse plant and animal life. Today, Zion is one of the most visited national parks in the United States. Tour the canyon aboard a privately chartered open-air vehicle with live commentary from a Local Expert featuring scenic highlights of the region. This afternoon, explore Zion National Park further with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Travel Director for a guided hike to the Emerald Pools, or take a self-guided leisurely stroll along the Virgin River Walk. **(B) (D)**

DAY 7 | DEPART SALT LAKE CITY

This morning you'll bid farewell to the beautiful national parks and your fellow travellers. You will be taken to Salt Lake City International Airport. Alternatively, a transfer to our post-night hotel is also provided should you wish to extend your stay. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 15:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Sedona | Immerse yourself in stunning, natural peaks and rock formations along Oak Creek Canyon Scenic Drive.

Monument Valley | Board an all-terrain vehicle for an off-the-beaten path exploration of this magical valley.

Bryce Canyon National Park | View the odd-shaped monoliths, known as hoodoos.

Zion National Park | *Insight Choice* Visit the Zion Nature Centre and learn about its impact supporting the local environment through educational programmes, *or* explore the natural beauty of the national park during a hike to Emerald Pools with your Travel Director.

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

Monument Valley | Deepen your knowledge of the land as you travel by off-road vehicles to the cookout site for dinner with members of the Navajo nation. Your experience advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Page | Navajo (Diné) owned and operated, Red Heritage is a Native American Performing Arts Theatre showcasing awe-inspiring local talent: powwow dancers, flute playing, and live drum music. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

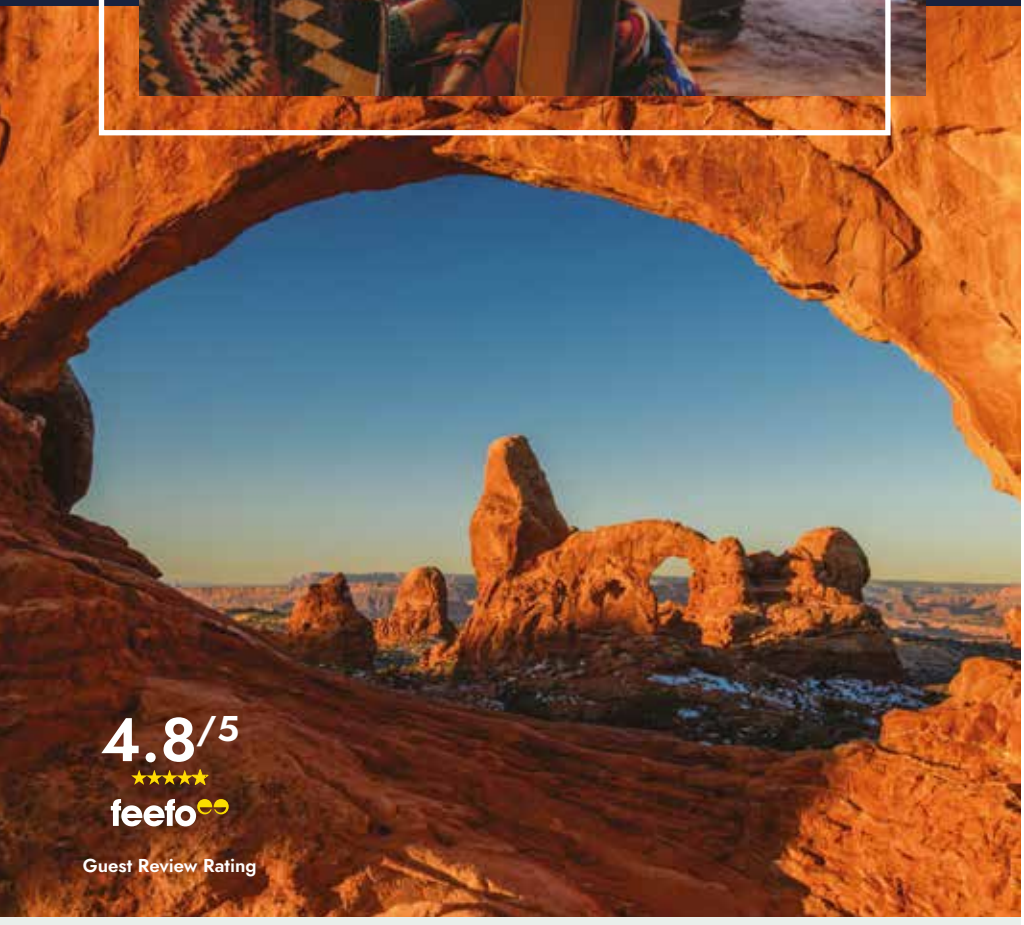
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Wonders of the American West

See ancient pueblo dwellings in Mesa Verde National Park, explore Bryce Canyon's hoodoo spires, and discover the Navajo Nation in Monument Valley.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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Trip code: AWSW

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - June + September - October

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN LAS VEGAS
Welcome to glittering Las Vegas. At Paris Las Vegas Hotel and Casino, see the City of Lights with the same passion, excitement and ambiance of Europe's most romantic city. This evening, savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Paris, Las Vegas

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | ZION NATIONAL PARK
In Zion National Park, follow the paths where Native Americans and pioneers walked as you gaze up at massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink and red. Take a private, narrated tram ride alongside the Virgin River and the canyon walls to some of the most treasured spots in the park. Arrive at Bryce Canyon Lodge to explore the nearby trails and vistas. **(B)**
Hotel: The Lodge at Bryce Canyon

DAY 3 | WHIMSICAL BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK
Travel through Bryce Canyon National Park encountering the whimsical eroded rock formations. Opt to explore by horseback climbing Bristlecone Pine Ridge lined with 1,500-year-old Bristlecone Pine trees. This evening, go off the beaten path to view the colour-changing hoodoos as the sun sets. Feast on a three-course dinner with wine with sweeping canyon vistas. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 4 | ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT AND CAPITOL REEF
Experience Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument exploring this land of the Ancestral Puebloan and Fremont people. Venture to Capitol Reef National Park's landscape of colourful canyons, ridges, buttes and monoliths. This evening is yours to explore downtown Moab at your leisure. Dine at one of the many local restaurants or peruse the many gift shops and boutiques that line Main Street. **(B)**
Hotel: Element, Moab

DAY 5 | ARCHES NATIONAL PARK AND CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK
Visit Arches National Park, housing the greatest concentration of natural arches in the world. Experience the awe-inspiring 52-foot freestanding Delicate Arch from a picturesque viewpoint and immerse yourself in the grandeur of the remarkable Windows Section and the captivating Double Arch up close. Then it's onto Canyonlands National Park for a drive onto the Island in the Sky, a mesa resting 1,000 feet above the countryside. Your sightseeing tour includes various lookout points including the Grand Viewpoint with sweeping views of the Colorado River carving through the red-rock landscape. Tonight, take your pick from a selection of local restaurants to customise your Dine-Around evening. **(B) (D)**

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

DAY 6 | MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK
Visit Mesa Verde National Park, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978, and learn how the park protects some of the best-preserved Ancestral Puebloan archaeological sites in the United States. Among 600 historic cliff dwellings, view the ancient pueblo dwellings known as Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling in the country. This evening, settle in for a relaxing stay at the only lodging inside Mesa Verde National Park. **(B)**
Hotel: Far View Lodge, Mesa Verde National Park

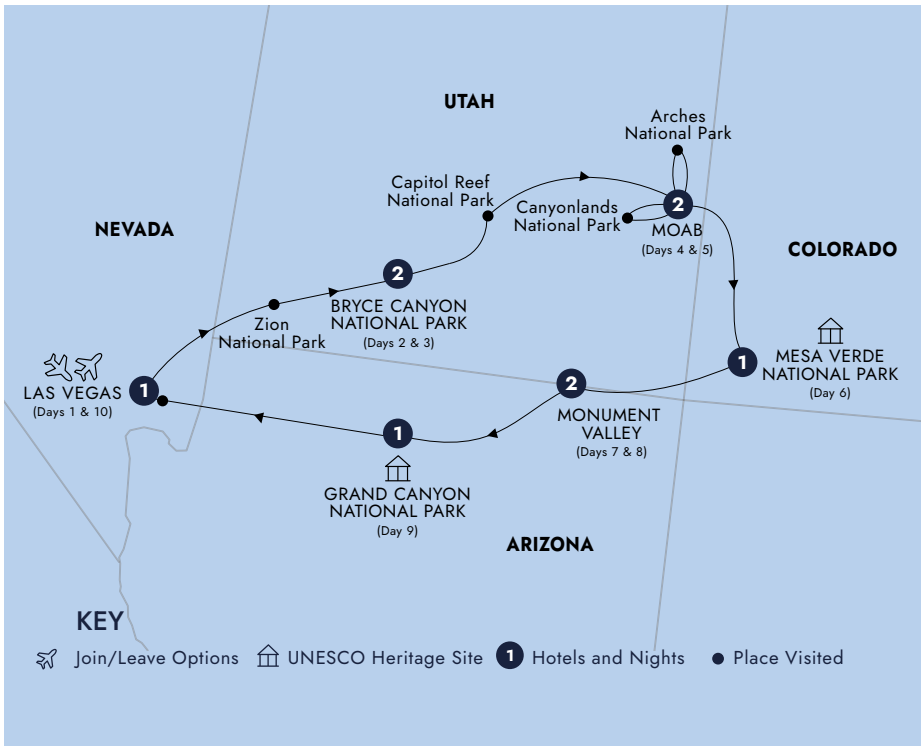
DAY 7 | MONUMENT VALLEY
Continue your adventure as you journey to the iconic film location featured as the backdrop for Forrest Gump's final run. Deepen your understanding of the region with your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park, where Navajo (Diné) Local Experts guide you through the history, culture and heritage of the Navajo Nation over an authentic cookout dinner. This carefully prepared experience keenly exemplifies the relationship of respect with the land in the valley and the importance placed on preserving the natural treasures found here. Savour each moment of this Navajo cookout amid the giant buttes and mesas of this unique landscape. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Goulding's Lodge, Monument Valley

DAY 8 | MONUMENT VALLEY TO MYSTERY VALLEY
Embark on an exclusive journey into Mystery Valley, an area full of Anasazi ruins and rock art not seen from the main highway. Enjoy a guided tour with a local Navajo (Diné) guide among ancient Indigenous ruins and see graceful geological formations, scattered artefacts and breathtaking views of the neighbouring valley. In Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, board an off-road vehicle to explore with your guide. This area is also the backdrop for many Western Hollywood hits, including "Stagecoach" and "Fort Apache". Inspired by these iconic movies, you'll find "John Wayne's Cabin" at nearby Goulding's Lodge. This small structure was used for exterior shots in "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon," starring Wayne himself. **(B)**

DAY 9 | THE WONDERS OF THE GRAND CANYON
Visit the historic Cameron Trading Post before taking in the Grand Canyon from Desert View Watchtower built by Mary Colter in the Puebloan style. Track the Colorado River that leads you to the aptly named Painted Desert which extends towards Hopi & Navajo Nation lands. At Grand Canyon National Park, continue your exploration with Insight Choice. Enjoy a leisurely hike along the scenic Rim Trail with your Travel Director, or join Local Expert 'Canyon Tim' for an enlightening discussion covering millions of years of history. End your holiday in the grandest way possible with dinner inside park. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

DAY 10 | RETURN TO LAS VEGAS
Wake up to the backdrop of the Grand Canyon and enjoy peace and tranquillity before the day-trippers arrive. You may take an optional flight-seeing helicopter ride for stunning views over the Grand Canyon before your journey ends with a departure transfer to Las Vegas International Airport. For those extending their stay in Las Vegas, a complimentary hotel transfer to the Las Vegas post-night hotel is included. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 17:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Canyonlands National Park | Enjoy spectacular views over the rugged, river-carved wilderness.

Arches National Park | View the park's famous natural formations, including the iconic Delicate Arch.

Mesa Verde National Park | See the ancient pueblo cliff dwellings.

Monument Valley | Embark on an exclusive journey with a local Diné (Navajo) guide into Mystery Valley's relatively unknown haven of Anasazi ruins.

Grand Canyon National Park | *Insight Choice* Meet Geology Expert, "Canyon Tim", *or* hike along the rim for spectacular views.

Monument Valley | Deepen your knowledge of the land as you travel by off-road vehicles to the cookout site for dinner with members of the Navajo nation. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Bryce Canyon National Park | Enjoy a memorable dinner set against the park's beautiful surroundings.

Moab | Choose from a hand-picked selection of mouthwatering restaurant options during your Dine-Around evening.

Grand Canyon National Park | Enjoy dinner at the Thunderbird Room with an incredible view overlooking the South Rim.

