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*Premium Tours for
Curious Travelers*



Welcome to a World of Wonder

ALL THE SIGHTS AND INSIGHTS, UP CLOSE
AND PERSONAL, IN COMFORT AND STYLE.



EXPLORE OUR FEATURES & TOURS

Throughout the pages of this magazine, you'll discover the rich layers of the world and see things through a new lens. On tour, the curious mind will be satisfied with learnings through culture, history and experiences, all up close and personal. Like dining after-hours within the galleries of the Vatican's Anima Mundi, surrounded by more than 80,000 precious objects — you will fast learn why this museum is called the 'soul of the world'. These life-changing experiences at the Vatican are among the many carefully curated adventures that await in every destination. We bring a world of wonder to reality.



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IS THIS HAWAII'S BEST
RESTAURANT?

*Dining discoveries
feed every journey*

Hawaii enjoys a rich culinary heritage, defined by its multicultural residents as well as its dazzling seafood and produce. Discover Maui's best restaurant, then devour more of the culinary experiences that we offer around the world.

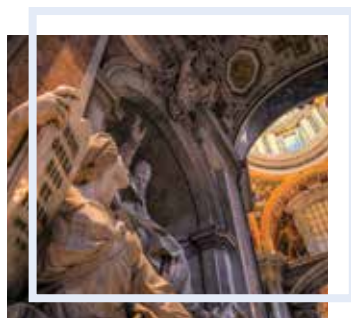


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THE INSIDER'S GUIDE
TO SENSATIONAL STAYS

*Hand-picked hotels
in fantastic locations*

Whether your perfect stay involves dreamy pools, jaw-dropping views, individual design or highly personalized service, our curated hotel hot list from around the world features plenty of inspiration when it comes time to check in. The hard part is deciding where to go first...



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MEET THE MAN TAKING
YOU BEHIND THE SCENES
AT THE VATICAN

*Explore through an expert
lens on every tour*

More than six million people visit the Vatican Museums every year, descending to explore chapels, galleries and some 20 museums packed with an immense collection amassed by the Catholic Church and the papacy. But you will have fast-track entry and enjoy an intimate, behind-the-scenes experience accompanied by a Local Expert.



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THESE ARE THE LOCALS
PRESERVING FLAMENCO FOR
FUTURE GENERATIONS

*Experiences that give back
to local communities*

Dating back to the 9th century, flamenco is not just a dance — it's an artform that tells the folkloric traditions of southern Spain. Discover why UNESCO declared it one of the Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity, how it's being preserved, and how your visit to a Sevillian flamenco studio supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4.



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MARVEL AT ANCIENT
WONDERS OF THE WORLD
WITH AN EGYPTOLOGIST

*Fascinating insights delivered
by experts in the field*

Unearth the mysteries of ancient Egypt, a country with more than 5,000 years of history. Meet the local experts protecting these sights through enthralling stories gathered over decades of research and exploration.

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BRITAIN & IRELAND

11 TOURS*Islands of historic cities and windswept, rugged coastlines*

Visit landmarks from the pages of classic literature. Explore Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare, and Hadrian's Wall.

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FRANCE, BELGIUM & THE NETHERLANDS

3 TOURS*Where culture, cuisine and history spring to life*

Watch a shoemaker whittle wooden clogs in Amsterdam and explore historic World War II battlefields.

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SPAIN, PORTUGAL & MOROCCO

8 TOURS*Lands of unique architecture and tempting flavors*

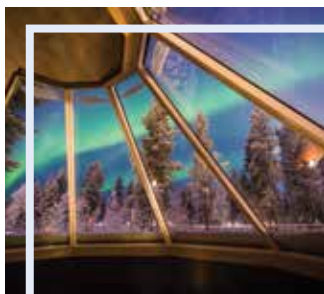
Learn flamenco, explore the Prado Museum with an expert art historian and stroll through Granada's oldest olive grove.

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ITALY, SICILY & MALTA

13 TOURS*From the Vatican and Mt. Vesuvius to islands that delight*

Enjoy behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, discover Sicily's fishing villages and stroll through Malta's Fortress City.

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ALPS, CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

17 TOURS*Snow-capped peaks lure you to old-world charm*

Sip Bavarian wine, experience a Tyrolean folk show and marvel at Bohemian architecture.

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NORTHERN EUROPE

7 TOURS*Scandinavian villages and cosmopolitan cities invite you to explore*

Be dazzled by aurora borealis (Northern Lights), sail alongside a fjord and explore the life of Hans Christian Andersen.

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EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN & EGYPT

10 TOURS*Where ancient pyramids and sun-drenched coasts meet Croatia's country roads*

Visit the Temple of Zeus, where the Olympic Games began, and float on the Dead Sea.

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EUROPEAN DISCOVERIES

5 TOURS*Europe's best from Paris and London to the Cinque Terre*

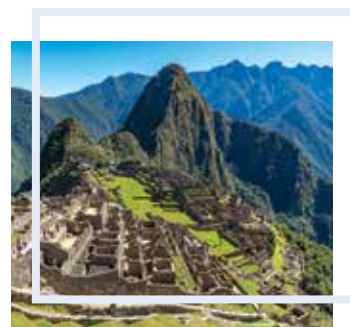
Admire the immense baroque palace of Marienburg Fortress and feast on a farm-to-table dinner in Salzburg.

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INDIA, NEPAL & SRI LANKA

2 TOURS*Embrace the rich colors, flavors, and fascinating lands*

Meet the women who climbed Mount Everest and step back in time to the Mughal Empire in Old Delhi.

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LATIN AMERICA

3 TOURS*Patagonia, Andean peaks, rainforests and Incan ruins call*

Learn the art of the Tango, sip Uruguay's fine wine and unwind at a spa hotel overlooking Iguazú Falls.

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USA & CANADA

13 TOURS*Spell-bounding lands of natural diversity, vibrant colors and man-made wonders*

Discover the USA's enchanting New England and venture onto the Glacier Skywalk after-hours in the Canadian Rockies.

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A Note from The CEO

Dear Traveler,

I am writing this note at 40,000 feet, traveling between London and Los Angeles, enjoying a rare moment of quiet up among the clouds.

In recent times, I have had the privilege and the pleasure to completely rediscover the wonders of travel, including the United States, Argentina, United Kingdom, Australia and Singapore. I am reminded of how through travel, all our senses are brought to life. And what a remarkably life-changing adventure it has been.

Of particular note was a recent journey to Patagonia. The place was a dream — a perfect canvas for me to see how traveling the world reveals not only incredible beauty, but incredible meaning.

Everything I saw, touched, smelled, tasted and heard, felt new, felt fresh, and felt to be an incredible blessing. It was a reminder of how eye-opening, and heart-opening, it is to be exposed to our diverse world. When we see how people live, what they do and what they value, one instinctively desires to try new things. It broadens the mind and pushes new boundaries. Soon, very soon, it becomes a part of you. And my experiences along the way reaffirmed how our planet and its people are more interconnected than ever.

An Insight Vacations tour delivers all the sights and insights of destinations up close and personal, with each itinerary carefully crafted to include experiences that spark joy and wonder, in the same way that I experienced in Patagonia.

We're exceptionally proud of our efforts in leading the way in immersive, responsible travel. Through our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences, we ensure each and every one of our itineraries has a lasting positive impact for both the visitor and visited, and that each supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Beyond the exceptional experiences, our tours are also curated to include stylish hotels and incredible dining.

Discovering a destination through its culinary traditions is a true delight, and we're also proud to lead the way in offering vegetarian options across all itineraries. The hand-selected hotels, dining offerings and experiences,

alongside the exceptional personal service delivered by our Travel Directors, allow you to take the pulse of the destination you're visiting, while traveling in comfort and style. The world is full of wonders waiting for discovery, and we invite you to read the pages of this magazine and uncover just some of those that lie ahead.



GAVIN TOLLMAN
CEO INSIGHT VACATIONS



You can visit Patagonia with Insight on
Best of Chile from Atacama to Patagonia, page 200.



Wonders of the World Revealed

TAKE A DEEP DIVE INTO
CULTURE AND HISTORY
DURING EXCLUSIVE
EXPERIENCES

Having spent decades exploring the globe, we have the ultimate connections in every destination imaginable. It's this on-the-ground know-how that allows us to offer experiences that take you beyond traditional sightseeing. Each and every day is filled with fascinating facts, special access and choices. Look out for Insight Choice on select days, where you can follow your interests and choose the experience that speaks to you. Choose between two carefully selected activities to further enhance your vacation and satisfy your curiosities.

Behind the scenes of our cover: Mesmerizing and hypnotizing, the whirling dervish ceremony is more than a dance, it's a spiritual journey. A traditional form of Sufi worship dating back to the 13th century, Whirling Dervishes can spin continuously for an hour, thanks to their meditative state. This meditation has evolved across secular and regional forms, like in Egypt where the whirler more commonly wears a colorful skirt. Be swept up in the flowing robes, music, and reverence as you witness this fascinating ritual in Cappadocia where the Whirling Dervishes will be wearing traditional white, representing the spiritual birth into truth, during a performance at a 13th century Seljuk Caravanserai. **Wonders of Turkey**, page 176.

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SPARK YOUR CURIOSITY

Insightful experiences will fascinate across every journey.

Make lasting connections with hand-selected experiences like these:



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1. DUBLIN, IRELAND

The world's most famous medieval manuscript, the Book of Kells, is renowned for the intricacy, detail and majesty of its illustrations. It was created by monks around 800 A.D. and lives within Dublin's Trinity College. You'll learn the book's secrets, then explore the grounds of this elite university, discovering glorious 18th-century architecture enveloped by emerald lawns. **Focus on Ireland**, page 38, **Irish Elegance**, page 40 & 2 other tours.

2. STON, CROATIA

Plucked straight from the sea, just-shucked oysters are one of the world's greatest delicacies. Visit a shellfish farm to meet Tomislav, who will teach you about oyster cultivation and the harvesting process. Think of this as your entrée to a delicious sea-to-table tasting of the freshest shellfish you'll ever try, paired with local wine. **Country Roads of Croatia**, page 134.

3. MONTPELIER, VERMONT

If you haven't tried 'sugar on snow', you haven't truly lived. This Vermont tradition sees maple syrup drizzled over packed snow — which you eat with a doughnut and a pickle. Try it when the 'sap is flowing' at Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, where maple syrup is tapped from the trees and served straight to you. **New England's Fall Foliage**, page 224.

4. STANSERHORN, SWITZERLAND

Switzerland is known for its mountains, and few are as spectacular as Mount Stanserhorn. Journey to its peak (and take a ride through history) on a funicular railway dating back to 1893. 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. **Glorious Switzerland**, page 114, **Road to Rome**, page 180 & 10 other tours.

5. SANT'ANDREA IN PERCUSSINA, ITALY

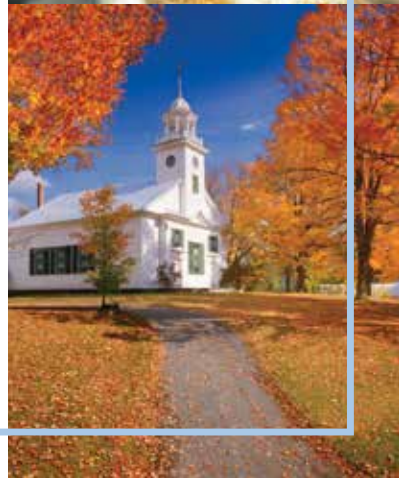
Few books have attracted so much controversy, commentary and debate over the last 500 years than Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Prince*. You'll discover where the treatise was written when you head into the Apennine Mountains and through the cypress-lined landscapes of Tuscany for a private tour of the home of this famed Renaissance diplomat and writer, with a Local Expert as your guide. **European Dream**, page 184.

6. VIENNA, AUSTRIA

A unique experience created to heighten your senses, 'Dancing Without Barriers' is an inclusive workshop to support the visually impaired community. You'll get to be part of the action in a specially designed studio, where you'll learn the Viennese waltz while listening to musical masterpieces written by Austrian native, Mozart. **The Bohemian**, page 124.

7. GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Home to the headquarters of Europe's United Nations and a hub for diplomacy, Geneva is also the base for the largest humanitarian organization in the world. A three-time Nobel Prize Laureate, the Red Cross opens its museum to you, offering insights into how the organization aids refugees, migrants and asylum seekers around the globe. Your visit supports their vital work. **Magical Switzerland**, online exclusive.



Follow in the Footsteps of Popes

IN THE PAPAL STATE

The Vatican, the world's smallest sovereign state, radiates out from the domed grandeur of St Peter's Basilica. It boasts some of Italy's most revered artworks, many housed in the vast Vatican Museums, home of the Sistine Chapel and the Bramante Staircase. The latter is normally closed to the public, but with Insight, and brought to life through Local Experts like Valerio, you can go behind the scenes to discover this masterpiece. If you thought things couldn't get any better, think again: you have the fortune to dine after-hours within the galleries of the Vatican's Anima Mundi, a museum that dates back to a donation of pre-Columbian artefacts more than 300 years ago.