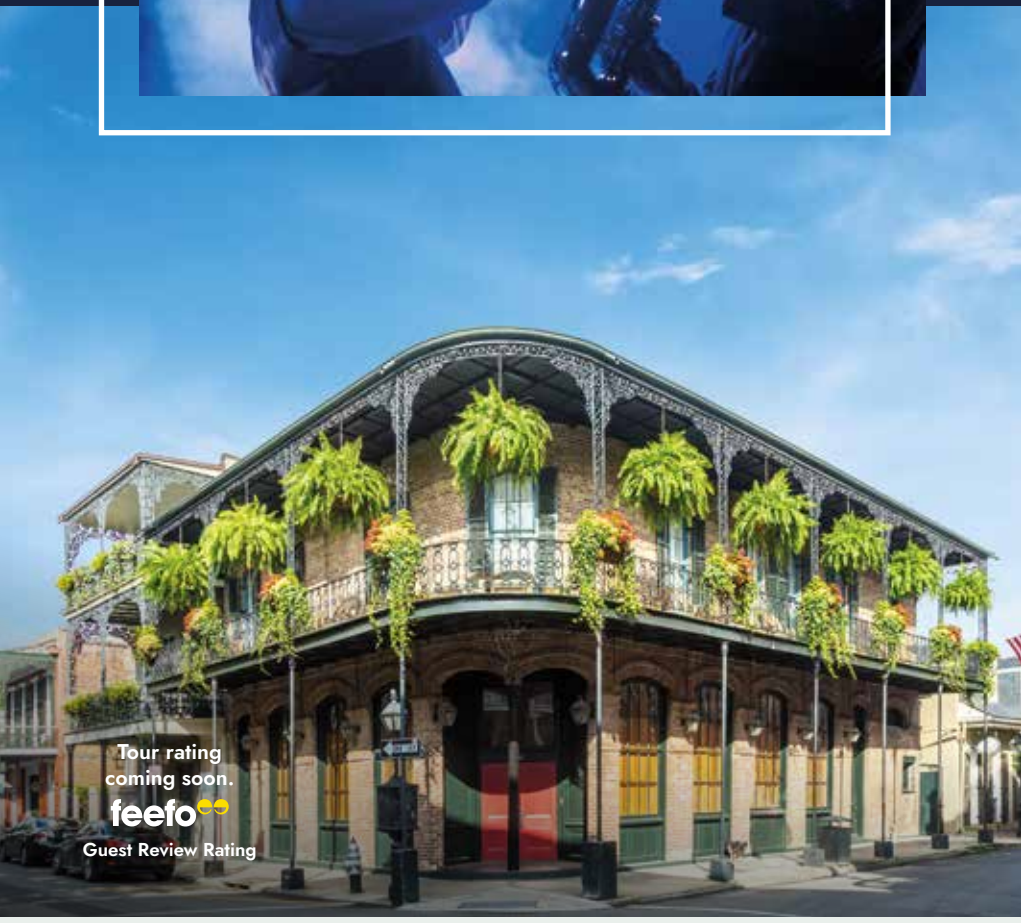
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Soul of the Deep South

Tour Studio B in Nashville, visit Graceland in Memphis, dine on authentic Cajun cuisine and hear live music at an authentic jazz club in New Orleans.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | LEISURELY





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - June + September - October

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

Trip code: ANNO

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN NASHVILLE

Welcome to Nashville, the capital of Tennessee and the USA's glittering centre stage. Tonight, savour dinner in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Fraye, Nashville

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN NASHVILLE

Pass by the city's lively honky-tonks and performers on Broadway as you embark on an orientation tour of the city. Later, take a tour to RCA Studio B, the birthplace of Nashville Sound. In the afternoon, pay a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame. Tonight, attend a live broadcast of the Grand Ole Opry, the longest-running radio broadcast in US history. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | CHOOSE YOUR NASHVILLE EXPLORATION

Make a stop at the Nashville Farmers' Market to explore its artisanal crafts and produce. You decide how to discover Nashville this afternoon with Insight Choice. Choose to visit Nelson's Green Brier, a local Tennessee distillery and home of the Original Tennessee Whiskey. Or, visit The National Museum of African American Music, the only museum dedicated to preserving and celebrating the many music genres created, influenced and inspired by African Americans. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 4 | HEADING BACK HOME TO MEMPHIS

This morning, you'll travel to Memphis, a city that pulses with rhythm and history. Whether it's your first visit or your hundredth, the soulful sounds of Beale Street are sure to draw you in. Later, join civil rights activist Elaine Lee Turner for a walking tour through pivotal sites of the 1960s movement, including Mason Temple and the Lee Sisters Marker. As Elaine shares personal stories of protest and resilience, you'll gain rare insight into Memphis' role in the fight for justice. This evening, enjoy private access to the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, housed in the original Stax Records studio. Explore more than 2,000 artefacts and exhibits celebrating the artists who defined Southern soul, including Otis Redding, Isaac Hayes and Carla Thomas. The Soulsville Foundation behind the museum empowers young people through music and education, keeping the legacy alive. **(B)**
Hotel: The Guest House at Graceland, Memphis

DAY 5 | A DAY DEDICATED TO THE KING

Begin your day with a visit to the magnificent Graceland, the former home of Elvis Presley. Make your way to Sun Studio, the "birthplace of rock and roll", where legends B.B. King, Johnny Cash and Elvis recorded. Dinner this evening will be served at The Beauty Shop, a former hair parlour turned whimsical New American eatery

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

where Elvis' ex-wife, Priscilla, was said to get her hair done. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 6 | MEMPHIS TO JACKSON VIA THE MISSISSIPPI BLUES TRAIL
Follow the legendary Mississippi Blues Trail, where markers tell the stories of the artists who shaped America's most influential music. In Indianola, a Local Expert leads you through the B.B. King Museum, where you'll see his guitars, explore interactive exhibits, and visit the restored cotton gin where he once worked. Pay your respects at his final resting place before heading to the iconic Club Ebony, a historic stop on the Chitlin' Circuit, a network of venues that provided Black musicians with safe performance spaces during segregation. Here, a local musician will share the club's storied past and guide you in writing your own blues song before a private concert over lunch brings the music to life. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: The Westin Jackson

DAY 7 | JACKSON TO NEW ORLEANS
Step into the rich history of Louisiana with a guided tour of Destrehan Plantation, exploring the lives of both the free and enslaved who lived here. In the original mule barn, Local Expert Spuddy shares the traditions of Cajun cuisine through a live cooking demonstration, followed by lunch showcasing the bold, smoky flavours of the region. Continue to New Orleans, founded by the French in 1718 and later shaped by Spanish rule before becoming part of the United States in the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Later, go behind the scenes at Mardi Gras World, where artists craft elaborate floats that bring the city's biggest celebration to life. A Mardi Gras World artist will guide you in designing your own vibrant mask to take home as a unique keepsake. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans

DAY 8 | FESTIVITIES IN NEW ORLEANS
Discover New Orleans with a Local Expert, from the grand mansions of the Garden District to the lively French Quarter. In the afternoon, choose to explore the National WWII Museum, home to immersive exhibits and personal stories from the war, or take a swamp tour, gliding through bayous teeming with wildlife whilst learning about Louisiana's disappearing wetlands. Celebrate your final evening with a VIP jazz experience at Fritzel's Jazz Club, followed by a Creole dinner at Tujague's, a New Orleans institution since 1856. **(B) (D)**

DAY 9 | DEPART NEW ORLEANS
It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers as your adventure comes to an end. Departure to the airport will be at leisure. **(B)**

Women-Only Option

We also offer an exclusive Women-Only departure for this tour. Designed by women, for women, this inspiring journey welcomes up to 24 like-minded guests and features enriching experiences that support female-owned businesses. To read the full itinerary visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Nashville | Learn about country music legends at the Country Music Hall of Fame.
Join a live broadcast of the Grand Ole Opry.
Take a guided tour of RCA Studio B, the cradle of Nashville country music sound.

Nashville | *Insight Choice* Visit the National Museum of African American Music and celebrate the central role African Americans play in creating the American soundtrack, *or* visit Nelson's Green Brier, home of the Original Tennessee Whiskey, and learn about the process that creates this drink's unique taste.

Memphis | Explore Memphis with Civil Rights era activist Elaine Lee Turner.
Visit Sun Studios, known as the "birthplace of Rock n Roll."
Explore Graceland, the private retreat of Elvis Presley.

Indianola | Visit the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Centre. Experience the soul of the blues at the legendary Club Ebony.

New Orleans | Enjoy an exclusive tour of Mardi Gras World and design your own Mardi Gras Mask alongside a certified artist.
Discover the heart of the New Orleans jazz scene with VIP front-row seating at Fritzel's Jazz Club in the French Quarter.

Memphis | Visit the Stax Museum of American Soul Music for a special after-hours private tour and learn about its soulful legacy. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Memphis | Savour a meal at The Beauty Shop, a former beauty parlour turned whimsical New American eatery, where Elvis' ex-wife, Priscilla, was said to get her hair done.

Destrehan | Enjoy a live cooking demonstration featuring Cajun and Creole inspired dishes.

New Orleans | Dine at one of the longest continuously operated restaurants in the country.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Jewels of Alaska

Experience Alaska through Indigenous traditions, a scenic rail journey and glacial views. You'll meet a four-time Iditarod champion and cruise Prince William Sound amid dramatic landscapes.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: AJAK

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | ANCHORAGE, THE CITY OF LIGHTS AND FLOWERS

Welcome to Alaska, an adventurous land of wildlife, mountains, national parks and glaciers. Savour a dinner at a local restaurant accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Anchorage Downtown

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | ANCHORAGE SIGHTSEEING AND THE MATANUSKA VALLEY

Get acquainted with Anchorage on an immersive city tour. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Alaska Native Heritage Centre and discover how the culinary traditions passed on by generations of Alaska's first people became a key component in the survival of the culture. Witness firsthand a private demonstration of Agutak ice cream making and learn how this culinary link to the past helps breathe new life into the indigenous culture of today. This afternoon, travel through the fertile Matanuska Valley and stop at a local farm to see how the long summer days and glacial silt create the perfect environment for growing vegetables and flowers. Head to the quaint community of Talkeetna. The evening is yours at leisure. Your Travel Director is on hand with dining recommendations to suit your tastes. **(B)**
Hotel: Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge

DAY 3 | TALKEETNA SIGHTSEEING

This morning, you have two memorable ways to explore Alaska's waterways: set out on an exhilarating jet boat adventure up the Chulitna River Gorge, travelling through a classic braided river system with multiple channels and shifting islands, and visit an authentic trapper's cabin along the way. Alternatively, opt for a peaceful scenic float down the Talkeetna River, soaking in the stunning views and serenity of the surrounding wilderness. The rest of the day is yours to explore, perhaps discovering more of Talkeetna or joining an Optional Experience such as a flightseeing tour of the Alaska Range or a hike along Talkeetna's best trail with a naturalist guide. **(B)**

DAY 4 | JOURNEY ALONG THE ALASKAN RAILROAD

Enjoy a Relaxed Start this morning before boarding the world-famous Alaska Railroad train for a spectacular journey over swift-rushing streams, toward Denali National Park and Preserve. View the majestic surroundings from the comfort of your glass-domed rail car. Upon arrival settle in at the lodge before meeting a local climber who will share stories about what it's like to climb Denali, one of the most daunting and tallest land-based mountains in the world. You'll learn about the incredible physical and mental fortitude required to withstand the 17 to 18-day round trip that presents conditions so challenging climbers are forced to build snow walls for protection against the elements. For tonight's Dine-Around evening, the choice

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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is yours between a charming local brewery or the lodge's rustic restaurant. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Grande Denali Lodge, Denali National Park

> *The State of Alaska has an incredible 3,197 named lakes and an estimated 3 million unnamed ones. Coupled with its rivers, the state accounts for nearly half of the surface water in the United States.*
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DAY 5 | DENALI NATIONAL PARK, THE CROWN JEWEL OF THE ALASKAN WILDERNESS
Embark on an extensive Tundra Wilderness Tour for some of the best opportunities to view the park's wildlife. Travel to Murie Cabin, nestled near the East Fork River, where you'll walk in the footsteps of pioneering naturalist Adolf Murie. You'll have the whole afternoon at leisure to participate in an array of optional activities. Perhaps opt to join a blissful stroll through one of the meadows with a naturalist guide, a 10-mile ride in the scenic Alaskan wilderness aboard an ATV, or a helicopter flightseeing tour - just don't forget your camera! End the day back at your lodge where you'll enjoy panoramic views of your surroundings under the star-filled night. **(B)**

DAY 6 | GIRDWOOD AND MOUNT ALYESKA
Enjoy a scenic journey along the George Parks Highway. Stop in Big Lake and visit four-time Iditarod winner Martin at his own home, Happy Trails Kennels. Arriving at the kennel, you will be greeted by between thirty and sixty excited sled dogs. Spend time with Martin and learn about the many challenges faced on the 1,049-mile dogsled race. Take a virtual trip along the Iditarod trail alongside Martin's narration including countless stories from his thirty-five years of racing, as well as a great deal of Iditarod history - an insider experience into the world of the Iditarod. Journey on the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm with its dramatic views, before arriving in the town of Girdwood, home of the Alyeska Resort. Tonight, join your Travel Director for a wonderful dinner complete with wine and good cheer. **(B) (L) (D)**
Hotel: Alyeska Resort, Girdwood

DAY 7 | PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND CRUISE AND DEPART ANCHORAGE
As your time in Alaska draws to a close, enjoy the surroundings and amenities at the beautiful Alyeska Resort. Travel to Whittier to board the 26 Glacier Cruise for a 100-mile (160-kilometre) boat tour of Prince William Sound and into the College Fjord with the chance to see the glaciers up close. Visit with the Captain in the wheelhouse to learn how he expertly navigates the icy waterways and sit down to a sumptuous lunch against an incredible backdrop. Those saying farewell today will travel back to Anchorage. **(B) (L) (RS)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 20:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Matanuska Valley | Visit a local farm to learn how Alaska's long summer days and glacial silt help grow giant award-winning produce.