HEAR FROM LOCAL
EXPERT, VALERIO

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The Vatican is full of priceless art and treasures collected by the Popes. Normally off limits to visitors, I'll take you behind-the-scenes to access the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture.

Insightful Insights

If you visit every single room in the Vatican Museums, you would walk nine miles, or 14.48 kilometers.

The Vatican City doesn't charge any tax to its inhabitants — the only way it generates revenue is through Vatican Museums entrance fees and the selling of souvenirs.

The Vatican Museums receive more than six million visitors every year. This makes it the 4th most visited museum complex in the world.

The Vatican City, including the Vatican Museums, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's the only UNESCO listing that covers an entire country.



Explore Rome with these hand-selected Vatican experiences on **Italian Elegance**, page 102, **Easy Pace Italy**, page 98 & **Treasures of Italy**, page 100.

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Pictured: Local Expert Diana on our Italian tours, pages 82-109.

At Your Service

MEET OUR INSIGHT TEAM: TRAVEL DIRECTORS, DRIVERS & LOCAL EXPERTS

There's nothing quite like being in the travel moment — having the freedom to enjoy every experience, because someone else has taken care of all the details. Your Insight Vacations team does just that. They are expertly trained, knowledgeable and enthusiastic to ensure that your journey is enlightening and informative, proven by our independently rated Feefo Platinum Trusted Service Award.



Pictured: Travel Director Elena on our Italian tours, pages 82-109.

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WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Enjoy anecdotes from Local Experts, historians and those in the know.

Beyond sightseeing, make lasting connections with the people on the ground. Historians, chefs, musicians, anthropologists — all ensure your journey is illuminating. Meet some of our Insightful experts:

TRAVEL DIRECTOR

Betty Griffith is a Travel Director with deep knowledge of Spain and Sicily. Betty's career began in public relations and communications. She's constantly curious and loves to learn — a winning combination when it comes to discovering local stories and sharing them with Insight guests. If you're lucky enough to be on one of Betty's tours, she'll likely regale you with the fascinating history of Andalusian horses in Seville, from their origins in the 15th century until today; you'll also learn why they have been prized by nobility and the Spanish government, being used as a tool of public relations and diplomacy.

LOCAL EXPERT

Mark Conroy is a London Destination Expert and a trained actor. "I find the two things a little bit similar as they're both about talking and making connections. I've always had an interest in travel and in history, and it has been a real pleasure of about 30 years now to show groups of Insight guests around my small home city. The actual City of London is only 1.2 square miles in size, so it is, in fact, the smallest city in England!"

TRAVEL DIRECTOR

Danny Steenkamp is an expert on all things Scandinavian — his knowledge of, and passion for, fjords, the Vikings and Nordic lore will have you captivated and enthralled. You'll see the edge of the world with Danny at the Lyngen Alps, lying 500 kilometers (310 miles) beyond the Arctic Circle.



MEET ASSEM, RENOWNED
EGYPTOLOGIST WITH
EXPERT KNOWLEDGE ON
EGYPT'S HISTORY

We spoke to Travel Director, Assem Omar

HOW DID YOUR LOVE FOR EGYPTOLOGY BEGIN?

"My mother was a history teacher and a great storyteller. When I was young, the only place she allowed me to run freely around was among the museums and temples. She knew how much I loved those places. That's how I built my passion for the monuments. Imagine wandering among those great temples, seeing all those Egyptian artefacts with inscriptions, art and beautiful colors covering every inch of the paintings and the intricate hieroglyphics and carvings. I fell in love with the ancient civilization. It's exciting, especially when your mother tells you about the story behind what you're looking at. It brings everything to life."

WHAT DO YOU DO AS A TRAVEL DIRECTOR?

"What I do as a Travel Director and Egyptologist is act like my mother with my groups. I bring the site to life and tell guests the story behind it. Why would they build a forest of columns in the Karnak Temple? Why are the colors so vivid at the Valley of the Kings? What makes Egyptians think there'll be an afterlife?"

DO EXCAVATIONS OFTEN UNCOVER ANYTHING NEW?

"At any given time of the year there are no less than 45 missions working on excavations all over Egypt. The number swells in winter when the weather is cooler, but even after years of discoveries, new surprises regularly come from ancient Egyptian sites on monthly basis. Some of them you don't read about as they are 'minor' discoveries, but every now and then something big comes out and it hits the news. The famous Avenue of the Sphinxes is a recent find. This 2.7-kilometer [1.7-mile] 'Path of the Gods' was buried under numerous houses, schools, mosques and churches. And for centuries, nobody knew about it. In the 1940s, as some of the old houses were demolished, we learned there was an avenue there, but nobody was prepared to make the bold decision to remove all the houses that were built above it."

HOW DO THESE RECENT DISCOVERIES IMPACT EGYPTIAN LOCALS?

"Our current president took the brave decision to relocate people with compensation and the whole avenue was revealed. Some 1050 Sphinxes have been discovered up to now, and the whole avenue was reopened with a big celebration in November 2021. The level of the rich history in Egypt is just unheard of in most civilizations. Its elegance is an art form. A mummy is more than just remains – it's the most beautifully tended to and loved remains."

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME OF YEAR TO COME?

"It's warm and sunny all year round, and perfect weather in winter. The diversity of attractions in Egypt is amazing, no matter when you visit. You can enjoy sitting on a ship watching the scenery of the Nile pass by or get hands on, touring the popular sites."

Explore Egypt on **Wonders of Egypt**, page 172.

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WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®



The World on Your Plate

EXPERIENCE GLOBAL
FLAVORS THROUGH
SIGNATURE DINING
MOMENTS.

One of the greatest joys of travel is discovering a destination through its cuisine — food and wine not only bring people together, but also tell stories of provenance, history, culture and tradition. Regardless of where you are in the world, we nourish your soul through experiences that range from visiting the kitchens of applauded chefs to taking a seat in acclaimed restaurants. Every day is delicious as we introduce you to the people, produce and personalities that bring flavors of the globe to your table.

INDULGE IN DINING EXPERIENCES

Whether by day or night, culinary adventures await.

For a true taste of your destination, indulge in an array of flavor-packed foodie experiences.

- **Hands-on culinary demonstrations**, to discover how local delicacies are made. You'll not only get to sample the cuisine, but also take home new skills.
- **Dine-around evenings** offer you the chance to personally select culinary experiences you want to try from a curated list of top local restaurants.
- **Dine-at-home experiences** give you exclusive access to locals in their homes, where you'll learn the secrets of regional dishes before sitting down to a meal.

There are endless flavors to look forward to. Here are some of the highlights across just a few destinations.

1. BASCHI, ITALY

A decadent day awaits in the company of Chef Lorenzo at the medieval Casa Segreta. You'll be welcomed with a tour of the estate's dreamy olive groves and vineyards, followed by aperitivo while Lorenzo reveals why this region of Italy is applauded for its fragrant truffles. End the experience foraging with a local truffle hunter and his dog, before grazing on focaccia, cheese, salami with sliced truffles, and pasta. **European Dream**, page 184.

2. CASABLANCA VALLEY, CHILE

Chile enjoys a long history of grape growing, with wines made across the country since the 16th century. Today, Chilean vintages are in high demand across the world. You get to taste them at the source when you visit Kingston Family Vineyards, a boutique estate where you'll be treated to a flight of varietals ranging from chardonnay to pinot noir and syrah. Cheers to that! **Best of Chile from Atacama to Patagonia**, page 200.

3. VALENCIA, SPAIN

Discover the origins of paella when you join a Spanish chef for a cooking demonstration at a restaurant that fuses typical Valencian food with modern Mediterranean cuisine. The name 'paella' comes from the Valencian word for 'frying pan', so it comes as no surprise that you'll indulge in this aromatic favorite straight from the hot pan. The perfect accompaniment to a glass of chilled sangria. **Highlights of Spain**, page 62.

4. SALTASH, ENGLAND

Showcasing produce foraged from the Cornish countryside or supplied by local farmers, Heskyn Mill's chefs are the proud pioneers of both sustainable sourcing and elevated vegetarian cuisine — although seafood and meat are also on the daily changing menu. Over lunch here you'll soon understand why the restaurant was awarded gold by the most prestigious food awards program in England's South West, the 'Taste of the West'. **Best of Britain**, page 32.



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Insightful Insights

Oysters can change their sex. In fact, they will often do it more than once. Indulge in an oyster or two on **Country Roads of Croatia**, page 134.

There are around 49 million bubbles in a bottle of champagne. Sip and savor on **Country Roads of France**, page 58.

42 bottles of whisky are exported from Scotland every second. Whet your whistle on **Best of Ireland & Scotland**, page 44.

The Dutch are the largest cheese exporters in the world, producing 650 million kilos annually. Find a new favorite variety on **Country Roads of Belgium, Luxembourg & the Netherlands**, page 54.

The Burgundy region produces a surprisingly tiny amount of wine: about 3% of France's overall output. Appreciate a glass on **Country Roads of France**, page 58.

There are 1.5 billion vegetarian people in this world. Enjoy a selection of vegetarian options across our four menus.

5. POMPEII, ITALY

The volcanic slopes of Mt. Vesuvius are fertile, with the terroir ideal for growing abundant crops. Welcome to Casa Barone, a small family-run farm that is one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes. Meet owner Enza, who is passionately committed to sustainable growing, before savoring the distinct flavors of this special 'volcanic' tomato during a farm-to-table lunch that is as delicious as it is insightful. **Best of Italy**, page 92.

6. ATHENS, GREECE

A delicious union of yoghurt, cucumber and fresh herbs, tzatziki is a staple dip on every Greek dinner table. Under the guidance of Chef Farije, you'll learn to master this creamy specialty, alongside a host of other dishes that capture the flavors and traditions of the region. Farije's passion for Greek cuisine prepared using high-quality local ingredients is infectious. **Treasures of Greece & The Islands**, page 162.

7. MAUI, HAWAII

Hawaiian hospitality and aloha spirit unite at Hali'imaile General Store, acknowledged as one of 'America's Top Tables' by Gourmet magazine. Many attribute the popularity of farm-to-table dining to the restaurant, which is dedicated to using only locally sourced produce to highlight the diversity of Hawaiian cuisine thanks to its melting pot of cultures – Immigrant workers brought cuisines from China, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Puerto Rico and Portugal after arriving in Hawaii, influencing the food today. **Hawaii with Oahu, Maui & the Big Island**, page 230.



MEET THE MAN BEHIND THE MEAL,
LIAM FINNEGAN EXECUTIVE CHEF
AT ASHFORD CASTLE

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*Keep things
uncomplicated and
ensure each dish is well
sourced, simple and
perfectly executed.*



Over his 20 years as a chef, Liam Finnegan has worked in some of the most prestigious kitchens in the world, a number of them with Michelin stars across Ireland and the UK. In his role as Executive Chef at Ashford Castle – Ireland's only Forbes 5-star hotel – Liam showcases his passion for creating exciting new dishes using classic cooking techniques and local produce.

Ashford Castle has hosted distinguished guests for 800 years, including the Prince of Wales, who became George V of England. In honor of his 1905 visit, the former owners of the castle, the Guinness family, built an exquisite dining room that still bears his name today – you too can feel like royalty in the George V Dining Room.

Dine & Stay at the Majestic Ashford Castle
on **Irish Elegance**, page 40.

A rooftop terrace at dusk, featuring a large patio umbrella, a tiered candle stand, and a view of the Venetian skyline. The scene is illuminated by warm lights, creating a cozy and romantic atmosphere.

Hotel Havens. Check In, Bliss Out.

HAND SELECTED STAYS THAT IMPRESS

From Zagat to Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List, there are countless hotel ratings and awards. Here at Insight, we have our own curated compilation of standout places to stay, based on decades of experience in the industry and knowledgeable insiders on the ground. Whether you're dreaming of a place with plenty of character and individual design, a premium central hotel, or perhaps a resort with a postcard-perfect pool, our tours deliver an array of hand selected stays that unite style and stories in equal measure. And you'll actually truly get to enjoy them as well thanks to the fact that Insight Vacations knows the value of relaxed morning starts and itineraries with a slower, more leisurely pace. Read on for some hotel highlights.

Splendid Hotel, Venice

Stay here on: **Italian Elegance**, page 102.

STYLISH STAYS

Wonder-filled days blend seamlessly into stylish nights. Start and end each day with the comfort of our trusted 5 and 4-star hotel partners.

Every stay is a standout on an Insight Vacations tour, but here are some of our favorites across just a few destinations.

1. GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Accommodation in Geneva doesn't get any more luxurious than the Hotel D'Angleterre, a five-star, design-driven delight that blends British charm with Swiss hospitality — and then there are the views of the Jet d'Eau on Lake Geneva and the city center. Be sure to end your day with a beverage in the hotel's glamorous Leopard Lounge. **Glorious Switzerland**, page 114.