Talkeetna | *Insight Choice* Enjoy amazing views of Denali during a scenic float trip on the Talkeetna River, *or* cruise on a jet boat tour up the Chulitna River and visit a trapper's cabin.

Denali National Park | Hear a local climber's fascinating account of ascending North America's highest peak. Experience the best of the park on a wilderness tour with a visit to historic Murie Cabin.

Alaska Railroad | Embark on a spectacular journey through majestic landscapes from the comfort of your glass-dome railcar.

Big Lake | Meet four-time Iditarod winner, Martin Buser. Learn about the challenges of competing in the 1,049-mile (1,688 kilometre) race and enjoy lunch at his home.

Whittier | Cruise Prince William Sound and into the College Fjord to discover glacier-carved fjords.

Anchorage | Enjoy an exclusive Agutak (Inuit ice cream) making demonstration during a visit to the renowned Alaska Native Heritage Centre. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Anchorage | Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers to savour classic Alaskan flavours over dinner.

Denali National Park | Choose between a charming local brewery or your lodge's rustic restaurant during a Dine-Around evening.

Girdwood | Savour local specialities with your fellow travellers during dinner complete with wine and good cheer.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Canadian Rockies and Pacific Coast

See Stanley Park and traverse Capilano Suspension Bridge. Crunch across Icefields and terrains of the Rockies and sip the wines of Washington State.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VANCOUVER
On arrival, make your way to your hotel. Enjoy dinner accompanied by wine. **(D)**
Hotel: Georgian Court, Vancouver

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | CRUISE THE GULF ISLANDS TO VICTORIA
Embark on a tour of Vancouver, exploring Gastown and the famous totem poles in Stanley Park followed by a visit to Capilano Suspension Bridge Park. This afternoon, board a ferry and sail through the beautiful Gulf Islands to Vancouver Island, an idyllic place known for its fishing and art communities. **(B)**
Hotel: Grand Pacific, Victoria

DAY 3 | BUTCHART GARDENS
Start your day wandering through world renowned Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada. Enjoy a sightseeing tour, including Canada's oldest Chinatown, the bustling Inner Harbour and stately Legislative Buildings. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure - perhaps book an optional whale watching excursion on the Pacific Ocean. **(B)**

DAY 4 | VICTORIA TO SUN PEAKS, BRITISH COLUMBIA
Ferry across the Strait of Georgia and continue your scenic journey through British Columbia. Travel along Coquihalla highway, climb to the summit of Coquihalla Pass and cross Thompson Plateau. Continue to Sun Peaks where you'll end a day of scenic travel with dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Sun Peaks Grand & Conference Centre

DAY 5 | THE ALPINE WONDERLAND OF JASPER NATIONAL PARK
Today, your journey takes you along the legendary Yellowhead Highway towards Jasper National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. En route, stop at the Mount Robson Visitor Centre in Mount Robson Provincial Park. Arrive in the wonderland of Jasper National Park with its rugged glaciers, colourful meadows and majestic mountains. After a brief orientation tour through town, explore on your own or book onto an optional Float Trip. **(B)**
Hotel: Forest Park, Jasper National Park

DAY 6 | EXPLORING JASPER AND THE COLUMBIA ICEFIELD
Enjoy an informative walk on the trails of Maligne Canyon before embarking on a narrated cruise across the serene waters of Maligne Lake (seasonal). Travel along the majestic Icefields Parkway and arrive at the Columbia Icefield for your stay at the Glacier View Lodge, the first and only glacier-view resort in Canada, for an after-hours visit to the Glacier Skywalk followed by a gourmet dinner with wine. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Glacier View Lodge, Jasper National Park

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

DAY 7 | ICEFIELDS, GLACIERS AND LAKES TO BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Your Local Expert escorts you to a special before-hours glacier tour where you'll explore Athabasca Glacier in an Ice Explorer. After this morning's icy adventure, continue south to Lake Louise and admire Victoria Glacier. Continue to Banff to dine in town and unwind in your stunning natural surroundings. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff National Park

DAY 8 | THE UNSPOILT WILDERNESS OF BANFF NATIONAL PARK

Today join your Travel Director at Bow Falls, Surprise Corner and a few other local sights. The rest of the day is yours to spend exploring the rugged charms of the park. Choose from several Optional Experiences, including a helicopter flight over the magnificent Canadian Rockies or a ride onboard the Banff Gondola scenic cableway. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 9 | GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

From craggy plains to mountainous landscapes, cross the U.S. border into Montana and onto your charming hotel situated in the heart of Glacier National Park. Revel in your first encounter with the park, a region encompassing over 1 million acres and more than 1,000 different species of plants and hundreds of species of animals. This vast pristine ecosystem is the centrepiece of what has been referred to as the "Crown of the Continent." **(B)**
Hotel: Many Glacier, Glacier National Park

DAY 10 | GOING-TO-THE-SUN AND GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Board a private Red Jammer bus to cruise the Going-To-The-Sun Road witnessing stunning views from Logan Pass (seasonal) and the marvels of the park's wild interior. Over an insightful Legends of Glacier MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, join performing and recording artist Jack Gladstone who will illuminate the history of Glacier National Park through story and song. **(B)**
Hotel: Lake McDonald Lodge, Glacier National Park

DAY 11 | LAKE COEUR D'ALENE AND SPOKANE

Continue on to the beautiful shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, and arrive in Spokane to stay at The Historic Davenport, Washington State's grandest hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Historic Davenport, Autograph Collection, Spokane

DAY 12 | WONDERFUL WINES EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE

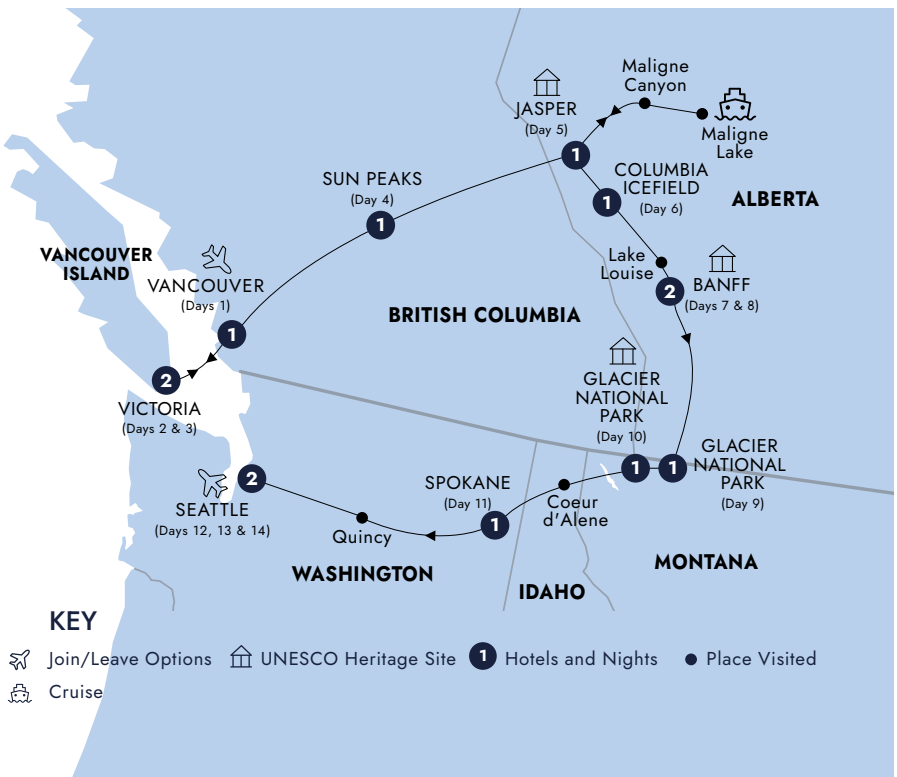
Wine connoisseurs rejoice. Today, you'll head through the wide, endless horizons of the wine-producing area of Washington State. Visit Friends Garden Restaurant & Wine Bar, a local favourite, where you'll enjoy lunch focusing on fresh, local and artisanal ingredients. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: The Charter, Seattle

DAY 13 | THE SOARING SIGHTS OF SEATTLE

Enjoy Insight Choice in Seattle. Choose to visit the iconic Space Needle. Alternatively, visit the Chihuly Garden and Glass exhibit. In the evening, indulge in dinner at Ivar's Salmon House on Seattle's waterfront. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 14 | DEPART SEATTLE

Travel to Seattle SeaTac International Airport at your leisure. **(B)**





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

North Vancouver | Visit Capilano Suspension Bridge Park.

Victoria | Admire floral displays at world-renowned Butchart Gardens.

Icefields Parkway | Venture onto the Glacier Skywalk for an after-hours experience and before-hours access to the Athabasca Glacier.
See glaciers and soaring mountain peaks on one of the most scenic drives in North America.

Maligne Lake | Relax on board a narrated cruise across the serene lake.

Glacier National Park | Board a private, historic Red Jammer for a journey along the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Seattle | *Insight Choice* Head to the Space Needle and experience its jaw-dropping panoramic views of the Seattle skyline, *or* get an up close look at world-renowned glass artist Dave Chihuly's work.

Lake McDonald | Meet Jack Gladstone, a Blackfeet Nation artist, and learn the history of Glacier National Park, its wildlife, Indigenous peoples, and key events through story and song. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Icefields Parkway | Dine at the Glacier View Lodge, where a seasonal menu tempts your taste buds.

Quincy | Enjoy delicious harvest salads and artisanal flatbreads made with locally sourced ingredients paired with wine.

Seattle | Enjoy dinner at the waterfront Ivar's Salmon House.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

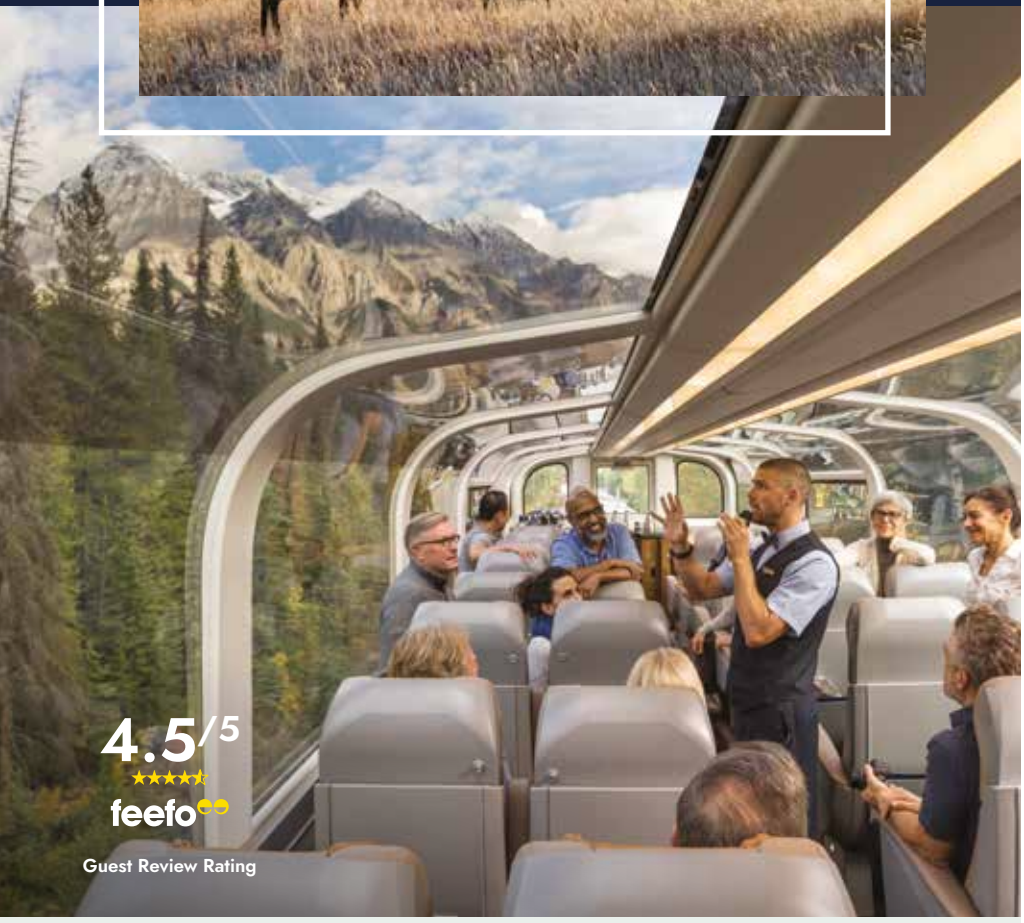
Spectacular Rockies and Glaciers of Alberta

with Rocky Mountaineer Option

Take a tour of the Rocky Mountains and witness Alberta's breathtaking wilderness. Discover Banff National Park, the Columbia Icefield, and Jasper National Park.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - September

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

Trip code: AGVL

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KANANASKIS
Arrive in Calgary and transfer to Kananaskis, where you'll check in at the Kananaskis Mountain Lodge. In the evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a delightful dinner, followed by time to relax and enjoy the serene surroundings of Kananaskis Provincial Park. **(D)**
Hotel: Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge, Autograph Collection

DAY 2 | JOURNEY TO JASPER
Travel the Columbia Icefield Parkway, a 232-kilometre route through the Canadian Rockies, recognised as one of the world's most scenic drives. Pass turquoise lakes, sheer cliffs and the Columbia Icefield, North America's largest south of the Arctic. Feeding rivers that flow to three oceans, this glacial remnant is a geological marvel. Arriving in Jasper National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Dark Sky Preserve, spend your afternoon exploring pristine wilderness or admiring alpine serenity. **(B)**
Hotel: Forest Park, Jasper National Park

DAY 3 | EXPLORING JASPER
Begin your day with a guided walk through Maligne Canyon, the deepest gorge in Jasper National Park, where trails wind past dramatic limestone walls and cascading waterfalls. Afterwards, relax on board a narrated cruise across the serene waters of Maligne Lake, gliding past jagged mountain peaks to reach Spirit Island, a world-famous gem accessible only by boat. In the afternoon, join an optional float trip along the serene Athabasca River. Spend the evening at leisure, relaxing or exploring Jasper's charming town centre. **(B)**

DAY 4 | GLACIER ADVENTURE
Today, you'll visit Athabasca Falls, a breathtaking natural wonder renowned for its powerful and mesmerising beauty, before departing Jasper on the Columbia Icefields Parkway. A warm welcome greets you at the country's first and only glacier-view resort over a champagne reception and nibbles. Before dinner, take advantage of the long daylight hours and set out for an after-hours visit to the Columbia Icefield Skywalk, a glass-floored walkway above the Sunwapta Valley featuring waterfalls and wildlife. After your Skywalk visit, indulge in a delicious, Canadian-inspired, locally sourced dinner, sip cocktails and marvel at the spectacular glacier views that wrap the restaurant. Later step out onto the viewing deck and stargaze or hang out inside the Moraine Lounge with games and live entertainment. The perfect way to end any night. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Glacier View Lodge, Jasper National Park

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

DAY 5 | LAKES, MOUNTAINS AND GLACIERS
Begin your day with an exclusive experience before the crowds arrive, with the Columbia Icefield Glacier Adventure. Step onto the vast ice mass to enjoy early access to this breathtaking natural wonder, setting the stage for a truly memorable day. Enjoy the drive along the Icefields Parkway, renowned as one of the most beautiful journeys in the world, through the soaring mountains, icefields and sweeping valleys. Then explore Yoho National Park, known for its stunning waterfalls and dramatic landscapes. Arrive at the Fairmont Banff Springs for a relaxing evening, with time to unwind or explore Banff National Park at your leisure. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff National Park

DAY 6 | A TRIP TO LAKE LOUISE
This morning, opt for a scenic start to your day by taking the Banff Gondola ride. Make your way to Moraine Lake (seasonal) – the largest glacially fed lake in Canada – for a photo stop before a decadent lunch at Chateau Lake Louise. Marvel as you're surrounded by soaring peaks and the majesty of the Victoria Glacier. Capture a photo or two of the turquoise Lake Louise and rugged backdrop of one of the most famous mountain vistas in the world. Next, enjoy a scenic drive through Banff National Park, visiting the hoodoos and Surprise Corner before returning to the hotel for a relaxing evening. **(B) (L)**

DAY 7 | EXPLORING BANFF
Connect with the land through the teachings of an Indigenous Local Expert on a guided walk through the boreal forest. Learn how First Nations communities have drawn on plant medicine for generations, and hear how animals play a vital role in cultural and ecological knowledge. Later, choose to explore The Whyte Museum, home to art and artefacts inspired by the landscapes and people of the Rockies. Alternatively, uncover the stories behind the Fairmont Banff Springs as told by a hotel ambassador. Learn about the landmark's history, from notable guests to cultural moments, and take away a self-guided map to explore its historic highlights at your own pace. **(B) (D) (RS)**

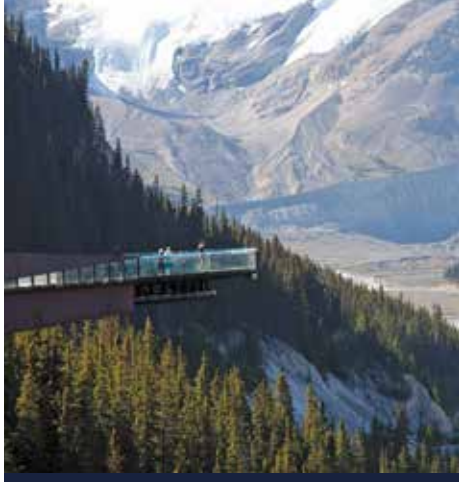
DAY 8 | FAREWELL CANADA
After breakfast, you are transferred to Calgary Airport where your journey comes to an end. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:00.

Rocky Mountaineer Return Option

Relax onboard the Rocky Mountaineer for two days of all-daylight rail travel through Canada's West and the Canadian Rockies. Visit insightvacations.com for more details.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Icefields Parkway | See glaciers and soaring mountain peaks on one of the most scenic drives in North America.
Enjoy an after-hours visit to the amazing Glacier Skywalk. Step onto the cliff-edged, glass-floored walkway rising 280m (918 ft) above the valley.
Join a before-hours visit onto the Athabasca Glacier.

Maligne Canyon | Walk on the trails of the deepest canyon in Jasper National Park.

Maligne Lake | Relax on board a narrated cruise across the serene lake.

Athabasca Glacier | Get up close to Athabasca Falls, where powerful water creates breathtaking views of the Canadian Rockies.

Banff | *Insight Choice* Discover history and culture at the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, *or* learn about the history, highlights and stories that took place around the Fairmont Banff Springs hotel.

Banff | Walk through boreal forest with an Indigenous Local Expert and learn how local plants have been used for healing, food and survival for millennia. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 5 & 11: Gender Equality & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Icefields Parkway | Dine at the Glacier View Lodge, where a seasonal menu tempts your taste buds.

Banff | Celebrate your travels with your newfound friends at the historic and regal Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Landscapes of the Canadian Maritimes

Blend the best of land and sea: watch for bald eagles on the Cabot Trail and see the Prince Edward Island dunes whilst trying the freshest seafood.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | BALANCED





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Trip code: ACME

DEPARTURE MONTHS

June - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO HALIFAX
Arrive in Halifax, your quintessential maritime destination. Relax next to the waterfront before savouring dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, Halifax

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | SIGHTSEEING AND RELAXATION IN HALIFAX
Join a Local Expert for an informative city exploration, then delve into the region's nautical history at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Enhance your day with three Insight Choice experiences: choose to visit the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site, learn about the collection at the Maud Lewis Gallery, or tour the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | HISTORIC LUNENBURG AND PEGGY'S COVE
Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lunenburg and meet a Local Expert for a walking tour. Hear tales of the fishing industry's impact on the region before visiting scenic Peggy's Cove. **(B)**

DAY 4 | CAPE BRETON ISLAND AND BLOOMING BADDECK
At Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as interpreters share insights of history and culture. Further your discovery on a guided cruise across Bras d'Or Lake spotting iconic lighthouses, a bird estuary and historic properties. Experience warm hospitality and Cape Breton-style home cooking at your waterfront hotel. Continue your night with traditional music and song at a Ceilidh, a Celtic Evening full of Acadian hospitality and entertainment. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Inverary Resort, Baddeck

DAY 5 | THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE CABOT TRAIL
Immerse yourself in a unique experience at The Gaelic College, devoted to the study and preservation of the Gaelic and Celtic cultures. Enjoy a relaxing drive along the Cabot Trail, one of the world's most scenic routes. Travel past Cape Breton Highlands National Park. **(B) (L)**

DAY 6 | BADDECK AND CHARLOTTETOWN
Go behind the scenes with a Local Expert at the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site. Ferry across the Northumberland Strait to Prince Edward Island and quaint Charlottetown, where you'll spend the next three nights in this nautical gem, dotted with colourful fisherman's cottages and a picturesque harbour. Your hotel, The Delta Prince Edward, is Charlottetown's only waterfront hotel and just steps away from shops and restaurants. **(B)**
Hotel: Delta by Marriott Prince Edward, Charlottetown

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

DAY 7 | PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SIGHTSEEING

No trip to Prince Edward Island is complete without a visit to Green Gables Heritage Place including the Green Gables House, the fabled home that provided inspiration for L.M. Montgomery's children's classic, 'Anne of Green Gables'. With your Local Expert, discover the cliffs, dunes and countryside of Prince Edward Island National Park before heading on to Cavendish. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 8 | FLAVOURS OF CHARLOTTETOWN

Head for the quaint seaside fishing village of Georgetown in eastern Prince Edward Island. Enjoy a delicious lunch of island blue mussels cooked fresh by local fishermen. Meet one of the local fishermen who will regale you with tales of life at sea and teach you all about the area's lobster and mussel industry. Enjoy a wine tasting and tour a lighthouse to end your day. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 9 | THE TIDES OF HOPEWELL ROCKS

This morning, cross the eight-mile Confederation Bridge, an award-winning engineering marvel linking Prince Edward Island to the mainland. In Shediac, delve into the marine ecosystem of the Northumberland Strait during a guided visit to the Homarus Centre. Examine the lobster's life cycle, explore the local fishery's sustainability practices and handle live marine species at the touch tank. Later, meet a Local Expert at Hopewell Rocks and uncover the dramatic tides of the Bay of Fundy. This evening, prepare and enjoy lobster the Acadian way, head to tail, during a traditional boil. Then, shake up a summer cocktail in a hands-on mixology class using locally inspired ingredients. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Crowne Plaza Downtown, Moncton

DAY 10 | LIVELY MONCTON TO DIGBY

Embark on a coastal drive on the Fundy Trail Parkway, nestling you between the greens of the forest and the blues of the coast with stunning views. Take to the water crossing the Bay of Fundy from St. John to Digby by ferry (seasonal), keeping an eye out for whales and other marine life. Arrive at your hotel overlooking the Bay of Fundy. **(B)**
Hotel: Digby Pines Golf Resort and Spa

DAY 11 | DELIGHTFUL DIGBY AND ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

In the historic town of Annapolis Royal, join a Local Expert and costumed interpreter for a stroll in the National Historic District. In the evening, meet a former scallop fisher for a culinary demonstration to learn about the region's maritime heritage. Gain insight into how fresh scallops are shucked before they are cooked to perfection for your seafood dinner. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 12 | FAREWELL HALIFAX

It's time to wave goodbye to Halifax and your fellow travellers. A complimentary airport transfer will be made at Halifax International Airport followed by a stop at the Marriott Harbourfront Halifax for guests wishing to extend their stay. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:00.



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Halifax | *Insight Choice* Get up close and personal with the Canadian Immigration story, *or* visit the home and gallery of Maud Kathleen Lewis, *or* visit Halifax's historic citadel.

Baddeck | Immerse yourself in the Celtic Heart of North America with an authentic Ceilidh night of Acadian music, hospitality and entertainment.
Take in unparalleled views aboard the Winstar Catamaran.

Cape Breton Island | Experience the spectacular sites along the Cabot Trail.

Prince Edward Island | Discover the island's highlights including a visit to Green Gables Heritage Place.

Hopewell Cape | Learn about the highest tides in the world from your Local Expert.

Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre | Visit the Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Centre to learn about the Mi'kmaq people's history, culture, language, and traditional artefacts through a guided tour and multimedia presentation. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 10 & 11: Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Charlottetown | Learn about the local seafood from a Maritime fisherman before feasting on a delicious lunch.