2. SEVILLE, SPAIN

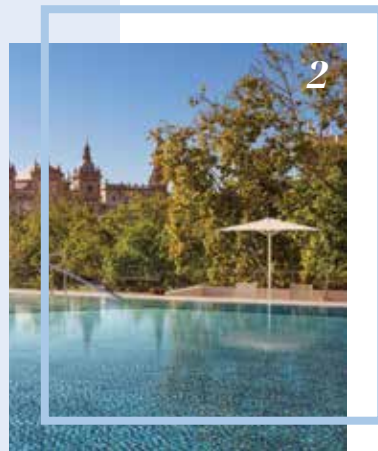
Seville is home to the world's biggest gothic cathedral, but staying at the Meliá Sevilla brings modernity, comfort and the soul of Andalusia to guests. In the heart of the city, this elegant urban hotel lies alongside the iconic Plaza de España and magnificent María Luisa Park, with a breathtaking pool. **Highlights of Spain**, page 62.

3. IVALO, FINLAND

Take your Northern Lights gazing to the next level with a stay at Aurora Village. Your private cabin has a laser-heated glass ceiling, which means you'll fall asleep gazing at the changing colors of the heavens if you're lucky, and sleep soundly knowing your view won't be obstructed by ice or snowfall. **Northern Lights of Scandinavia**, page 148.

4. NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Known for its Gilded Age mansions and yacht-studded harbor, Newport is as glamorous as American cities get. Experience the sophistication first-hand at boutique Hotel Viking, delivering sublime hospitality for almost a century — small wonder it's registered with the Historic Hotels of America. **Boston, Cape Cod & the Islands**, page 228.





Insightful Insights

The Indian city of Jaipur — aka the ‘Pink City’ — was given its color in 1876 to welcome Queen Victoria’s husband, Prince Albert. It retains its blushing hues to this day, as you’ll discover when you check in to Hotel ITC Rajputana. **Classical India & Nepal**, page 192.

When someone is a Talleyrand, they are known to be a crafty and skilled politician. Learn about the historic figure who inspired the term when you visit the Loire Valley in France and see the Château De Rochecotte. This hotel is the former private estate of Prince Tallyrand. **Normandy, Brittany & the Loire Valley**, page 56.

There are more bicycles than people in Amsterdam, as you’ll witness firsthand while staying at the 5-star Grand Hotel Amrath Amsterdam.

Set in a former shipping house overlooking a canal, this century-old, art nouveau-style hotel offers a deluxe stay. **European Rhapsody**, page 188.

5. HÖFN, ICELAND

Iceland’s jaw dropping Vatnajökull glacier is the largest of its kind in Europe, and you’ll have a clear view from your sleek room at Hótel Höfn. In summer, look forward to rainbow-hued glacier sunsets; in winter, there’s the chance to glimpse the Northern Lights. **Natural Wonders of Iceland**, page 150.

6. NORTH BOVEY, UNITED KINGDOM

Channel your inner royalty when you check in to grand Bovey Castle, a 5-star gem within Dartmoor National Park. Each room is individually designed, offering dramatic woodland or courtyard views. You may even glimpse the hotel’s private 18-hole golf course. **Country Roads of Wales, Devon & Cornwall**, page 34.

7. BANFF, CANADA

When it comes to rooms with a view, they don’t get much better than those at the aptly named Glacier View Lodge. Sitting pretty within Canada’s first national park, the property is exclusive in its outlook — and also offers unprecedented access to the glacier on guided tours. It doesn’t get much cooler than that. **Spectacular Rockies**, page 218.



WHEN THE JOURNEY MATTERS AS MUCH AS THE DESTINATION

*Relax in smaller groups
and in a uniquely
customized coach.*



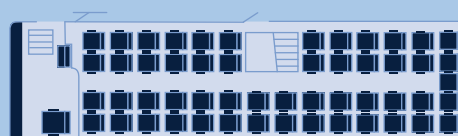
Our premium guided tours are seamless thanks to smaller group sizes, to truly maximize your time. You can always select between a Classic Groups size, which averages just 33 guests and never more than 40. Or select a Small Groups size, which have no more than 24 guests, available on all tours.

Our luxury coaches feature double the legroom and personal space of a regular touring coach. Each is customized with bathroom facilities, device chargers, tray tables and drink holders, for the most superior on-road experience. Adjust your personal air-conditioning for comfort, and stay in touch with complimentary Wi-Fi.

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STANDARD COACH - 53 SEATER



Pioneering Responsible Travel

MAKE YOUR TRAVELS A FORCE
FOR GOOD –
CHANGING LIVES FOREVER

Travel has the power to change lives – not only yours, but those of locals in the destinations you visit. As a tour company we take this charter seriously, and we aim to protect the world as we know it for future generations. We are committed to having a positive impact on not only the people and communities we visit, but also by protecting the wildlife we encounter, and conserving the natural resources of the planet we call home. We do this through our 5-year sustainability strategy How We Tread Right (HWTR) and our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation which supports sustainable travel initiatives worldwide, with a focus on nature-based solutions to the climate crisis.





Insightful Insights

Globally, 51 billion tons of greenhouse gases (GHG) are emitted into our atmosphere annually. We have a mission to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. We are the only tour company with an Internal Carbon Fund – a fund dedicated to financing initiatives to reduce the carbon emissions of our business.

Kelp forests generate approximately \$500 billion annually in ecosystem services, such as capturing carbon and removing nutrient pollution from water. We invest in nature-based solutions to tackle climate change, such as partnering with GreenWave, supported by our TreadRight Foundation. The GreenWave's Kelp Climate Fund plants kelp and provides subsidies to ocean-based farmers.

Research shows that inclusive companies are 1.7 times more likely to be innovative. We don't travel to experience 'sameness' – we explore to meet different people, hear new perspectives, and delve into exciting destinations. To the team at Insight, DEI (diversity, equality, inclusion) is much more than a catchphrase – it's our ethos as a business, ingrained in our day to day at all levels, and across all countries.

The 5 year strategy

Our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right (HWTR), is our guiding light when it comes to addressing the impact of our business and our 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).



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
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WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

As part of our 5-year sustainability strategy *How We Tread Right*, each and every tour includes at least one MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. These immersive impact experiences are not only a positive force for change in the destinations you visit, by advancing one or more of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but also offer you the chance to take a deep dive into culture and community. Here are six to inspire your travels.

1. SEVILLE, SPAIN

Through nurturing young Andalusian talent, the Cristina Heeren Foundation is preserving the revered Spanish tradition of flamenco. This is more than just a dance — it's a way of life, and one that you'll experience first-hand with the foundation's students during a private (and highly emotive) performance and interactive dance class. Your visit supports UN Global Goal 4: Quality Education, conserving local traditions and protecting natural heritage.

Highlights of Spain, page 62, **Amazing Spain & Portugal**, page 72 & 4 other tours.

2. AMMAN, JORDAN

The Iraq Al-Amir Women's Cooperative is a not-for-profit organization managed and run by women. Here they develop training projects that have assisted hundreds of local women financially, teaching the skills required to create traditional handicrafts. The creation and sale of the crafts help boost financial livelihood among female communities. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality, as well as UN Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Jordan Experience, page 168, **Land of the Prophets**, online exclusive & 3 other tours.



3. SAMI CAMP, NORWAY

Arctic Norway never fails to dazzle, but it's even more spectacular when glimpsed through the eyes of its Indigenous inhabitants. Join a Sami family in their reindeer camp to share their traditions, culture and history over dinner and games. Step inside a traditional tent to hear stories and folk songs around the fire after enjoying an authentic Sami meal. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities.

Northern Lights of Scandinavia, page 148.

4. BANFF, CANADA

Canada's Indigenous communities have survived and thrived for millennia thanks to their knowledge of the country's native flora and fauna. In Banff, you'll take a deep dive into the world of natural plant medicines — used historically and to this day — when you join a First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert from Mahikan Trails, while wandering through boreal forest. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities. **Spectacular Rockies & Glaciers of Alberta**, page 218.

5. GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, IRELAND

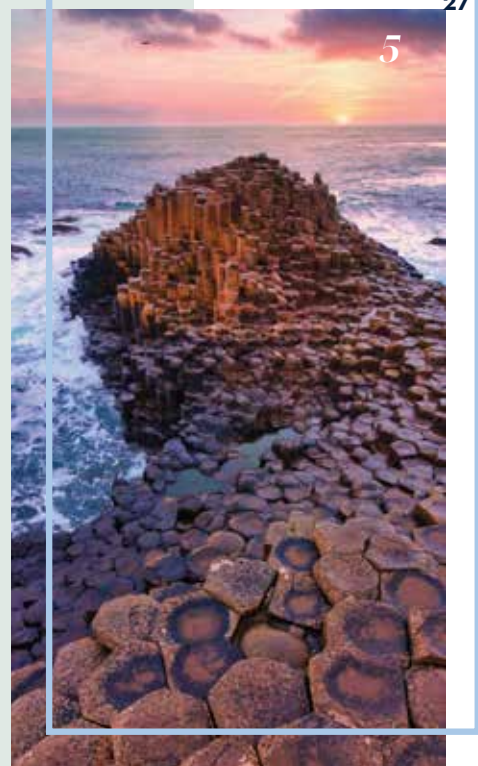
Mother Nature turns up the geological drama at Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Northern Ireland's number-one attraction. Decide for yourself if the basalt formations are the handiwork of ancient volcanic activity — or of a legendary Irish giant — then discover how the National Trust protects biodiversity and ecosystems here, supporting both wildlife and quality food production, during your educational walking tour. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

Country Roads of Ireland, page 42, **Britain & Ireland Discovery**, page 50 & 1 other tour.

6. MONUMENT VALLEY, UNITED STATES

Monument Valley's sandstone buttes dial up nature's drama — and there are Indigenous stories behind each and every one of them, as you'll discover when you venture deep into this desert wilderness in off-road vehicles. You'll also enjoy a BBQ Dinner cookout set amongst red rocks and the sounds of nature in the desert backcountry. Try traditional Navajo fry-bread and interact with members of the Navajo Nation who will regale you with traditional stories. Your visit supports UN Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

Wonders of the American West, page 214 & **America's Magnificent National Parks**, online exclusive.





Britain & Ireland



Insightful Insights

In 1861 Queen Victoria visited Killarney is credited with putting this charming town on the Irish tourism map. Killarney is known for its age-old tradition of the Horse-Drawn Carriage, but these were actually first introduced to Ireland in 1815 by an Italian entrepreneur named Charles Bianconi.

French became the UK's official language in 1066 with the arrival of William the Conqueror.

Halloween originated in Ireland as the Celtic festival of Samhain, a pagan religious celebration to welcome the harvest at the end of summer, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

Elegance of Great Britain

13 days, page 30

Best of Britain

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Country Roads of Wales, Devon & Cornwall

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Country Roads of Scotland

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ELEGANCE OF GREAT BRITAIN

Walk in the footsteps of British legends and dine with Sir Ludovic, a Scottish Baronet, in Ardgowan Castle.

13 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Sep

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



Trip code: B917

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy a city that is famous for its pomp and pageantry. Perhaps relax with a walk along the Serpentine in Hyde Park or window shop in the elegant boutiques of Knightsbridge? Alternatively, you may want to stroll along the Thames to the iconic Tower Bridge and Tower of London.

The Clermont Victoria/Thistle Marble Arch.

DAY 2 | 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. On arrival at Edinburgh Airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00 and 13:00. Then the rest of the day is yours to relax before joining your Travel Director and fellow travelers at 16:30 for a Welcome Dinner. (D) Apex Waterloo Place Hotel, Edinburgh.

DAY 3 | 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 colorful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

DAY 4 | ARDGOWAN AND GRENA GREEN

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

The Ro Hotel Windermere.

DAY 5 | 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 admiring the magnificent views of rugged mountains, secluded bays and wooded islands. Then, embark on a nostalgic steam train ride along the banks of the beautiful River Leven. (B)

DAY 6 | WINDERMERE TO YORK

Enjoy a morning at leisure before traveling 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.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

In the evening join a family for a home-hosted meal at the historic Thirsk Hall. This grade II* listed three-storey town house was built in 1720 and extended in 1770 by York architect John Carr. (B) (D)

DoubleTree by Hilton York.

DAY 7 | THE VIKING CITY OF YORK

Enjoy an exploration of one of Britain's most historic cities, controlled by the Vikings during the 9th and 10th centuries and now renowned for its exquisite architecture. Walk within the town walls with a Local Expert to see the York Minster, Britain's largest medieval cathedral. Explore the tangle of narrow, cobbled streets and see the Shambles. Spend the afternoon with Insight Choice. Visit the National Railway Museum housing over 300 years of history, or the magnificent York Minster, one of the largest in Northern Europe. (B)

DoubleTree by Hilton York.

DAY 8 | LINCOLN'S MAGNA CARTA

Visit Lincoln Castle, one of the finest Norman castles in England. Your tour will include a chance to see one of the four remaining copies of the Magna Carta. Continue to Stratford, beautifully situated on the River Avon. Your hotel is set in its own private grounds, just a short walk from the Royal Shakespeare Theater and the town's black and white timber-framed buildings. (B)

DoubleTree by Hilton Stratford-upon-Avon.