Moncton | Prepare and eat lobster the Acadian way—head to tail—guided by local hosts who'll demonstrate traditional shelling techniques passed through generations. Learn the practical skills locals use at home and on the shore, and hear how these mealtime customs reflect Acadian culture. Then, take part in a hands-on mixology class and craft a summer cocktail using seasonal herbs and citrus.

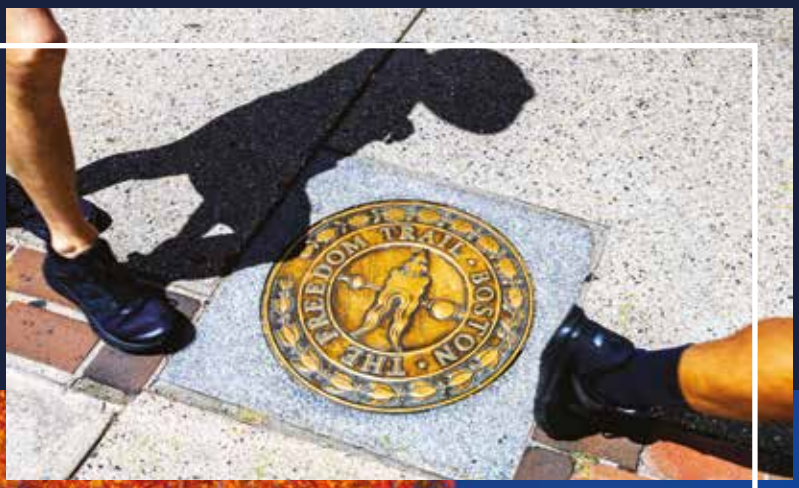
Digby | Celebrate the region's famous scallops with a culinary demonstration before a true Acadian dinner.

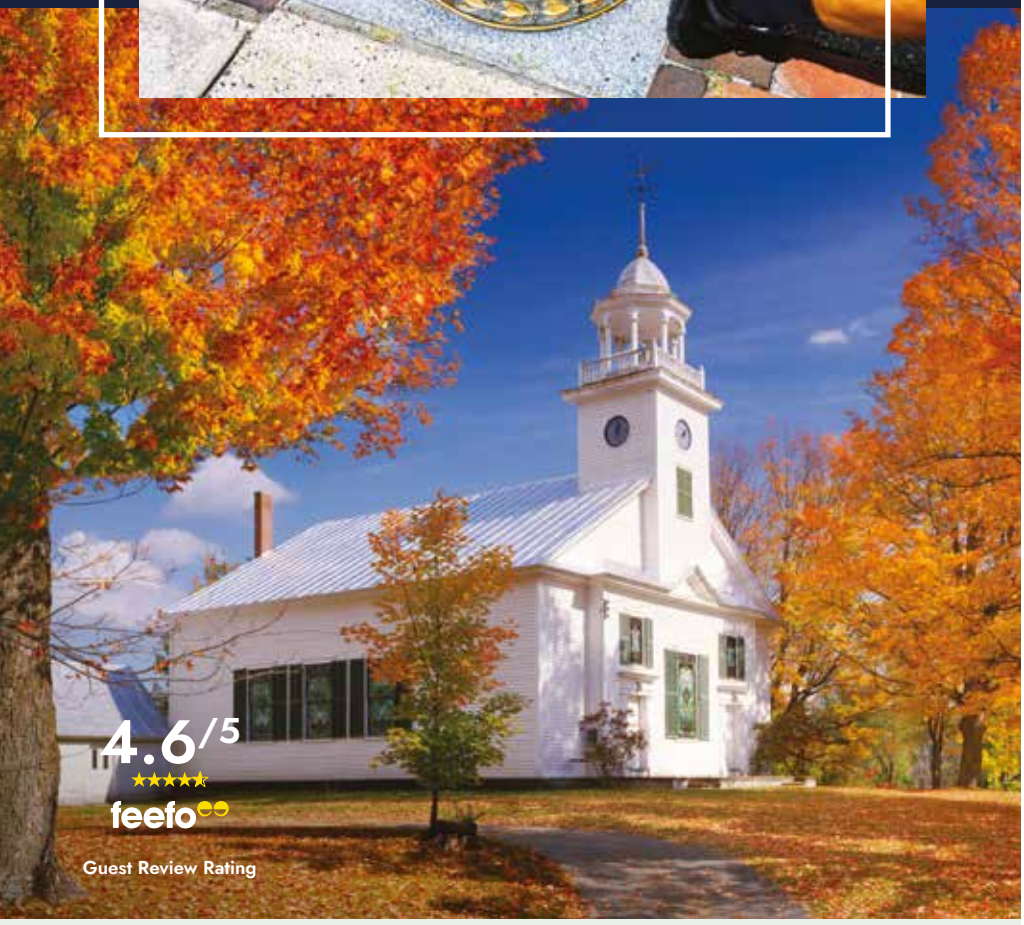
For all inclusions see tour page online.

New England's Fall Foliage

Follow Boston's Freedom Trail, visit a maple syrup farm in Montpelier and admire the bronzing leaves of New England's trees.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: AENE

DEPARTURE MONTHS

September - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BOSTON

Affectionately known as Beantown, this revolutionary city is one of the oldest in the United States. After settling in, perhaps take a stroll to Downtown Crossing or historic Faneuil Hall. For those looking to shop, Quincy Market offers big brands and local products, set indoors and surrounding the columns of a regal 19th-century building. Savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Hyatt Regency, Boston

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | BEANTOWN TO SARATOGA SPRINGS

Today you'll discover some of Boston's most famous sights as you delve into the city's transformative past. You'll follow part of the red-brick Freedom Trail that brings the story of the American Revolution to life. See Boston Common, Boston Public Garden, Trinity Church and Copley Square. This afternoon, explore Stockbridge with an Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Norman Rockwell Museum, home to the largest and most significant collection of original Rockwell art. Alternatively, choose to take a guided tour of Chesterwood, the former summer home and studio of renowned 20th-century sculptor Daniel Chester French, famous for his work on the Lincoln Memorial. Travel on through the rolling hills of the Berkshires and onto your upstate New York hotel, situated within the Saratoga Spa State Park. **(B)**
Hotel: The Gideon Putnam, Saratoga Springs

DAY 3 | THE LEGENDS OF THE FALL AND STOWE

Trace the roots of Vermont's rural traditions as you travel from Saratoga Springs into the heart of New England. In Weston, step inside the Vermont Country Store, a family-run emporium preserving generations of heritage brands and household curiosities. Browse shelves filled with locally made maple syrup, nostalgic sweets and artisanal Vermont cheeses, each reflecting the state's rich tradition of craftsmanship. Explore Woodstock, a village renowned for its Federal-style architecture and artisanal spirit. At Billings Farm & Museum, gain insight into sustainable dairy farming practices and how 19th-century life shaped the region's agricultural legacy. Later, at Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, learn how maple sap is turned into syrup and taste the seasonal delicacy 'sugar on snow'. Your day concludes at the Von Trapp Family Lodge, home to the famed musical family who made Vermont their refuge after fleeing Austria. **(B)**
Hotel: Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe

DAY 4 | A TASTE OF VERMONT

Enjoy a Relaxed Start at the iconic Von Trapp Family Lodge, where Austrian heritage meets Vermont's Green Mountains. Later, connect with the land at Bread & Butter Farm during a guided tour, followed by a nourishing lunch by Blossom Whole Food Kitchen. This afternoon, take time

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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to explore the picturesque town of Stowe, filled with artisan boutiques and local charm. Return to the lodge for a hearty three-course dinner featuring Alpine flavours, thoughtfully paired with German-style lagers brewed onsite at the Von Trapp Brewery. **(B) (L) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | NORTH CONWAY AND THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Journey to New Hampshire's White Mountains and enter striking Franconia Notch. Take a scenic ride on the Gondola SkyRidge at Loon Mountain Resort (seasonal). On a clear day, you'll have superb panoramic views of New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New York and Canada. Later, journey through the dazzling crimson and orange hues of the famed Kancamagus Scenic Byway to North Conway. This spectacular section of Route 112 is unspoilt by industry and boasts 55.5 km of untouched natural beauty. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: White Mountain, North Conway

DAY 6 | SIGHTSEEING IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

This morning's MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with naturalist guide Chris Lewey provides an up-close and personal insight into New England's wildlife and ecology. Then, more spectacular autumn foliage awaits as you journey through Crawford Notch, an arresting pass through the White Mountains. Stop for pictures at the Silver Cascade Waterfall and Bretton Woods, which offers stunning views of Mount Washington, the tallest peak in the northeast at 1,917 m (6,288 ft). Your Travel Director will guide you on a scenic hike to Diana's Baths, which features a series of small cascading waterfalls. Return to your hotel where you can enjoy an evening at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 7 | NORTH CONWAY - PORTLAND

Cross from New Hampshire into Maine this morning as you travel along the jagged coastline. Head to Fort Williams Park which is home to the iconic Portland Head Lighthouse that has been in operation since 1791. Then spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure in Portland. In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner featuring Maine lobster with your fellow travellers. **(B) (D) (RS)**
Hotel: Westin Portland Harborview, Portland

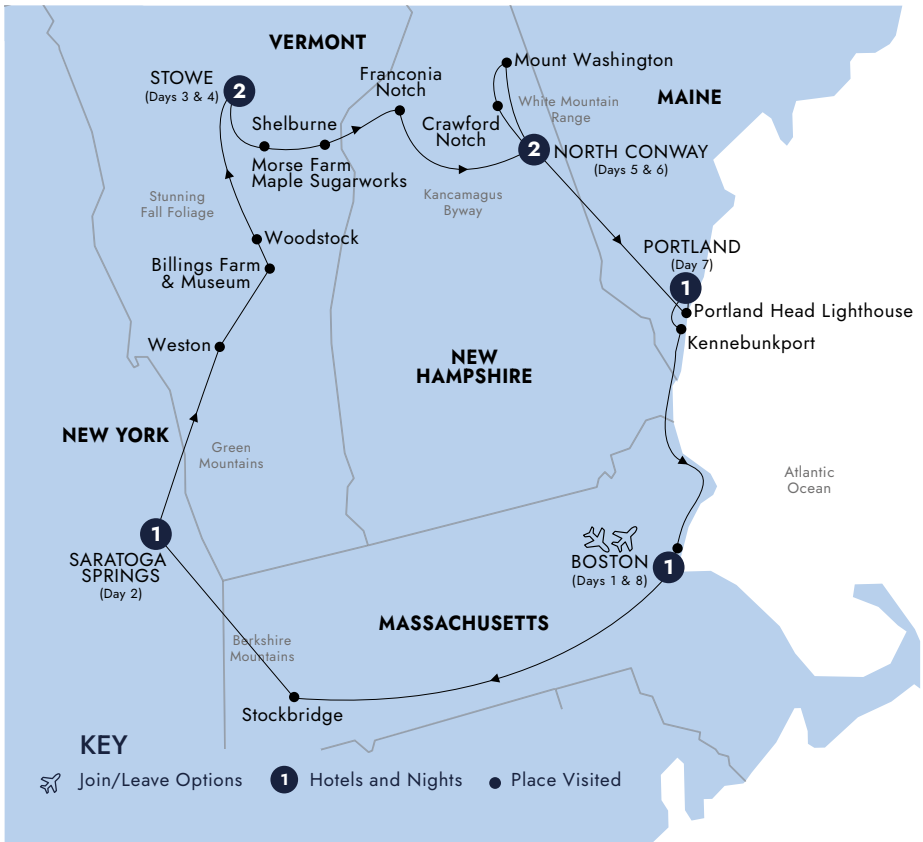
DAY 8 | PORTLAND - KENNEBUNKPORT - BOSTON

Known for its sandy beaches, Kennebunkport is a year-round coastal destination that houses the rich and famous, even serving as the summer retreat of former President George H.W. Bush. Travel along Ocean Drive with more stunning views of the Maine coastline, before driving back to Boston. Guests departing Boston will arrive at Boston Logan International Airport. Those extending their stay will return to the Hyatt Regency Boston hotel. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:30.

Women-Only Option

We also offer an exclusive Women-Only departure for this tour. Designed by women, for women, this inspiring journey welcomes up to 24 like-minded guests and features enriching experiences that support female-owned businesses. To read the full itinerary visit insightvacations.com/women-only or speak to your Travel Agent.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Boston | Unlock the secrets of the American Revolution on a tour of the historic red-brick Freedom Trail.

Stockbridge | *Insight Choice* Enjoy a self-guided tour of Chesterwood, the former summer home and studio of 20th-century sculptor, Daniel Chester French, best known for his work on the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C, *or* take a self-guided visit to the Norman Rockwell Museum and grounds, which houses the largest collection of original Rockwell art pieces.

Montpelier | Learn how maple syrup is tapped from trees and try 'sugar on snow.'

Woodstock | Explore the Rockefeller's renowned Billings Farm and Museum, showcasing Vermont's rural history.

Kancamagus Highway | Enjoy a picturesque drive along the Kancamagus Scenic Byway.

Franconia Notch State Park | Take a scenic ride on the Gondola SkyRide (weather permitting).

North Conway | Learn about regional flora and fauna with a Local Expert during an ecological look at autumn in New England. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Shelburne | Savour a Farm-to-Table lunch at Bread & Butter Farm.

Stowe | Enjoy Austrian-style lagers during your dinner at Von Trapp Brewing's bierhall.

Portland | Enjoy a Maine lobster dinner.

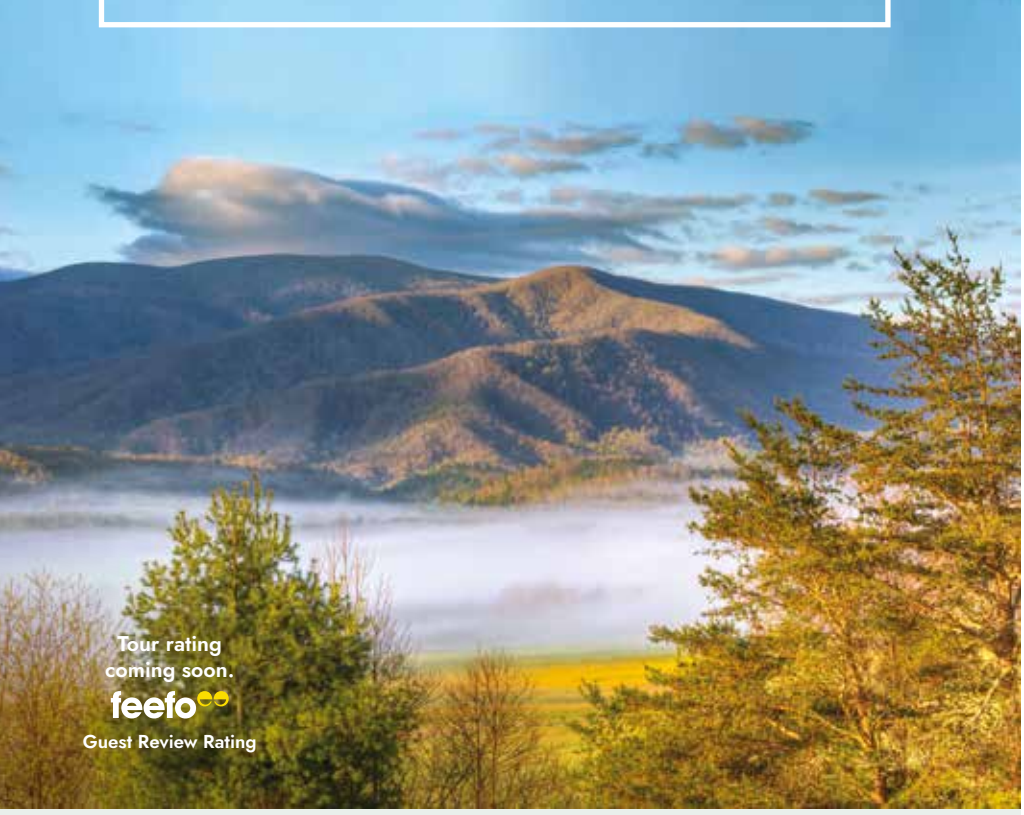
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Spectacular National Parks of Eastern USA

Revel in the landscapes of the Great Smoky Mountains and Shenandoah National Parks, taste wine at Veritas Winery, and tour the Biltmore Estate.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | DYNAMIC





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Trip code: AENP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - June + September - October

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

DAY 1 | A MONUMENTAL TIME IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
Welcome to Washington, D.C., the nation's capital and a haven for history and art buffs alike. Savour dinner accompanied by wine in the company of your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Royal Sonesta Dupont Circle

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | WASHINGTON, D.C. TO SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK
This morning, immerse yourself on a tour of Washington D.C. View iconic sights and national monuments, including the White House, Washington Monument, the National Mall and Lincoln Memorial. Visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture. As the newest member of the Smithsonian Institution, this is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. Leave the city sights behind in the afternoon and travel along Skyline Drive, the main scenic drive into Shenandoah National Park. Enjoy spectacular views across the colourful vistas of the park before arriving at your hotel, the historic Skyland Lodge. The evening is yours to relax and bask in breathtaking views of Shenandoah Valley. **(B)**
Hotel: Skyland Lodge, Shenandoah National Park

DAY 3 | SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK
Start your day immersed in nature's beauty with a gentle hike along the Stony Man Trail. The trail is part of the iconic Appalachian Trail and offers some of the best vistas in Shenandoah National Park, so have your camera ready. Visit the acclaimed Veritas Vineyards and Winery for a wine tasting and farmhouse lunch. Taste signature wines and relax on the sundeck whilst enjoying spectacular views over the Blue Ridge Mountains. Later, travel on to the New River Gorge National Park and your resort hotel, where the evening is yours at leisure. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: The Resort at Glade Springs, Daniels

DAY 4 | EXPLORING NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK
Today explore New River Gorge National Park, the newest park in America's National Park System, encompassing over 70,000 acres of land. Visit the Canyon Rim Visitor Centre to learn all about the history and flora and fauna of the park. Then stroll along a picturesque boardwalk trail to enjoy magnificent views of the New River Gorge Bridge. Guests have the evening to explore and enjoy at their leisure. **(B)**

DAY 5 | A FEAST OF MUSIC AND FOOD IN ASHEVILLE N.C.
Depart for Asheville. Unleash your inner musician with a tour of Asheville's famous

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RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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Citizen Vinyl record press factory and studio. Later, taste the delights of the city on a walking food tour. Sit at some of the most acclaimed local establishments to sample an array of flavours, cuisines and local produce. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Hilton Asheville Biltmore Park, Asheville

DAY 6 | THE BILTMORE ESTATE

Enjoy a Relaxed Start before visiting the magnificent Biltmore Estate, America's largest privately owned home. Tour the remarkable house and explore the lush gardens and arboretum. Through intriguing displays of vintage clothing, accessories, art and furniture, uncover stories of the Vanderbilt family. The afternoon is yours at leisure to explore Asheville. Join an Optional Experience on a River Arts District Tour. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 7 | GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Depart for the Great Smoky Mountains via the Blue Ridge Parkway, one of the most beautiful drives in America. On the way, visit the Oconaluftee Indian Village, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. You'll join a cultural expert for an interactive journey through Cherokee lifestyle and history. On arrival in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, discover the importance of agriculture to the park's ecosystem with a visit to the Mountain Farm Museum. Savour a delicious and picturesque picnic lunch before continuing to your hotel. Enjoy magnificent views with stops along the way, including Newfound Gap, dramatically straddling the state line of North Carolina and Tennessee. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: The Park Vista: A DoubleTree by Hilton, Gatlinburg

DAY 8 | THE MUSEUM OF APPALACHIA AND ON TO NASHVILLE

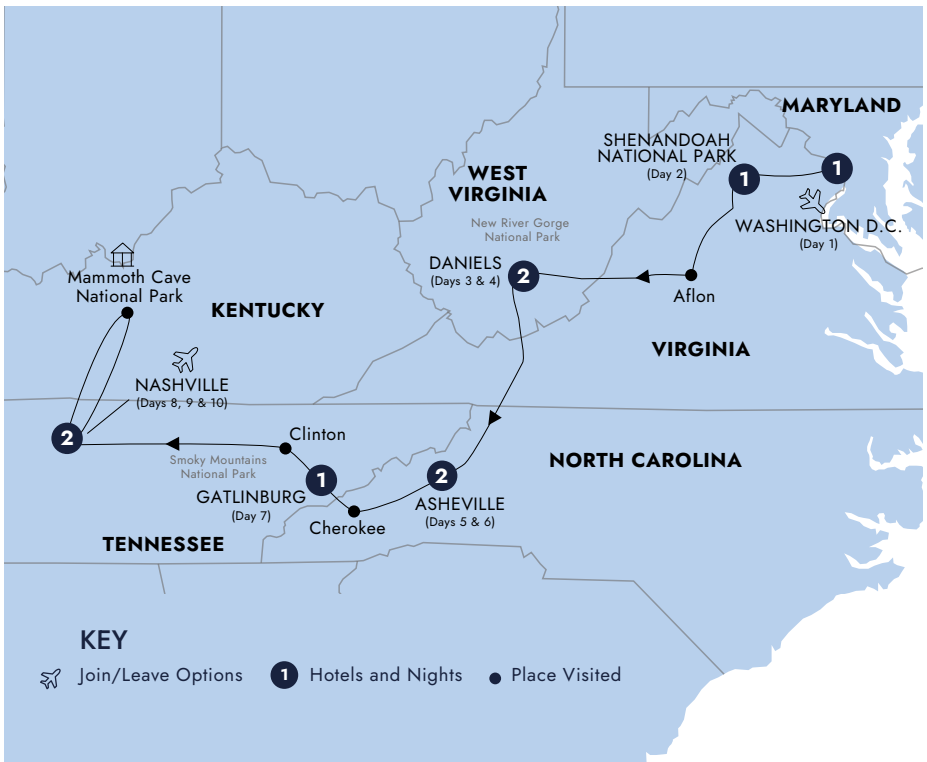
Step back in time with a visit to the Museum of Appalachia. Roam the original buildings of this living mountain village and learn about the people of Appalachia. Feast on a full Southern Appalachian country lunch. Then journey on to Nashville and get acquainted with Music City on an orientation tour. Visit the picturesque Riverfront Park, Tennessee State Capitol and the 132-acre Centennial Park, where you'll encounter an exact replica of the Parthenon. Pass by the city's lively honky-tonks and street performers on Broadway, as you make your way to the Ryman Auditorium, former and original home of the Grand Ole Opry. **(B) (L) (RS)**
Hotel: Fraye, Nashville

DAY 9 | WELCOME TO MUSIC CITY

This morning, explore Nashville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the National Museum of African American Music and celebrate the central role African Americans play in creating the American soundtrack. Alternatively, visit Mammoth Cave National Park and explore its intricate cave system with a park ranger. Learn about the thousands of years of human history and biodiversity that earned the park a title of UNESCO World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve. Tonight, toast your travels at dinner and enjoy timeless southern hospitality at a local restaurant. **(B) (D)**

DAY 10 | DEPART NASHVILLE

This morning, bid farewell to Nashville at your leisure, or extend your stay in Music City. **(B)**



HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Washington, D.C. | Visit the only National Museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history and culture.

Luray | Experience Shenandoah National Park and hike along the Appalachian Trail.

New River Gorge National Park | Take in breathtaking mountain and gorge views at America's newest national park.

Asheville | Enjoy a tour of the Citizen Vinyl's record pressing factory, studio, and historic WWNC radio station. Discover The Biltmore Estate.

Gatlinburg | Explore the United States' third most-visited park, Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Nashville | See the major landmarks of this musical city during an orientation tour, then visit the Ryman Auditorium, former home of the Grand Ole Opry.

Clinton | Step back in time at the pioneering Museum of Appalachia, and enjoy a Southern Appalachian lunch.

Nashville | *Insight Choice* Visit the National Museum of African American Music and celebrate the central role African Americans play in creating the American soundtrack, *or* join a Park Ranger for a tour of the intricate cave system at Mammoth Cave National Park.

Cherokee | Step back to the 1760s at Oconaluftee Indian Village, where you will learn about Cherokee history, interact with villagers, and experience traditional crafts. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 10 & 11: Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Asheville | Enjoy a walking food tour of the city's culinary favourites, savouring outstanding food and drink pairings at acclaimed eateries.

Smoky Mountains National Park | Indulge in an intimate picnic lunch whilst overlooking the mountains.