DAY 9 | SHAKESPEARE'S STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

Discover how William Shakespeare and his incredible works continue to delight audiences today when you visit his birthplace, full of interesting memorabilia and artifacts relating to his life. Later, join your Travel Director for a traditional Sunday roast dinner, served with Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | THE COTSWOLDS, BLENHEIM PALACE AND BATH

An enchanting day awaits in the morning. Cross the beautiful Cotswold hills, a chocolate box scene of golden stone villages with roses around the doors. Visit the magnificent stately home and gardens of Blenheim Palace, the greatest building of the English Baroque, and learn more about Churchill's life at Blenheim during a talk by a historian. Continue to the elegant Georgian city of Bath, built in amphitheater style on the surrounding hills. Your Travel Director introduces you to the Pulteney Bridge, built in mellow local stone. (B) **Lansdowne Grove.**

DAY 11 | 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 travelers as you raise a glass over your Celebration Dinner to toast your journey. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON

Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the prehistoric and mysterious Stonehenge. Continue into the heart of Wiltshire to the city of Salisbury where you have time at leisure to enjoy lunch. See the tallest spire in England, atop the medieval cathedral, and observe an architectural timeline from the city's medieval walls to Victorian villas. Upon arrival in London you are at leisure for the rest of the afternoon. (B)

The Clermont Victoria/Thistle London Marble Arch.

DAY 13 | HOMEWARD BOUND

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

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Trip Options



Special Events & Dates

Depart London or Edinburgh options available. Select departures in August attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Edinburgh | Home-Hosted Dinner in York | Celebration Dinner in Bath.

Insightful Experiences

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

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DAY 4 | Join Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate, and savor a traditional Scottish tea made from local ingredients. Hear more about centuries of history on the beautiful grounds. Your visit supports the estate, helping to keep Scottish history alive.

DAY 11 | Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Edinburgh Castle | Brontë Parsonage Museum | Shakespeare's birthplace | Stonehenge | City tours of Edinburgh and York with Local Experts.

See more experiences online

BEST OF BRITAIN

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

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B903

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Dec

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

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

Thistle Marble Arch, London.

DAY 2 | LONDON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

At 07:30, meet your Travel Director to begin your journey north to Stratford-upon-Avon, with its wealth of black-and-white, timber-framed houses. Discover how William Shakespeare and his incredible works continue to shape society today when you visit his birthplace, full of interesting memorabilia and artifacts relating to his life. Continue to historic York to stroll the narrow lanes including the Shambles and view York Minster, England's largest medieval cathedral. Later, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening. (B) (D)

Hilton York.

DAY 3 | 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 dinner at Ghillie Dhu. (B)

Edinburgh Marriott Hotel Holyrood.

DAY 4 | 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, and see the Stone of Destiny. The afternoon is at leisure. In the evening, select departures will attend the spectacular Military Tattoo - a colorful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

DAY 5 | LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

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

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

DAY 6 | THE GLORIOUS LAKE DISTRICT

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

Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 7 | THE WELSH MARCHES AND CARDIFF

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

DAY 8 | GEORGIAN BATH AND DEVON

Cross the Severn Bridge back into England and drive to the golden Georgian City of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, which serve as a hub of culture and education for the local population. Continue to Glastonbury, steeped in legend and reputed to be the final resting place of King Arthur and the Holy Grail. View the ruined monastery before continuing to your hotel in the heart of Plymouth. (B) Leonardo Hotel.

DAY 9 | 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 Harbor and see the Mayflower Steps, Barbican, Royal Citadel and Plymouth Hoe. Later this evening, savor an unforgettable Celebration Dinner at Heslyn 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)

DAY 10 | STONEHENGE AND LONDON

Travel across Salisbury Plain to visit the pre-historic and mysterious Stonehenge, where the strange and awe-inspiring monoliths are reputed to be up to 5,000 years old. Explore this fascinating site and learn about its historic and modern interpretations before returning to London for a final evening at leisure. (B) Thistle Marble Arch, London.

DAY 11 | HOMEWARD BOUND

Your journey ends this morning. (B)



Special Events & Dates

Select departures in August attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in York | Dinner in Windermere.

Insightful Experiences

Dartmoor National Park: Learn about the history of stone circles and indigenous traditions from your knowledgeable Local Expert and enjoy a scenic exploration across the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park.

Alternatively, cruise the scenic Plymouth harbor, where 400 years ago the Mayflower set sail for America.

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DAY 8 | Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

DAY 9 | John and Anne welcome you to historic Heslyn Mill for a Farm-to-Table dinner. Savor a delightful meal, with all ingredients responsibly sourced from local producers or carefully foraged from the local area to reduce waste (pictured above).

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace | Edinburgh Castle | the Roman Baths | Stonehenge | City tour of Edinburgh with a Local Expert.

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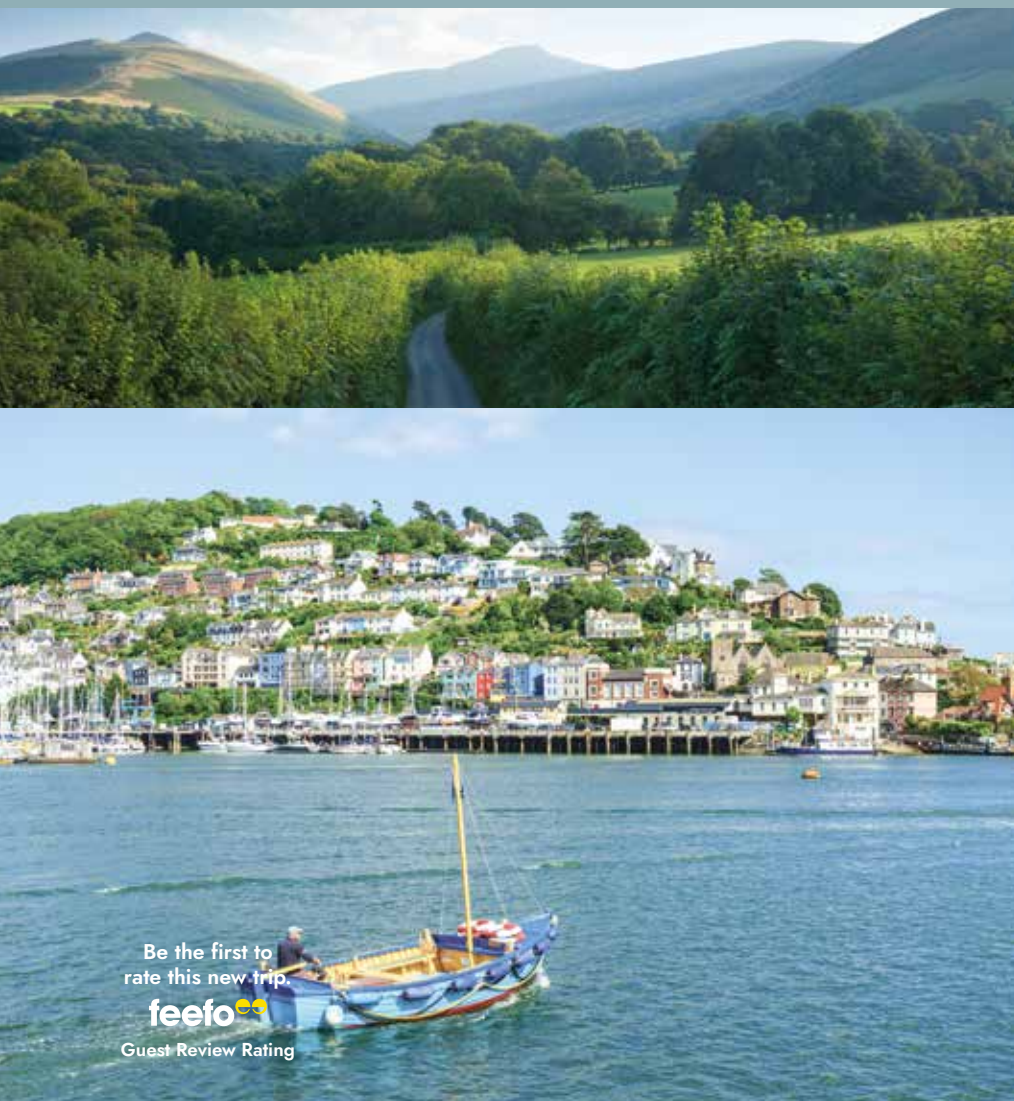
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COUNTRY ROADS OF WALES, DEVON & CORNWALL

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Sip Devonshire tea, explore manors and enjoy
a 5-star castle stay at Bovey Castle.*

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free. Perhaps explore the city's iconic neighborhoods and indulge in local fare, or wander down the Mall for a glimpse of the Royal Palace as you settle into London life. The Clermont Victoria, London.

DAY 2 | OXFORD, THE COTSWOLDS AND BATH

At 08:00, make your way along the scenic Great West Way to Oxford for an orientation with your Travel Director. Continue your journey on to the Cotswolds to see Bourton-on-the-Water and the pretty market town of Stow-on-the-Wold. Heading to the historic city of Bath for an orientation of the city. End your day with a delicious traditional Sunday roast at your Welcome Dinner. (B) (D)
Apex Hotel, Bath.

DAY 3 | BATH THROUGH THE YEARS

After a relaxed start to enjoy the amenities at your spa hotel, begin your exploration of Bath in a rejuvenated manner. Having attained UNESCO World Heritage status in 1987, this unique city is famous for its Georgian and Victorian architecture and of course its Roman-built baths. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths, also an important hub of culture and education for the area. During free time perhaps learn more about the life of the esteemed author Jane Austen, who made Bath her home? (B)

DAY 4 | BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK

Visit the Brecon Beacons with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Local Expert for a foraging walk in the stunning surroundings of the Brecon Beacons National Park. Under her tuition she will show you how to reconnect with nature, and forage for edible and medicinal plants. Alternatively, visit a local kitchen garden for a peek into the freshest seasonal aromatics from this stunning area. After a morning in the great outdoors, rectify your lethargic bliss with a hearty Farm-to-Table pub lunch, where a delicious seasonal menu with local ingredients will be available. (B) (L)
Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

DAY 5 | CARDIFF

Begin your day at the historic ruins of Glastonbury Abbey, an 8th-century monastery steeped in legend and 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 that transported the first English Puritans to the New World. (B)

DAY 6 | 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

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

city of Plymouth in Devon, famous for its cobbled streets, gin distilleries and the Mayflower. (B) **Crowne Plaza.**

DAY 7 | EXPLORING THE SOUTHWEST

Today, journey to the quaint coastal town of Looe, a vacation 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) **The Royal and Fortescue Hotel, Barnstaple.**

DAY 8 | LEGENDS OF CORNWALL

Stop in the town of Lynmouth before journeying to Somerset's Exmoor National Park, a unique landscape of moorland, woodland and dramatic coastline. A protected Area of Outstanding Beauty, this stunning park is a mass of verdant open land, livestock and flora. Stop in Exmoor for lunch at your leisure. Your day ends at Bovey Castle. Nestled in the rolling valleys of Dartmoor National Park, this five-star accommodations stands amid 275 acres of picturesque countryside and offers an award-winning 18-hole golf course, two refurbished restaurants and individually-designed rooms. Unwind in this natural sanctuary as you enjoy the comforts of Bovey Castle. Tonight, catch up with your fellow travelers over dinner at the hotel. (B)

DAY 9 | BREATHTAKING NATIONAL PARKS

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this five-star accommodations stands amid 275 acres of picturesque countryside. Catch up with your fellow travelers tonight over dinner at the hotel. (B) (D)

Bovey Castle, Dartmoor.

DAY 10 | 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) **Summer Lodge Country House Hotel & Restaurant, Dorset.**

DAY 11 | JURASSIC COAST AND WEYMOUTH

Admire England's only natural 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 Center. Enjoy time at leisure in Weymouth to explore the harbor town or perhaps join an Optional visit to historic Nothe Fort. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a Celebration Dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | SALISBURY AND STONEHENGE

Journey to iconic Stonehenge to appreciate the history, and mystery, of this prehistoric monument. Continue to Salisbury and visit the 13th-century cathedral. End your day in London, where you'll be transferred to the hotel. (B) **The Clermont Victoria, London.**

DAY 13 | HOMEWARD BOUND

Your journey ends this morning. (B)



Superior Dining

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

Insightful Experiences

Dorchester: Visit the Manor House of Athelhampton and join a Estate Manager Owen on a guided tour to discover the beautiful Tudor architecture and Elizabethan style gardens.

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DAY 3 | Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the Bath community.