Nashville | Experience Southern hospitality at one of the locals' favourite restaurants, Puckett's, whose history stretches back to the 1950s.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

America's Magnificent National Parks

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

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 21 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: AAMC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

April - October

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PHOENIX AND TRAVEL TO SCOTTSDALE
Upon arrival in Arizona, head to Scottsdale at your leisure. This evening, savour dinner and wine with your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Valley Ho, Scottsdale

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | SEDONA AND THE WONDERS OF THE MIGHTY GRAND CANYON
Travel through the world-renowned Red Rock Scenic Byway, a celebrated route known for its dramatic desert landscapes. Meet your Local Expert, 'Canyon Tim' at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon to learn about the origins of the five-million-year-old canyon. **(B)**
Hotel: Grand Canyon National Park Lodge

DAY 3 | SIGHTS OF MONUMENT VALLEY
Early risers will witness one of Mother Nature's grandest shows on earth: a sunrise over the Grand Canyon. Today you will travel along the South Rim View Drive before stopping at Desert View Point, where the Puebloan-style Watchtower built by Mary Coulter stands. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Monument Valley Tribal Park, where Navajo (Diné) Local Experts guide you through the history, culture and heritage of the Navajo Nation aboard all-terrain vehicles. Enjoy a Navajo cookout amid the landscape's giant buttes and mesas. **(B) (L)**
Hotel: Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas

DAY 4 | LEISURELY LAKE POWELL
Enjoy a day at leisure in Lake Powell. Choose to relax at the resort or join an Optional Experience, floating down the Colorado River past Horseshoe Bend and Petroglyph Beach, or exploring Antelope Canyon with a local Navajo (Diné) guide. This evening, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience awaits at Red Heritage, where Navajo performers share powwow dance, flute and drum music over dinner at this Navajo-owned performing arts theatre. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 5 | BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK
Travel through Bryce Canyon Country on a portion of the Scenic Highway 89. Enjoy a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park and see the natural amphitheatre and its famous hoodoos. **(B)**
Hotel: The Red Cliffs Lodge Zion, Springdale

DAY 6 | ZION NATIONAL PARK
Enjoy a day of exploration in Zion National Park. Established in 1919 to protect the stunning landscapes, the park features towering sandstone cliffs, narrow slot canyons, and diverse plant and animal life. Today, Zion is one of the most visited national parks in the United States. Tour the canyon in a privately chartered open-air vehicle, with live commentary from a Local Expert. This afternoon, you can explore Zion National Park further with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Travel Director for a guided hike to the Emerald Pools, or take a self-guided walk along the Virgin River Walk. **(B) (D)**

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

DAY 7 | SALT LAKE CITY
This morning you make your way out of Zion National Park and travel to Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah. In the evening join your fellow travellers for a dinner with wine at the hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City

DAY 8 | JACKSON AND THE TETONS
Head north across the Oregon Trail to historic Jackson, Wyoming. Here you'll be able to explore the storied town at your own leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: Elk Country Inn, Jackson Hole

DAY 9 | YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
Today, head toward Grand Teton National Park. Next, discover breathtaking Yellowstone, known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and the abundant wildlife that you are sure to spot. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Yellowstone National Park Lodges

DAY 10 | GEYSERS AND HOT SPRINGS
Yellowstone National Park is home to over half of all the world's geysers. Today is your chance to walk among hot springs, watch erupting geysers and see bubbling mud pots. You can view colourful geothermal paint pots on an informative sightseeing tour with your Travel Director, see Old Faithful and Hayden Valley, and behold the powerful Lower Yellowstone Falls. **(B)**

DAY 11 | THE RANCH AT UCROSS
Head through Shoshone National Forest to the Wild West town of Cody, and learn about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Centre of the West. This evening, enjoy a ranch-style dinner. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Ranch at UCross, Clearmont

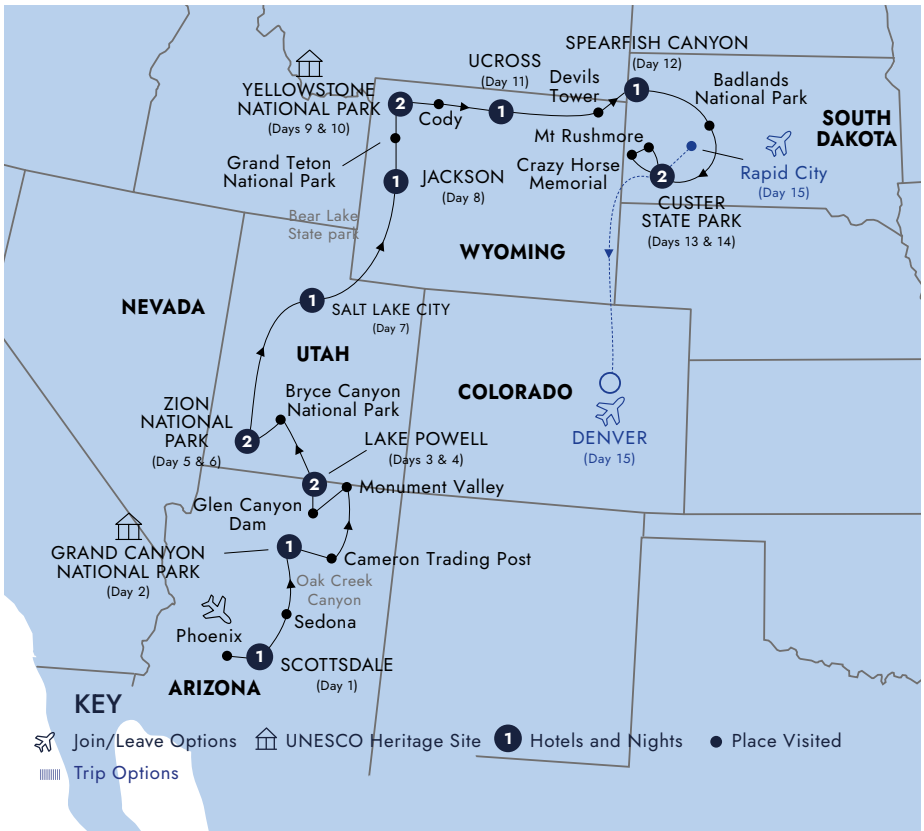
DAY 12 | DEVILS TOWER INTO THE BLACK HILLS
Explore the Ranch at UCross with Insight Choice. Choose to head on a scenic country horseback ride accompanied by a Ranch Hand. Or, try your hand at fishing. Make your way to Devils Tower, an astounding geological feature in the Black Hills. Next, experience Spearfish Canyon popular with wildlife enthusiasts and famous for its elvish woodland. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Spearfish Canyon Lodge, Lead

DAY 13 | CUSTER AND THE WILD, WILD WEST
This morning, travel to Oglala Lakota Living History Museum for a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Walk among recreated teepee villages whilst listening to stories of Lakota history and culture. Afterward, visit Badlands National Park, then end your day in Custer State Park. **(B)**
Hotel: State Game Lodge, Custer State Park

DAY 14 | BLACK HILLS MONUMENTS
This morning, see Mount Rushmore National Memorial, then travel to the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain carving in honour of the Lakota warrior. With exclusive access not available to the general public, you'll ascend 172 m (563 ft) to face the monument up close. Tonight, celebrate your travels over dinner with your Travel Director and newfound friends. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 15 | DEPART RAPID CITY OR DENVER
It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers. You can choose to take one of our complimentary shuttle services, to Rapid City Regional Airport or to Denver International Airport. **(B)**

TRANSFER: Depart your hotel and transfer to Denver airport, arriving at approximately 16:30.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

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

Monument Valley | Board an all-terrain vehicle for an off-the-beaten path exploration of this magical valley.

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

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

Custer State Park | Take in vistas of free-roaming bison and spectacular landscapes.

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

Page | Navajo (Diné) owned and operated, Red Heritage is a Native American Performing Arts Theatre showcasing awe-inspiring local talent: powwow dancers, flute playing, and live drum music. Your visit directly supports to preserve Navajo Culture and dance, and advances United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

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

Clearmont | Start with cocktails before your All-American ranch-style dinner, then head to the fire pit for s'mores and live music.

For all inclusions see tour page online.

Treasures of Cape Cod & The Islands

Follow the red-brick Freedom Trail in Boston, visit the living history museum at Plimoth Patuxet and admire the grand homes of Martha's Vineyard.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: ACAP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - October

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BOSTON
Welcome to Boston, a city that played a central role in American history. Boston's prestigious universities, like Harvard and MIT, amplify its status as a leading hub for innovation and research. In the evening, savour a dinner with wine and the opportunity to mingle with fellow guests. **(D)**
Hotel: Hyatt Regency, Boston

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING PLYMOUTH'S PAST
Trace the path of American independence along Boston's Freedom Trail. See the nation's oldest public park, Boston Common, the Old State House and the Granary Burying Ground, final resting place of revolutionaries. Then travel to Plymouth and step aboard the Mayflower II, a full-scale replica of the 1620 ship. At Pilgrim Hall Museum, explore an extraordinary collection of 17th-century artefacts with a Mayflower descendant on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, gaining powerful insight into the founding stories of early Plymouth Colony. Finally, walk through recreated homesites at Plimoth Patuxet Museums, where you'll witness traditional practices and lifeways of both the Wampanoag and English communities. **(B)**
Hotel: Dan'l Webster Inn and Spa, Sandwich

DAY 3 | THE WONDERS OF CAPE COD
The windswept shores and pristine landscapes of Cape Cod await as you embark on a journey through the heart of New England's maritime history. The Cape's rolling sand dunes, historic lighthouses, and timeless fishing villages set the stage for a day rich in cultural discovery. Experience the natural wonder and human history emphasising the cultural themes represented on Cape Cod, including the First People–the Wampanoag; European settlement culture; fishing, life-saving, and lighthouses; communication technology of Cape Cod's National Seashore. **(B) (D)**

DAY 4 | NAUTICAL HISTORY IN NANTUCKET
Set sail from Hyannis to the island of Nantucket, where cobblestone streets and preserved historic homes tell the story of a bygone whaling era. Stroll through the charming downtown, learning how the rise and fall of the whaling industry shaped Nantucket's social fabric and economy. As you uncover tales of seafaring adventures, witness the island's transformation into a beloved destination for visitors from across the globe. After a day steeped in maritime history, return to Hyannis by ferry for an evening at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 5 | THE CHARMS OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD – AN ISLAND ESCAPE
Board a morning ferry to Martha's Vineyard, an island known for its pristine beaches,

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
RELAXED STARTS: (RS)
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charming harbour towns, and storied visitors, including U.S. presidents. Explore Oak Bluffs with its gingerbread cottages, visit the Flying Horses Carousel and see State Beach, made famous by the film Jaws. Discover the island's colourful past, from whaling to modern-day tourism, as you gain insights into the history of Edgartown harbour lighthouse. Later, enjoy island hospitality with seasonal offerings from local farms, fishing boats and foragers during a dining experience at Bettini, located in your elegant hotel. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: Harbor View, Martha's Vineyard

> *Nantucket means "Faraway Island" in the language of the Wampanoag people who first lived on the island, 30 miles away from the mainland.*
>
> **MIRIAM, TRAVEL DIRECTOR**

DAY 6 | THE TIMELESS ELEGANCE OF NEWPORT

Arrive in Newport, where over 95 years of hospitality and charm characterise the historic Hotel Viking. Set in the heart of this coastal city, your boutique accommodation offers luxurious rooms and stunning views. Personalise your afternoon with Insight Choice. Opt to visit the Newport Car Museum, where over 100 vehicles highlight milestones in design and performance of cars throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Or explore Green Animals Topiary Garden at the Brayton House, the oldest of its kind in the United States, where sculpted shrubs have been meticulously shaped since 1872. This evening, take a leisurely stroll through Newport's vibrant streets, where every corner reveals another piece of its storied past. **(B) (RS)**
Hotel: Viking, Newport

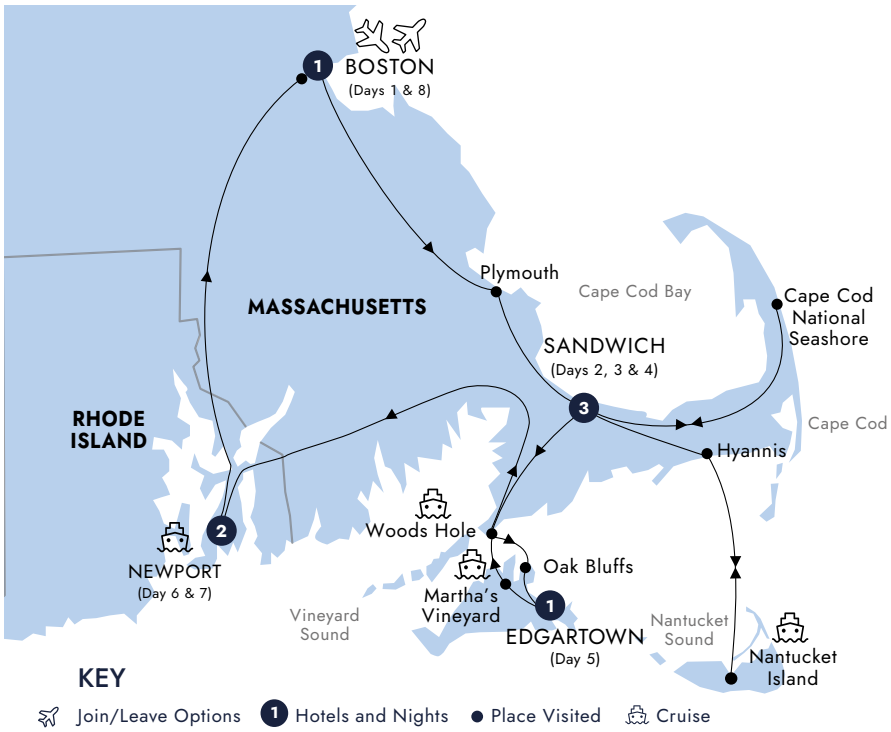
DAY 7 | NEWPORT, THE QUEEN OF SUMMER RESORTS

Your day begins with Newport's famed Ten Mile Drive, a scenic route that hugs the coastline, showcasing public parks, historic landmarks and breathtaking ocean views. Afterwards, explore the grandeur of Newport's "summer cottages" as you visit the Breakers, the grandest of them all. A symbol of the Vanderbilt family's wealth and prominence, this opulent mansion offers a glimpse into the lavish lifestyle of America's Gilded Age elite. Cap off the day with a sunset sail aboard the Adirondack II, gliding along Newport Harbour and Narragansett Bay.
(B) (D) (RS)

DAY 8 | FAREWELL TO BOSTON

As your tour comes to a close, bid farewell to your fellow travellers and transfer to Logan International Airport for your onward journey. With memories of Boston's historic charm, the beauty of Cape Cod, and the elegance of Newport, you leave with a deeper appreciation for this unique corner of New England. **(B) (RS)**

TRANSFER: Arrive at the airport at 12:00.





HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

Premium Experiences

Boston | Unlock the secrets of the American Revolution on a tour of the historic red-brick Freedom Trail.

Plymouth | Visit the Plimoth Patuxet Museum to learn about the Wampanoag Indigenous community and early English settlers, whilst helping preserve their history.

Nantucket | Discover the island's whaling history on a guided walking tour.

Martha's Vineyard | Visit the port neighbourhood of Oak Bluffs.

Newport | *Insight Choice* Explore the Green Animals Topiary Garden, the oldest of its kind in the United States, *or* visit the Newport Car Museum, featuring over 100 vehicles from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Newport | Visit the Breakers Mansion, the former summer cottage of Cornelius Vanderbilt II.
Enjoy a private cruise offering majestic views of Gilded Age mansions, lighthouses, and former speakeasies.

Plymouth | Led by a Mayflower descendant, enjoy a guided visit to Pilgrim Hall Museum, the oldest continuously operating public museum in the United States. View original 17th-century artefacts and possessions carried on the Mayflower as you explore the personal stories behind early Plymouth Colony. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Boston | Taste New England classics like clam chowder and Boston cream pie.

Martha's Vineyard | Indulge in a locally sourced dinner in a private dining space in Bettini Restaurant.

Newport | Enjoy a seafood dinner with wine.

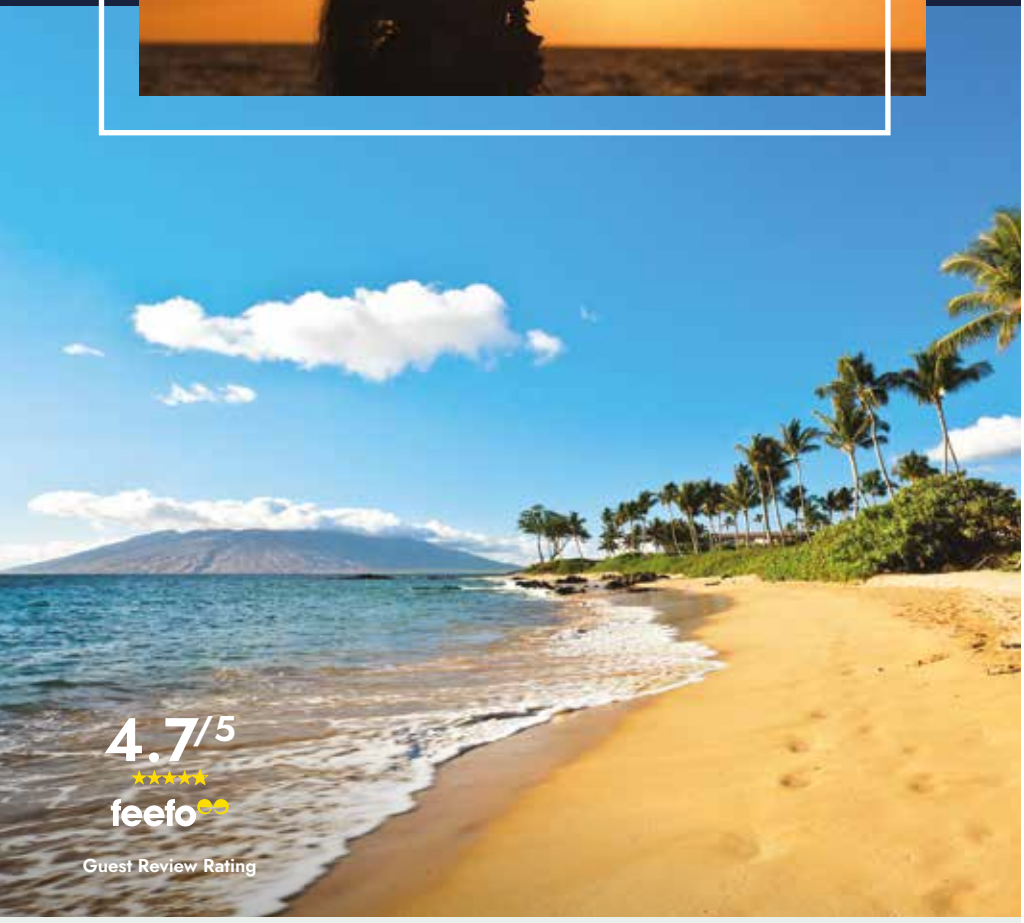
For all inclusions see tour page online.

Hawaii with Oahu, Maui & the Big Island

The best of land and sea: Explore Pearl Harbour, visit a pineapple and coffee farm and reach new heights at Haleakalā National Park.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED





Trip code: APARK

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | ALOHA HAWAII
Arrive in Honolulu and receive a warm lei greeting before meeting your Travel Director. Made famous by Elvis Presley's 1961 film Blue Hawaii and the iconic cocktail, your Oahu hotel sets the scene for your stay. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. **(D)**
Hotel: Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, Oahu

WELCOME: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 | PEARL HARBOUR
Enjoy a Relaxed Start this morning followed by a visit to the Pearl Harbour National Memorial, commemorating the tragic day of December 7th 1941. Walk through the Visitor Centre and take a short boat ride to the USS Arizona Memorial, the final resting place of 1,102 sailors and marines. Spend time at the superb visitor centre and explore exhibits that recount the events that led the U.S. to join World War II. As part of today's adventure, you'll see the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. It honours all those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and lost their lives during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Return to Waikiki and spend the rest of your day at leisure. **(B) (RS)**

DAY 3 | A TRIP AROUND OAHU
After a Relaxed Start this morning, set out to explore Oahu on an exciting island tour. Take in the epic views from Pali Lookout towards the Kāne'ohe Bay and the Windward Coast. Journey beneath the towering Ko'olau Cliffs and along the rugged coastline. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with your Local Expert in a Hawaiian Legacy Forest and partake in the sacred planting ceremony of a native tree contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem. Delve into an al fresco, sustainably sourced picnic lunch whilst enjoying views of the Legacy Forest. Continue to the North Shore where in the winter months waves can reach 30ft making it a favourite spot among big wave surfers worldwide. Visit Haleiwa, the social and artistic hub of the North Shore. Finally, return to Waikiki after your eventful day and enjoy your evening at leisure. **(B) (L) (RS)**

DAY 4 | MAUI, THE VALLEY ISLE
Take a short flight to Kahului on Maui. Visit the awe-inspiring Iao Valley State Park and see the 1,200-foot landmark Iao Needle. As night falls you are invited to choose your own dining experience from a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening. Your options include a magical evening at the Wailele Lu'au for a taste of traditional Polynesian cuisine, dance and storytelling, or one of the resort's other top-rated restaurants. **(B) (D)**
Hotel: The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali Beach, Maui

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

DAY 5 | UPCOUNTRY MAUI
Head to Upcountry Maui and discover a different face of the island. Visit one of the last working pineapple farms with a fun and knowledgeable Local Expert. Indulge in a Farm-to-Table lunch at the Hali'imaile General Store. Originally a plantation shop in the early 20th century, the restaurant is known for its outstanding island cuisine. Return to your resort and spend the evening at your leisure. **(B) (L)**

DAY 6 | INSIGHT CHOICE IN MAUI
Explore Maui with Insight Choice. Choose to experience sunrise at Haleakalā National Park, offering an astonishing volcanic landscape. Hear the Hawaiian legends about the active volcano and see the unique Haleakalā Silversword plant. Alternatively, cruise to the scenic coastline of Lana'i island and snorkel a dazzling coral reef, home to abundant sea life. Tonight, get together with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(B) (D)**

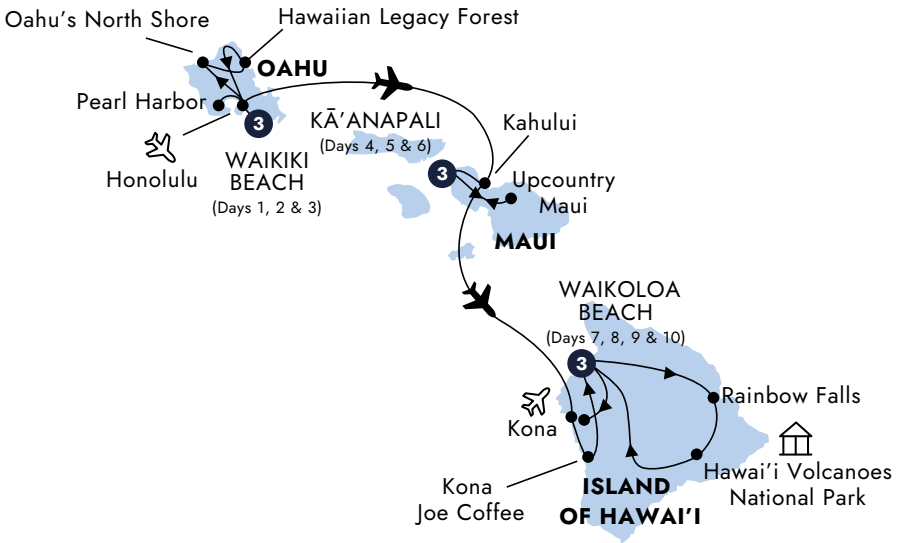
DAY 7 | TO THE BIG ISLAND
Take a short flight to Hawai'i, the largest island of the archipelago. Upon arrival, spend time in easy-going Kailua-Kona, once the home of Kamehameha I, Hawaii's great ruler. Travel from the beach to the coffee growing area of Kona and join a Local Expert to learn about Kona coffee. Enjoy a tasting of this gourmet speciality that only grows on the slopes of two local active volcanoes. See native plants, fruits and the organic coffee fields on your tour around the plantation. Continue to your luxurious resort accommodation and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. **(B)**
Hotel: Hilton Waikoloa Village, Island of Hawai'i

DAY 8 | THE VOLCANOES OF HAWAII
Get ready for an unforgettable journey to the volcano. Following a luscious lunch, enter the UNESCO World Heritage listed Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Hear the legends of Pele, the goddess of volcanoes and fire and the creator of the Hawaiian Islands. Stop by the magical Rainbow Falls on your way back to your resort. **(B) (L)**

> *Make your way through the world's tallest mountains from base to summit en route to UNESCO-listed Volcanoes National Park. Here you'll stand in front of the fire goddess, Pele, on Kilauea caldera's rim.*
>
> **ANDREW, TRAVEL DIRECTOR**

DAY 9 | A DAY TO RELAX
Enjoy a Relaxed Start and spend the day on island time, lounging under the swaying palms or by the pool. Indulge in a spa treatment or snorkel in the local lagoon, looking for the rare green sea turtles that call these waters home. Or, opt to take to the skies on a helicopter tour and witness the sea cliffs of Waipi'o Valley and the Kohala Mountains. Tonight, come together at a restaurant for dinner and toast to your travels. **(B) (D) (RS)**

DAY 10 | FAREWELL HAWAII
Bid farewell to your fellow travellers and new friends and depart at leisure to the Kona airport filled with new memories and stories. **(B)**



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HIGHLIGHT INCLUSIONS

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Oahu | On your journey around Oahu, take in epic views from Pali Lookout, and travel beneath the Ko'olau Mountains and along the Windward Coast.

Maui | See the 366 m (1,200 ft) landmark Iao Needle.
Visit one of the last working pineapple farms with a Local Expert. Learn about the plantations' impact on the islands and sample some of the extra sweet Maui Gold variant.

Maui | *Insight Choice* Watch for dolphins as you cruise to the scenic coastline of Lana'i island and snorkel a dazzling coral reef, *or* visit Haleakala National Park offering an astonishing volcanic landscape.

Hawaii | Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

Oahu | Join an eco-tour with your Local Expert in a Hawaiian Legacy Forest and plant a native tree contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE

Premium Dining

Oahu | Savour an al fresco, sustainably sourced Farm-to-Table lunch, complemented by beautiful views of the North Shore.

Maui | Choose to dine at the Wailele Luau or one of your resort's other Top-rated Restaurants during your Dine-Around evening.
Enjoy lunch at Hali'imaile General Store, the island's original Farm-to-Table restaurant.

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