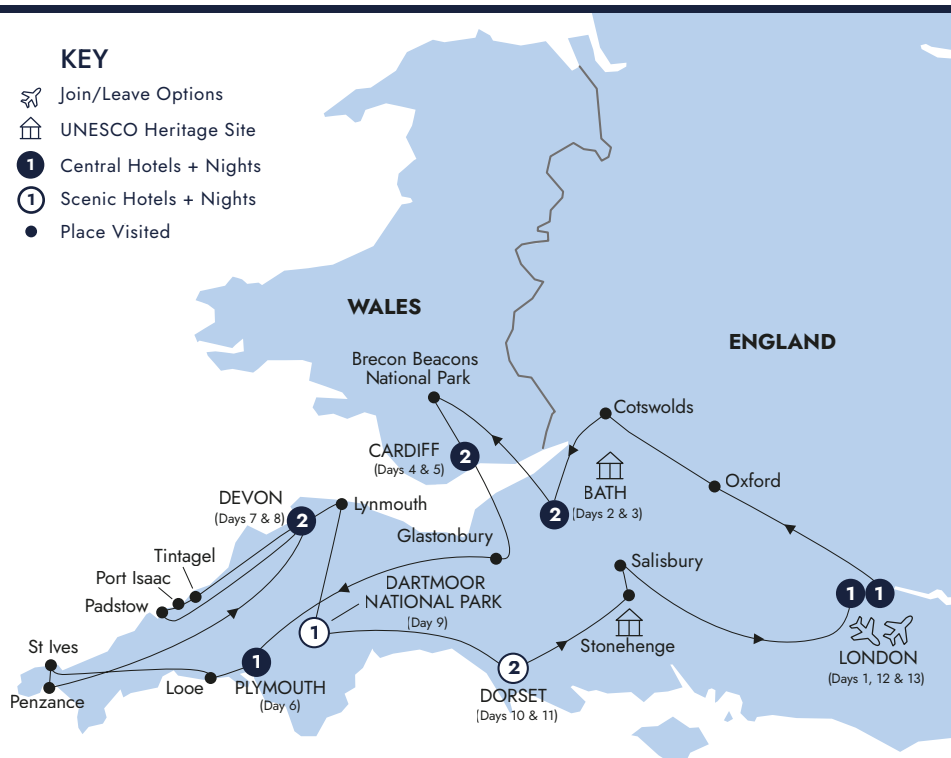
Scenic Drives

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

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Exmoor National Park | Glastonbury Abbey | Stonehenge | See Cardiff Castle | Oxford | Picturesque Cotswolds villages | Plymouth Hoe, the Barbican and Mayflower Steps in Plymouth | Looe | Port Isaac | Padstow | Penzance.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF SCOTLAND

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

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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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. On arrival at Edinburgh airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00 and 13:00. Then the rest of the day is yours to relax before joining your Travel Director at 16:30 for a Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. On select departures, during your time in Edinburgh you will also attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo — a colorful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. (D)
Malmaison Hotel Edinburgh.

DAY 2 | EDINBURGH, THE CAPITAL OF CULTURE

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

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

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and journey to St. Andrews, passing the Old Course, home of golf since its creation in the 15th century. Enjoy free time to explore. Perhaps stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed? Alternatively, wander to St. Andrews University where the love story of Kate Middleton meeting her Prince Charming began. Continue via Blair Atholl and pass the Grampian Mountains on the way to the sparkling Spey Valley. Stop at Blair Castle and Gardens, which has been home to the Atholl family for over seven centuries. Tour the magnificent ballroom and learn about the history of the estate. During your visit relish a delicious cream tea. (B) (AT) (D)
Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

DAY 4 | CULLODEN, LOCH NESS AND ONTO THURSO

See Culloden Moor in the morning, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was crushed in 1746. Visit the Culloden Visitor Center before continuing along the shores of Loch Ness. Keep your eyes peeled for the legendary monster! Next, follow the rugged coast north to the fishing port of Wick. Explore Wick with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of its award-winning whiskeys. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a visit to the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum and hear about the past of this once thriving fishing community. (B) (D)

The Pentland Hotel, Thurso/The Norseman Hotel, Wick.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 5 | A DAY IN THE ORKNEY ISLANDS

Start the day by driving to the most northerly inhabited village in mainland Britain. Board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands where the countryside is breathtakingly majestic and the tranquillity supports a quieter pace of life. Here the hardy locals say they live 'below the wind and above the water.' Your Local Expert accompanies you as you visit the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners during World War II. (B) (D) **The Pentland Hotel, Thurso.**

DAY 6 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

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

DAY 7 | THROUGH THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS TO GLENCOE

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 Celebration 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)

Ballachulish Hotel, Glencoe.

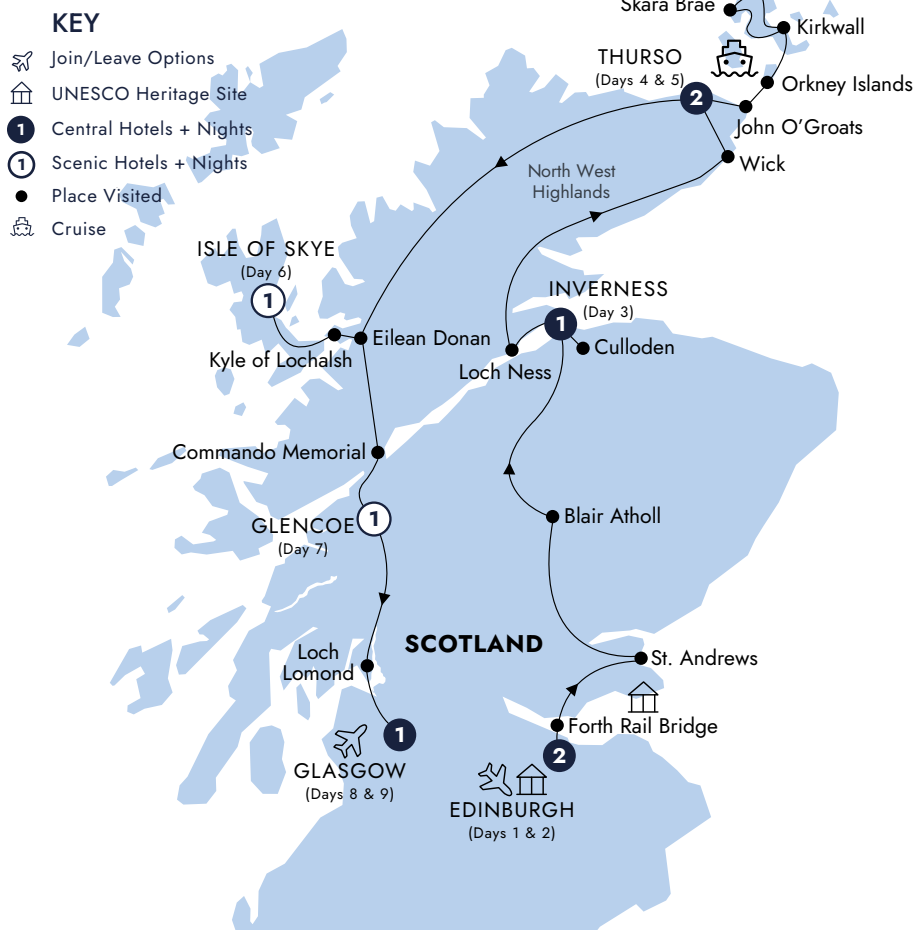
DAY 8 | ALONG THE BONNIE BANKS OF LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

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)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

DAY 9 | DEPART GLASGOW

Departure transfers arrive at Glasgow airport at 06:30 and 09:00. (B)

*Superior Dining*

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

Insightful Experiences

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

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DAY 4 | Visit the highly rated Wick Heritage Museum, a Make Travel Matter experience, to gain a full picture of this once thriving fishing community and how your visit helps keep the story of this town alive.

DAY 7 | Join a ranger in the spectacular Valley of Glencoe, learn about the protection of this rare ecosystem and the important work reintroducing lost indigenous species to its flora and fauna.

See more experiences online

FOCUS ON IRELAND

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

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B906

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

At Dublin airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Meet your Travel Director at 14:00 before an orientation of Dublin with a Local Expert. Pass St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christchurch Cathedral. See the 9th century Book of Kells and walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Enjoy a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over the course of the evening. (D)

Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

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

Harbor Hotel 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 Center, situated next to the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher with breathtaking views of the Clare Coast. Continue past the city of Limerick, stop in quaint Adare and take a relaxed village walk to see its thatched-roof cottages. In the evening, stay in the center of the action in lively Killarney. Gateway to the famous Ring of Kerry, Killarney has been welcoming travelers, who appreciate the spectacular scenery of woodlands and lakes, for over 250 years. (B) (D)

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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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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 love sharing insights into Ireland's traditional Gaelic language. Phrases, such as: 'Míle buíochas,' which means 'a thousand thanks', and 'Go n-éirí linn,' which means, 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

Center, 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! Or enjoy a sensory walk in the extensive and varied estate gardens. 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 flavors at a lively Celebration Dinner. (B) (D) Maldron Hotel South Mall Cork City.

DAY 6 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

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

Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 7 | DEPART DUBLIN

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



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Dublin | Celebration Dinner in Cork.

Insightful Experiences

Dublin: Visit Trinity College, before marvelling at the ancient Book of Kells, created by monks and dating from A.D. 800.

Killarney: Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park.

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 4 | Meet John and Freda, passionate restaurant owners, and learn how their farm-to-table concept operates. Enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius.

Scenic Drives

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

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Cliffs of Moher | Blarney Castle | Queenstown Story Cobh | See Dublin | Galway | Adare's thatched cottages | Killarney | Cork.

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IRISH ELEGANCE

Experience the delights of the Wild Atlantic Way. Stay at the 5-star Ashford Castle and sample fresh Atlantic oysters.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



Trip code: B907

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Welcome to Dublin. On arrival at Dublin airport, your airport transfer shuttle service leaves for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Meet your Travel Director at 14:30 for an orientation tour with a Local Expert that brings to life Dublin's architectural treasures and history, stretching back more than 1,000 years. Travel along the River Liffey, see Custom House, Guinness Storehouse, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. See the 9th century Book of Kells and enjoy a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. Back at your hotel, join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (D) Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 2 | CASHEL AND BLARNEY, HEADING FOR KILLARNEY

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

DAY 4 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND ON TO GALWAY

Cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry and enter County Clare. Stop at the Exhibition Center and enjoy a walk along the Cliffs of Moher, raised approximately 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves. Then travel north across the Burren, a suddenly stark and barren landscape, scarred with interesting limestone creases. Journey to Galway, the City of the Tribes, and visit the lovely cathedral. Take in the scenery from your hotel, which is spectacularly set on the shores of Galway Bay. (B) (D) Connemara Coast Hotel, Galway.

DAY 5 | CAPTIVATING CONNEMARA

Embark on a superb exploration of the Connemara National Park and see a wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. Explore Connemara with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the magnificent, turreted Neo-Gothic Kylemore Abbey. Alternatively join a

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit one of Ireland's oldest oyster farms for a tasting. Learn about their commitment to biodiversity and work promoting sustainable packaging. (B)



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

— ERICA, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 6 | MAJESTIC ASHFORD CASTLE

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

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

DAY 7 | ACROSS THE EMERALD ISLE TO DUBLIN

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

DAY 8 | DEPART DUBLIN

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



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Dublin.

Insightful Experiences

Dublin: Visit Trinity College, before marvelling at the ancient Book of Kells, created by monks and dating from A.D. 800.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



DAY 3 | Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts.

DAY 5 | Taste the unique flavors of DK Connemara oysters, bred in pure water that runs off the limestone hills of the Connemara National Park. Learn about the farm's sustainability initiatives in an enlightening MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience.

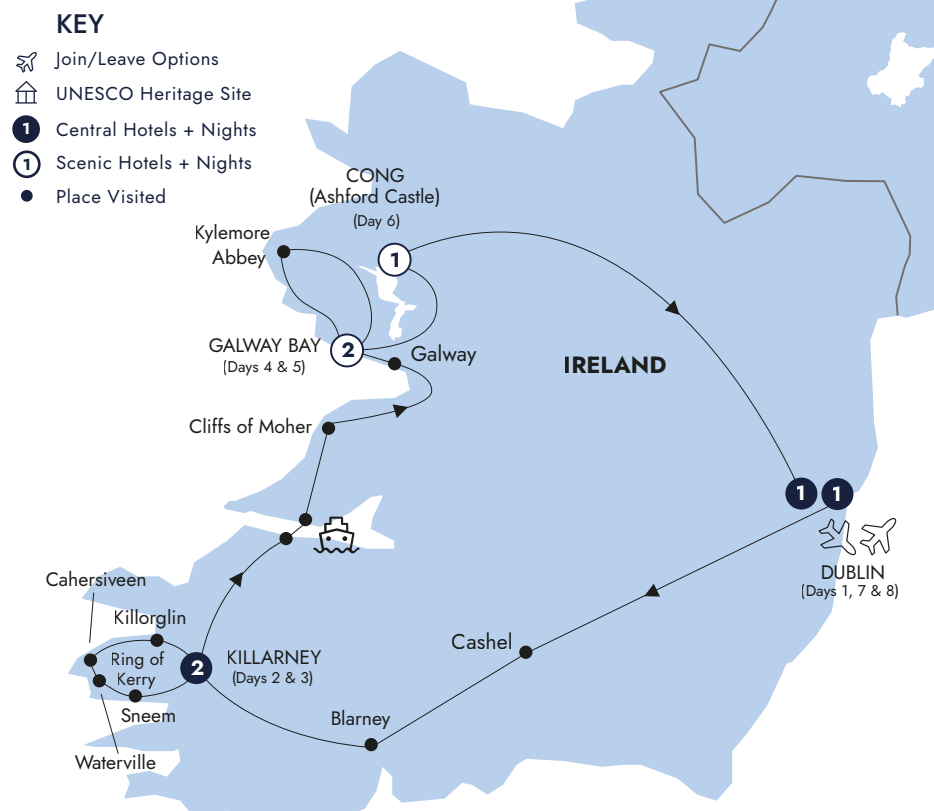
Insight Choice

Blarney: Choose between a visit to Blarney Castle to see the famous Stone of Eloquence, and a visit to the lush gardens of the estate with a senior gardener.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by Ferry across Shannon Estuary | Be escorted by a lone piper across the drawbridge at Ashford Castle | Visit Cliffs of Moher | Ring of Kerry | Galway Cathedral | See Guinness Storehouse, Dublin Castle and O'Connell Street in Dublin | Killarney | Cong Abbey.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF IRELAND

Get up close to the Book of Kells and go behind-the-scenes at the home of legendary Irish racehorses.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: B909

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

On arrival at Dublin airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner, with the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other over a meal with wine. (D)
Clayton Hotel Burlington Road, Dublin.

DAY 2 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Become acquainted with Dublin's elegant squares during an orientation of the city with a Local Expert. 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)

DAY 3 | A JOURNEY FROM DUBLIN TO CORK

Visit one of the country's main racehorse breeding centers and meet an equine professional. Visit the 100-year-old Japanese Gardens. Travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny to visit the majestic Kilkenny Castle. With a Local Expert, learn how the castle was built in 1195 after the Norman Conquest of Ireland and admire its beautifully restored Victorian era rooms. Continue through Cahir and see its 13th-century castle. In Cork, your Travel Director shows you around the university city, with its vibrant waterfront and grand Georgian parades. (B)
The Kingsley Hotel, Cork.

DAY 4 | ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS TO KILLARNEY

Travel to Blarney Castle and kiss the stone to ensure a lifetime of eloquence. Travel across the majestic Derrynasaggart Mountains to the lively town of Killarney. Join John and Freda, your hosts at the 19th Green Guesthouse, and savor the delicious flavors 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)
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. 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

Continue driving with views of wide skies, peaceful towns and coastal scenery of the Dingle Peninsula - the setting for the film Ryan's Daughter. Drive to dramatic Slea Head at the peninsula's far end, before reaching your hotel on the shores of Dingle

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Peninsula. With the evening at leisure, why not treat yourself to a relaxing experience at the hotel's spa? (B)
Skellig Hotel, Dingle.

DAY 7 | THE CLIFFS OF MOHER AND GALWAY

Journey to the Visitor Center at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Clare Coast before a delightful drive through the strange, rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway Bay. On arrival, see the Lynch Memorial and Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before his voyages to America. See the Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late US President, John F. Kennedy. (B) (D)

Connemara Coast Hotel (Sea View Rooms), Galway.

DAY 8 | FREE DAY GALWAY OR ARAN ISLANDS

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

DAY 9 | EXPLORE LONDONDERRY

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

Maldron Hotel Derry, Londonderry.

DAY 10 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

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

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

Ballygally Castle Hotel, Co. Antrim.

DAY 11 | THE ANTRIM COAST TO BELFAST

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

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

DAY 12 | DEPART BELFAST OR DUBLIN

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



Superior Dining

Celebration Dinner in Ballygally.

Insightful Experiences

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

Killarney: Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park.

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

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 4 | Meet John and Freda, passionate restaurant owners, and learn how their farm-to-table concept operates. Enjoy a delicious meal made from fresh ingredients all sourced within a five-mile radius.

DAY 10 | Visit the legendary Giant's Causeway, site of wonders. At the visitor center support local wildlife, learn about the efforts to protect biodiversity and ecosystems, participating in habitat restoration.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Blarney Castle | Cliffs of Moher | City tour of Belfast with a Local Expert | See Dublin Castle and St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin | Cahir Castle | City Hall and Opera House in Cork | Killarney | Dingle Peninsula | Lynch Memorial, Church of St. Nicholas and Eyre Square in Galway | Ballygally | Carrickfergus Castle.

See more experiences online

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited



BEST OF IRELAND & SCOTLAND

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

14 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B935

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO DUBLIN

On arrival at Dublin airport, your airport transfer service leaves for your hotel at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner. (D) Clayton Hotel Charlemont/Riu Plaza The Gresham.

DAY 2 | IN DUBLIN'S FAIR CITY

Your Local Expert takes you past the Custom House to see the Guinness Brewery, Christchurch Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College and gain an insight into its history. 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) The Kingsley/Maldron South Mall.

DAY 4 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND KILLARNEY

Visit the ruined 15th century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence - once kissed, never forgotten! (B) (D) Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa.

DAY 5 | RING OF KERRY EXPERIENCE

Explore Killarney with Insight Choice. Choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and through the National Park. Tour the superb seascapes, towering cliffs and spectacular mountains of the Ring of Kerry. Follow the narrow road as it winds through delightful villages like Sneem, to admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. Return mid-afternoon for time at leisure. (B)

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' Center at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous Lynch Memorial and the Church of St. Nicholas. Continue on to your hotel, located at the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way. (B) The Galmont Hotel & Spa, Galway.

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) Clayton Hotel, Sligo.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 8 | WALK IN THE GIANT'S STEPS

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

Ballygally Castle Hotel, Co. Antrim.

DAY 9 | HIGH TEA AT ARDGOWAN ESTATE

Journey to Ardgowan, where Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart welcomes you to his family castle, set on a 10,000-acre coastal estate. Explore the history of the area and learn the Shaw Stewart family's conservation efforts to protect the land on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, followed by delightful traditional Scottish tea and scones. Continue to Glasgow to see the city's grand public buildings. (B) (AT)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

DAY 10 | GLENCOE AND LOCH NESS

A scenic drive takes you along the banks of Loch Lomond and the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, before reaching The Great Glen. Experience a journey of discovery on a Loch Ness cruise. Soak up the scenery, and intriguing tales of Nessie. (B) (D)

Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

DAY 11 | A HIGHLANDS EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an orientation of Inverness, before driving out to the Culloden Moor Visitor Center, where

Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was finally defeated. Savor a 'wee dram' during a visit to a local distillery, as you delve into the fascinating world of the single malt. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | ST. ANDREWS AND EDINBURGH

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

Join your friends for a Celebration Dinner of modern Scottish cuisine, served with wine. (B) (D) **Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa, Edinburgh.**

DAY 14 | FAREWELL EDINBURGH

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

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Dublin | Celebration Dinner in Edinburgh | Taste whisky at a local distillery.

Insightful Experiences

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

Killarney: Join a gentle hike with a Local Expert along the lake shore and past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the Killarney National Park.

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

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 8 | Visit the legendary Giant's Causeway, site of wonders. At the visitor center support local wildlife, learn about the efforts to protect biodiversity and ecosystems, participating in habitat restoration.

DAY 9 | Join Sir Ludovic for a tour of his family home, Ardgowan Estate, and savor a traditional Scottish tea made from local ingredients. Hear more about centuries of history on the beautiful grounds. Your visit supports the estate, helping to keep Scottish history alive.

See more experiences online

ROMANTIC BRITAIN & IRELAND

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

20 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 28 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B908

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

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

DAY 2 | OXFORD AND STRATFORD

At 07:45, depart for Oxford and later, visit Shakespeare's Birthplace. Join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with drinks at a local pub. (B) (D)
DoubleTree by Hilton Stratford-upon-Avon.

DAY 3 | LINCOLN AND MEDIEVAL YORK

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

DAY 4 | THE ENGLISH LAKES TO EDINBURGH

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

DAY 5 | SCOTLAND'S CAPITAL OF CULTURE

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

DAY 6 | ST. ANDREWS AND INVERNESS

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

Enjoy an authentic Farm-to-Table experience with traditional Scottish tea and scones. (B) (AT) (D)
Kingsmills Hotel, Inverness.

DAY 7 | ACROSS THE SEA TO SKYE

Enjoy a journey of discovery on a Loch Ness cruise. Continue across the sea to Skye. (B) (D)
The Dunollie Hotel, Broadford.

DAY 8 | LOCH LOMOND AND GLASGOW

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

DAY 9 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO BELFAST

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

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)
Riu Plaza The Gresham.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 11 | A PINT OF THE 'BLACK STUFF'

Head to the Guinness Storehouse and enjoy a tasting of Ireland's world-famous drink. (B)

DAY 12 | GALWAY AND THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Cross the limestone landscape of the Burren, to see the Cliffs of Moher. (B)
The George Hotel Limerick.

DAY 13 | THE DINGLE PENINSULA

See the 12th century St. Mary's Cathedral, King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone before setting off to Tralee via the picturesque thatched village of Adare. For dinner you are treated to a traditional Sunday roast, with all the trimmings. (B) (D)

Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa.

DAY 14 | 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)

DAY 15 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD

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

DAY 16 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO**CARDIFF**

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

Clayton Hotel, Cardiff.

DAY 17 | BATH AND GLASTONBURY

Visit the Roman Baths and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering educational investments to benefit the community, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue to Glastonbury and see the abbey. (B)

The Imperial Torquay (Sea view rooms).

DAY 18 | THE CORNISH COAST

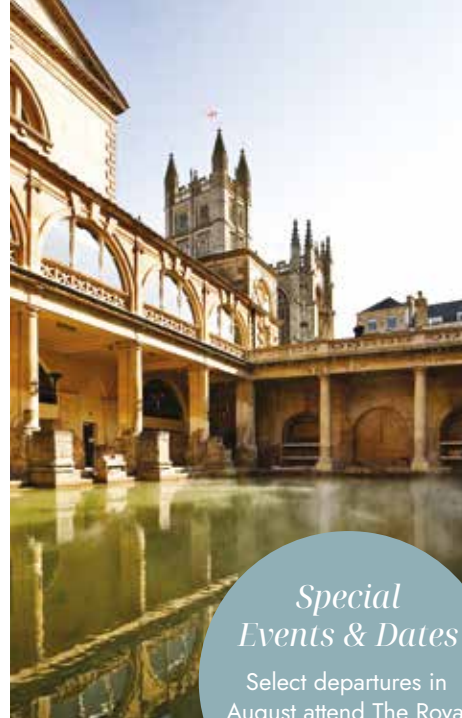
Explore Dartmoor with Insight Choice. Choose to join a scenic exploration of Dartmoor National Park. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing cruise of Plymouth harbor. At your Celebration Dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 19 | SALISBURY PLAIN AND STONEHENGE

Visit the mysterious megaliths of Stonehenge. (B)

DAY 20 | HOMEWARD BOUND

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



Special Events & Dates

Select departures in August attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Stratford-Upon-Avon | Afternoon tea at Blair Castle in Inverness | Sunday roast in Killarney | Choice of Dine-Around restaurants in Killarney | Celebration Dinner in Torquay | Taste Guinness at the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin.

Insightful Experiences

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 14 | Visit a local seaweed farm striving to protect the fragile ecosystem of the wild Atlantic Irish coasts.

DAY 17 | Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community (pictured above).

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by cruise on Loch Ness | Cross the Irish Sea by ferry | Visit Shakespeare's birthplace.

See more experiences online

KEY

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- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise



BRITAIN & IRELAND EXPLORER

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

15 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B904

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

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

DAY 2 | STRATFORD-UPON-AVON AND MEDIEVAL YORK

At 07:30, meet your Travel Director and journey to Stratford to visit the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Continue on to York, where you see the Shambles and York Minster. Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner with drinks. (B) (D)
Hilton York.

DAYS 3-4 | 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 impressive Roman monument. Head to the elegant Scottish capital, Edinburgh. Journey down the Royal Mile to see the Palace of Holyroodhouse before crossing over to New Town. Walk with your Local Expert inside Edinburgh Castle and see the Scottish Crown Jewels, the Stone of Destiny and Mons Meg. The afternoon is free to shop on Princes Street.
In the evening, select departures will enjoy the spectacle of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.
Leonardo Royal Hotel Edinburgh.

DAY 5 | 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)
AC Hotel Inverness by Marriott.

DAY 6 | LOCH NESS AND GLENCOE

In the morning, travel along Loch Ness and hear tales of the famous Nessie. Continue past Glencoe to reach the bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond. Admire the incredible scenery as you cruise what is arguably one of Scotland's most beautiful lochs, while enjoying a light lunch. (B) (L) (D)
Castle Green Hotel, Kendal.

DAY 7 | THE ENGLISH LAKES TO LIVERPOOL

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

DAYS 8-9 | NORTH WALES AND OVER TO DUBLIN

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

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

DAYS 10-11 | KILLARNEY AND THE RING OF KERRY

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

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

The Gleneagle Hotel Killarney/International Hotel Killarney.

DAY 12 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND WATERFORD

Explore Blarney with Insight Choice. Choose to climb up the ramparts and see the famous Stone of Eloquence. Alternatively, visit the lush gardens of the estate with a senior gardener. Travel to the historic walled city of Waterford, for a guided

visit of the world-famous House of Waterford Crystal and see artisans at work. After miles of fun and fascinating sights, spirits will be high during your Celebration Dinner. Toast to your newfound friends — Sláinte! (B) (D)
Granville Hotel, Waterford.

DAY 13 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CARDIFF

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

DAY 14 | ROMAN BATHS AND STONEHENGE

Visit the well-preserved Roman Baths, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community. Continue across Salisbury Plain to visit the ancient site of Stonehenge. Return to London where you are at leisure for the rest of the day. (B)
The Clermont Victoria, London.

DAY 15 | HOMEWARD BOUND

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

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- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise



Special Events & Dates

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Superior Dining

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

Insightful Experiences

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DAY 14 | Visit the incredibly well-preserved Roman Baths. Discover 2000 years of history and learn how this hub of culture is pioneering new educational investments to benefit the community.

Insight Choice

Blarney: Choose between a visit to Blarney Castle to see the famous Stone of Eloquence, and a visit to the lush gardens of the estate with a senior gardener.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by ferry across the Irish Sea. Visit Shakespeare's birthplace | Edinburgh Castle | Roman Baths and Pump Room | Stonehenge | City tours of Edinburgh and Dublin, with Local Experts | See Lake Windermere | Rock of Cashel.

See more experiences online

BRITAIN & IRELAND DISCOVERY

*Hear the story of Nessie on a Loch Ness cruise
and visit the Orkney Islands' 5000-year-old
Skara Brae village.*

24 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 34 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: B959

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

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

DAY 2 | LONDON TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON

At 08:00, meet your Travel Director. Stop in Oxford and travel through Cotswolds villages. In Stratford-upon-Avon, visit Shakespeare's birthplace. Join your Travel Director at a local restaurant for your Welcome Dinner. (B) (D)
Swan's Nest Hotel, Stratford.

DAY 3 | MEDIEVAL YORK

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

DAYS 4-5 | THE LAKE DISTRICT AND EDINBURGH

Travel to the picturesque Lake District. Here a scenic wonderland awaits - rugged mountains and tranquil waters, inspiration to a host of English poets including Wordsworth, Coleridge, Tennyson and Shelley. In Edinburgh join a Local Expert for a trip along Princes Street to see the ornate Victorian Gothic monument to Sir Walter Scott and the elegant 18th century New Town with its classical Adam facades. Over in the Old Town, see the Palace of Holyroodhouse and visit Edinburgh Castle. Select departures will attend the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.
Edinburgh Hotel Holyrood By Marriott.

DAY 6 | INVERNESS

Make your way to St. Andrews, home to the Old Course and birthplace of golf. Stop at Culloden Moor. Travel to the Highland capital of Inverness.
AC by Marriott Inverness. (B) (D)

DAY 7-8 | WICK AND ORKNEY ISLANDS

Hear tales of Nessie on a Loch Ness cruise. Visit the Old Pulteney Distillery to taste a wee dram of whisky. Visit the most northern community on the British mainland, John O'Groats. Board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands to meet your Local Expert. Visit the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II.
The Norseman Hotel, Wick.

DAY 9 | OVER THE SEA TO SKYE

Cross to the magical Isle of Skye - the largest and most beautiful island of the Inner Hebrides. (B) (D)
The Dunollie Hotel, Broadford.

DAY 10 | LOCH LOMOND TO GLASGOW

Stop at Loch Lomond before traveling to Glasgow. (B)
Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

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

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

DAY 12 | BELLEEK AND SLIGO BAY

Meet Ronan, one of the nation's great storytellers in Londonderry. Meet artisans at Belleek Pottery and Visitor Center. (B) (D) Clayton Hotel, Sligo.

DAY 13 | GALWAY AND LIMERICK

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

DAYS 14-15 | ADARE TO KILLARNEY

Join an exploration of Limerick. Travel via the thatched village of Adare. The next morning, enjoy a trip around the Ring of Kerry, one of the world's greatest scenic journeys. For your Dine-Around Evening choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants. Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa.

DAY 16 | BLARNEY CASTLE AND CORK

Visit Blarney Castle. (B) Maldron Hotel South Mall Cork City.

DAY 17-18 | KILKENNY AND DUBLIN

Visit Kilkenny Castle with a Local Expert and learn about its rich history on a guided tour.

Head to the Guinness Storehouse for a tasting. A Local Expert shows you Dublin's elegant Georgian squares and O'Connell Street. Trinity City Hotel, Dublin.

DAY 19 | ACROSS THE IRISH SEA TO CHESTER

See Conwy Castle. (B) (D) The Queen at Chester, BW Premier Collection by Best Western.

DAYS 20-22 | BATH, SOMERSET AND PLYMOUTH

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

DAY 23 | ANCIENT STONEHENGE TO LONDON

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

DAY 24 | HOMEWARD BOUND

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



Special Events & Dates

Select departures in August attend The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Stratford-upon-Avon | Choice of Dine-Around options in Killarney | Celebration Dinner in Cornwall | Whiskey Tasting | Guinness Tasting.

Insightful Experiences

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

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 11 | Visit the legendary Giant's Causeway, site of wonders. At the visitor center support local wildlife, learn about the efforts to protect biodiversity and ecosystems, participating in habitat restoration.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by private cruise on Loch Ness | Cross the Irish Sea by ferry | Visit Shakespeare's birthplace | Edinburgh Castle | Culloden Visitor Center in the Highlands | Orkney Islands | Belleek Pottery | Blarney Castle | Roman Baths and Pump Room | Stonehenge | City tours of Edinburgh and Dublin with Local Experts | Travel through the Chiltern Hills, Cotswolds, Yorkshire Dales, Pennines, English Lake District, Grampian Mountains, Spey Valley, Scottish Highlands, Ullapool, Loch Carron, Glen Carron, Isle of Skye, Valley of Glencoe, Loch Lomond, Antrim Coast, Sligo Bay, Connemara, Derrynasaggart Mountains, Severn Bridge, and Cornish Countryside.

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- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise





France is currently the second largest wine-producing country in the world, churning out roughly 6 billion bottles each year. Italy is number one.

France, Belgium & the Netherlands

Country Roads of Belgium, Luxembourg & the Netherlands

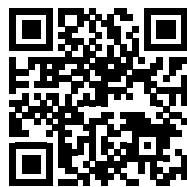
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*Hand-picked encounters from canals to
clogs. Farm-to-table feasts and Rembrandt's
masterpieces display the best of the region.*

11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



Trip code: E918

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BRUSSELS

Airport transfers depart Brussels airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:00 and 14:30. Join your Travel Director at 17:00 for a visit to the cheeky Manneken Pis statue and a leisurely stroll around the Grand Place. Your delightful first evening also includes a Welcome Dinner with drinks, at a local restaurant in the heart of the Old Town. (D) Sofitel Europe.

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 alternatively, 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. In the evening, you could choose the MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® restaurant, which is one of the hand-picked local restaurants on your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

DAY 3 | GHENT AND ON TO BRUGES

In the morning, admire the contrast of the Chinese and Japanese Pavilions and the impressive, metallic spheres of the Atomium. Your journey then crosses the pasture lands of Belgian Flanders to reach Ghent, the City of Flowers, offering a fascinating cultural mix of medieval heritage and modern urban life.

With a Local Expert, take a stroll through the historical streets and be mesmerised by the outstanding beauty of its quays, churches and squares. Visit St. Bavo's Cathedral, former home of the Eyck masterpiece, and see the Castle of the Counts. We continue to Bruges, where you'll stay for the next two nights. (B)

Radisson Blu Hotel, Bruges.

DAY 4 | SIGHTSEEING BRUGES

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-meter medieval bell tower, The Belfry of Bruges. Explore Burg Square with its ornate Gothic town hall. (B)

DAY 5 | LUXEMBOURG

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

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

Continue on to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to arrive at your 18th century château home for two nights. In the evening, you will be served a fresh and delicious Farm-to-Table Dinner at restaurant L'Écurie du Parc. See the 12th century Clervaux Castle illuminated on your stroll after dinner. (B) (D) Château d'Urspelt (Castle Rooms), Clervaux.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 6 | LUXEMBOURG CITY AND COUNTRYSIDE

Your travels continue to Luxembourg City for sightseeing with your Local Expert. Visit the grave of U.S. General George S. Patton and admire the view over the Petrusse Ravine from the Pont Adolphe. Stroll through the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to see the cathedral and the Palace of the Grand Duke. With the afternoon free for you to explore at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience to the ancient Roman city of Trier. (B) (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 center of Bastogne War Museum. Your journey continues to Rotterdam. During your orientation with your Travel Director, see the impressive market hall and its radical modern design. (B)
Intel Hotels Rotterdam Center.

DAY 8 | DELFT AND THE HAGUE

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

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

DAY 9 | AMSTERDAM SIGHTSEEING

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

DAY 10 | A TRUE DUTCH DELIGHT

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

DAY 11 | DEPART AMSTERDAM

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



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Brussels | Choice of Dine-Around options in Brussels | Celebration Dinner in Monnikendam. Taste Chimay Trappist beer and cheese.

Insightful Experiences

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

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DAY 2 | Experience a Dine-Around Evening. Diverse options reflect the cosmopolitan nature of the city, including We Exist, an initiative supporting Syrian immigrants.

Insight Choice

Choose between visiting Waterloo and the Panorama mural, to learn about Napoleon's final defeat. Alternatively, join a private chocolate truffle-making lesson and tasting with a master chocolatier, and later explore Brussels further with a Local Expert.

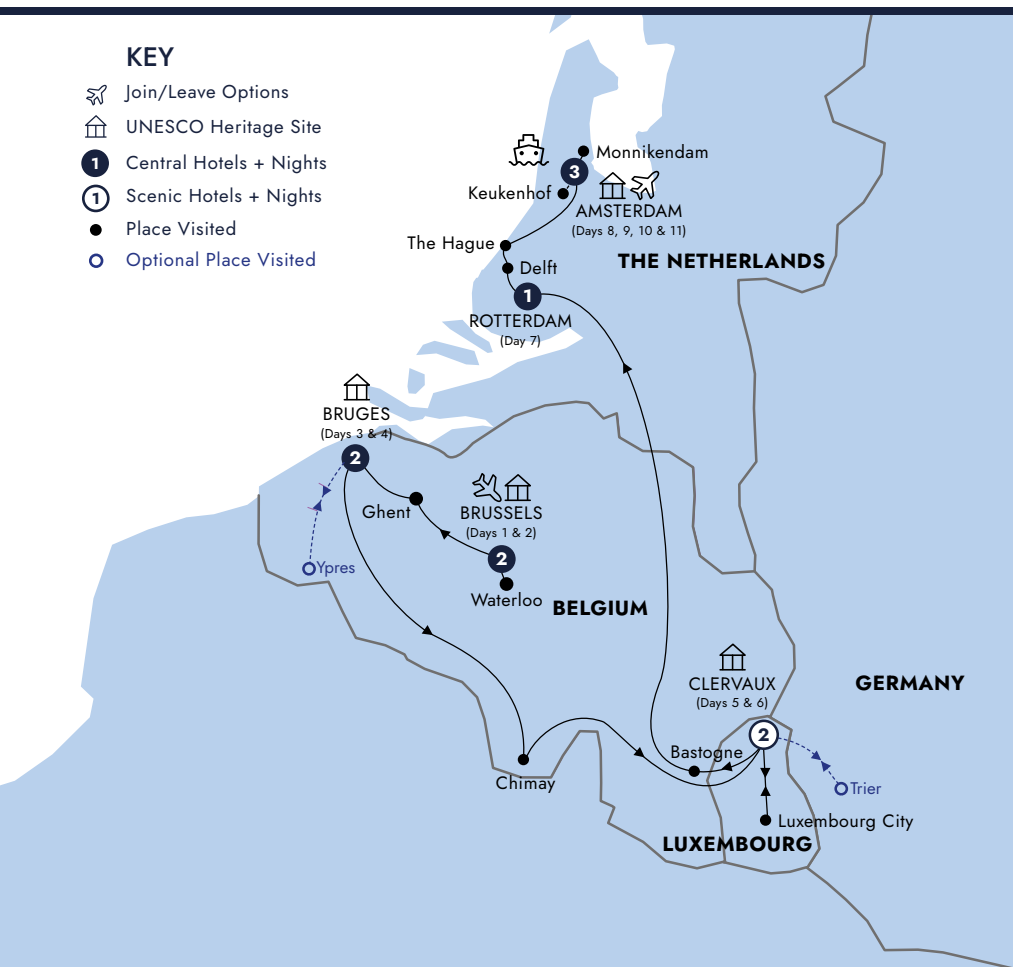
Top Rated Highlights

Cruise on the canals of Amsterdam. Visit the Bastogne War Museum | Delft Pottery Workshop | City tours of Ghent, Bruges, Luxembourg City, and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam all with Local Experts | Old Town in Luxembourg City a UNESCO World Heritage Site | Visit St Bavo's Cathedral in Ghent.

See more experiences online

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- Optional Place Visited



NORMANDY, BRITTANY & THE LOIRE VALLEY

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

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E926

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS

On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers to the hotel leave terminal 2F at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30, and 30 minutes later from terminal 1. After checking in, the capital's grand boulevards and world-famous landmarks are yours to explore. At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before enjoying a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with cuisine inspired by fresh home-made recipes. (D)
Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 2 | ROUEN, HONFLEUR AND DEAUVILLE

Follow the River Seine to Rouen, capital of Normandy, to admire its ancient cathedral - a masterpiece of Gothic style and the subject of a series of paintings by Claude Monet. Wander through the narrow streets beneath the Great Clock to the Old Market Square. Here, a superb modern church commemorates the burning of Joan of Arc on this very spot in 1431. Continue to the charming fishing town of Honfleur with free time to explore the colorful, narrow streets after an orientation by your Travel Director. This afternoon, visit a family-run apple orchard to see how the local drink is produced and sample some cider and calvados. Then on to your luxurious hotel, located in the chic seaside resort of Deauville. (B)
Hotel Barrière L'Hôtel du Golf, Deauville.

DAY 3 | NORMANDY BEACHES AND D-DAY LANDINGS

Follow the route of the Rangers and visit the bunkers and the Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. With a Local Expert, spend a few reflective moments at the American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent, near Omaha Beach. Explore Normandy with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the D-Day Museum in Arromanches and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay. Alternatively, visit the Bayeux Tapestry Museum and learn about the epic story of William, Duke of Normandy battling to become the King of England. This evening, you are treated to a delightful dinner, which promises creative cuisine, seasonal ingredients and delicious wines. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | MONT SAINT-MICHEL AND SAINT-MALO

Journey through Bocage country and explore the hilltop abbey of Mont Saint-Michel with your Local Expert. Situated on an island, the abbey is reached by a bridge across the shining sands. 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. (B)
Hôtel Le Nouveau Monde, St Malo.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 5 | VILLANDRY EXPERIENCE

Head south to follow the valley of the Loire, passing the moated Angers Castle. Cross the Loire to Saumur, where a local vintner will guide you through tastings of the region's delicious wines.

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

Relais Des Landes

DAY 6 | SCENIC DRIVE ALONG THE LOIRE VALLEY

Journey to the fairy-tale Château d'Azy-le-Rideau, considered one of the best representations of French Renaissance architecture. Having recently undergone extensive restoration, your Local Expert will show you the subtle blend of French tradition and innovative Italian decor within this 16th century icon of the Loire Valley. Return to your superb chateau for relaxation and free time. This evening, your Celebration Dinner starts with a glass of local sparkling wine and continues with excellent service and delicious Farm-to-Table dishes in the most wholesome setting, ensuring the memory of your meal will linger long after you've returned home. (B) (D)

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

Traveling 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 all the fabulous sights, including the magnificent Eiffel Tower and the Tuileries Gardens bordering the facades of the Louvre. Behold the vast Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, then travel down the Champs Élysées to Napoléon's Arc de Triomphe. After dark, the City of Light really lives up to its name, when the monuments, buildings and bridges are lit up in all their glory. For that special touch of excitement and glamor, don't miss the chance to experience a world-famous cabaret shows. (B)

Le Méridien Etoile, Paris or similar.

DAY 8 | AU REVOIR PARIS

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

*Superior Dining*

Enjoy a delicious farm-to-table Celebration Dinner, prepared with fresh, locally sourced ingredients | Welcome Dinner in Paris | Wine tasting in the Loire Valley.

Insightful Experiences

Visit family-run apple orchard and taste Normandy cider and calvados.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



DAY 5 | Discover the sustainable gardens of Château de Villandry. In the scenic Loire Valley, explore France's finest formal gardens. Now a hub for sustainability preserving the estate's biological diversity, learn how the organically grown herbs help to re-generate the local ecosystem (pictured above).

Scenic Drives

Fall in love with the French countryside as you travel along the River Seine and through Normandy, Brittany and the Loire Valley.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Mont Saint-Michel and Chateau d'Azy Le Rideau, both with Local Experts. City tour of Saint Malo and a guided visit to the Normandy Landing Beaches, both with Local Experts | See the Cathedral, Great Clock, Old Market Square and Place du Vieux-Marché in Rouen, Honfleur, Angers Château, Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

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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 ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E723

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Jun + Aug - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO PARIS

On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers to the hotel leave terminal 2F at 08:30, 11:00 and 13:30, and 30 minutes later from terminal 1. After checking in, the capital's grand boulevards and world-famous landmarks are yours to explore. At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel before joining a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with cuisine inspired by country recipes. (D)
Pullman Paris Center Bercy.

DAY 2 | CHAMPAGNE REGION AND ON TO DIJON

Journey through the Champagne region. Stop to savor a taste of Champagne, for which this region is world famous. Arrive in Burgundy, the historical heartland of France. Continue to Dijon, the region's elegant capital. (B) (D)
Grand Hotel Dijon La Cloche, Dijon.

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN DIJON

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

DAY 4 | CHAMONIX

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

DAY 5 | LAKESIDE ANNECY AND GRENOBLE

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, savor a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)
Park Hôtel Grenoble-MGGallery.

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)
Radisson Blu Hotel, Nice.

DAY 7 | MONACO AND THE CÔTE D'AZUR

Unlock the secrets of the French perfume industry with a visit to a perfumery. Then enjoy a drive along part of the Grand Prix circuit in Monaco and walk with your Travel Director through the old town to see the Royal Palace and yacht-filled harbor. Your exploration continues as you visit inside Monaco Cathedral. (B)

DAY 8 | PICTURESQUE PROVENCE

Visit the medieval village of Saint-Paul de Vence and walk through its winding streets. Enjoy a lesson in the French sport of pétanque. Steady your hand and get ready to test your newfound skills as you take part in a game, completed by a glass of pastis, a French apéritif.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Continue to Aix-en-Provence to see the sumptuous mansions lining the Cours Mirabeau. (B)
Aquabella Hotel & Spa, Aix-en-Provence.

DAY 9 | AVIGNON AND PONT DU GARD

Head to beautiful Arles and learn about its historical connection to Vincent Van Gogh. After journey to Pont du Gard to see the magnificent ancient Roman aqueduct bridge. Continue on to Avignon to enjoy views of the remaining arches of the Pont d'Avignon and the fortified Papal Palace. (B)

DAY 10 | CARCASSONNE AND TO ALBI

A scenic drive through the Alpilles takes you to Chateau De Luc, for a wine tasting and MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Cross the fertile Languedoc region, to the fortified town of Carcassonne. Travel to Albi and marvel at iconic sites during your orientation, including the views of Toulouse Lautrec Museum and the cathedral. (B)

Hôtel Saint Antoine, Albi.

DAY 11 | FREE TIME IN ALBI

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

DAY 12 | CAHORS AND ROCAMADOUR

Sample some local Dordogne specialties when you visit the market at Cahors, famous for its black wine. Travel to Rocamadour and enjoy free time to explore this medieval town. (B) (D)

Hotel Le Perigord

DAY 13 | EXPLORING THE DORDOGNE VALLEY

Start the day with a morning drive into the stunning Valley of the Dordogne to visit Lascaux, where the world-famous prehistoric cave paintings have been faithfully reproduced. Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table Dinner, prepared with locally sourced ingredients and served with wines from the region. (B) (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)

Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 15 | ROMANTIC CAPITAL ON THE SEINE

During your time in Paris see the Eiffel Tower, the Luxor obelisk in Place de la Concorde and drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe. Your Travel Director will highlight exciting sites of Paris, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the historic restaurant La Coupole. Delight in French cuisine and delicious wine. (B) (D)

DAY 16 | AU REVOIR PARIS

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



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Paris | Dinner in Grenoble | Farm-to-Table dining in Dordogne | Celebration Dinner in Paris | Taste champagne in the Champagne region | Market tasting in Cahors.

Insightful Experiences

Saint-Paul-de-Vence: Join a pétanque player to learn the secrets behind this traditional French discipline. End with a glass of pastis, a French apéritif.

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DAY 10 | The Fabre family has been producing wine since the 17th Century. At the heart of their passion lies a strong commitment to protect the natural environment of the region and produce complex yet sustainable wines.

Scenic Drives

Relax and enjoy the scenery of the French countryside as you travel through Burgundy, the High Alps, along the Route Napoleon and French Riviera, past Cote d'Azur, Avignon, the Languedoc and through the Dordogne Valley.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Monaco and Monte Carlo, St Paul de Vence, the Pont du Gard, Carcassonne walled city and the prehistoric caves of Lascaux | See the Royal Palace and cathedral of Monaco.

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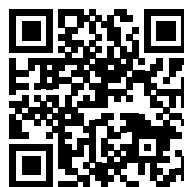
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Insightful Insights

Morocco was the first country to recognize America as an independent nation in 1777. This has initiated the longest unbroken diplomatic relationship in USA history.

Andalusia, Spain is credited for creating tapas, which were thin slices of bread or meat that sherry drinkers in taverns used to cover their glasses between sips. Also, in Andalusia, you will find the Plaza de España in the capital of Seville, where several buildings were designed for the Ibero-American exhibition of 1929.

Portugal has been continuously inhabited since prehistoric times. Throughout the ages, it has been the home of Celts, Carthaginians, and Romans, to name just a few.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN

From Gaudi's architecture and the magnificent Alhambra to tapas and paella, Spain is showcased in style.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E936/W936

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA

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

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

NH Collection Constanza/Hilton Barcelona/Melia Barcelona Sarria.

DAY 2 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

With your Local Expert, drive along the Passeig de Gràcia. Travel through the Eixample district to visit the Sagrada Família. See the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the intricate stained-glass windows.

Enjoy a free afternoon to explore. (B)

DAY 3 | ALONG THE COAST TO VALENCIA

Follow the sunny Costa Dorada, past the rice fields of the Ebro Delta. Stop at the seaside resort of Peñíscola and see the hilltop castle used in the film 'El Cid'. Pass through the famous orange groves to Valencia and see the City of Arts and Sciences. Later see the Old City and take in its medieval charm.

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

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)

Gran Hotel Luna de Granada.

DAY 5 | A SCENIC DRIVE TO SEVILLE

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

Meliá Sevilla, Seville.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

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)



Coastal Valencia is the original home of fragrant paella. Under the guidance of Chef Lorenzo, you'll learn the insights of creating this dish from scratch, it's name deriving from 'hot pan'

— PHILIPPE, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 7 | MOORISH CÓRDOBA AND ON TO MADRID

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

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

Radisson RED/Barcelo Emperatriz.

DAY 8 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert as they guide you through the most historic neighborhoods 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 Celebration Dinner served with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART MADRID

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

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Barcelona | Paella cooking demonstration in Valencia | Celebration Dinner in Madrid.

Insightful Experiences

Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens with a Local Expert.

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

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DAY 6 | The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students, learn some basic flamenco steps, and watch them perform an emotional show (pictured above).

Insight Choice

Seville: Panoramic City Tour Drive with Local Expert or Old Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Sagrada Família | Seville Cathedral | Córdoba's Mezquita | City tours of Barcelona, Seville and Madrid, all with Local Experts.

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



EASY PACE SPAIN

*Ease in Espana from Bilbao's Guggenheim
and Barcelona's Sagrada Familia
to pintxos and the Prado.*

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E303

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BARCELONA

Airport transfers depart from Barcelona airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for your Welcome 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)
NH Collection Barcelona Constanza.

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 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)

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)

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)
Barceló Costa Vasca, San Sebastián.

DAY 5 | BILBAO AND GUGGENHEIM

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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

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)

DAY 6 | SAN SEBASTIÁN, PEARL OF THE CANTABRIAN COAST

Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk. The harbor 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)

DAY 7 | BURGOS AND MADRID

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

Meliá Madrid Princesa, Madrid.

DAY 8 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert as they take you along the main historical areas in the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the

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

DAY 9 | THE MEDIEVAL STREETS OF SEGOVIA

Venture north to visit the fascinating city of Segovia. Marvel at the engineering of the Roman aqueduct, which towers over the historic hub of the city. Walk the medieval streets of this fortified city with your Local Expert and see the 14th century Alcazar Palace. You are at leisure after returning to Madrid. Delve into the capital's delights before you make the most of your final night with your fellow travelers at a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. Enjoy delightful regional produce paired with the finest local wines, as you toast to a vacation done well. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | DEPART MADRID

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



Superior Dining

Pintxos Dinner in San Sebastián |
Celebration Dinner in Madrid |
MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
at Pau Restaurant in Barcelona.

Insightful Experiences

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

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Barcelona: Dine at La Pau, an acclaimed restaurant for the quality of its seasonal menu and social impact. This social initiative generate quality employment to young people and guides them through their transition to adult life.

Insight Choice

Bilbao: Guggenheim Museum Visit or
Mount Artxanda Funicular Ride.

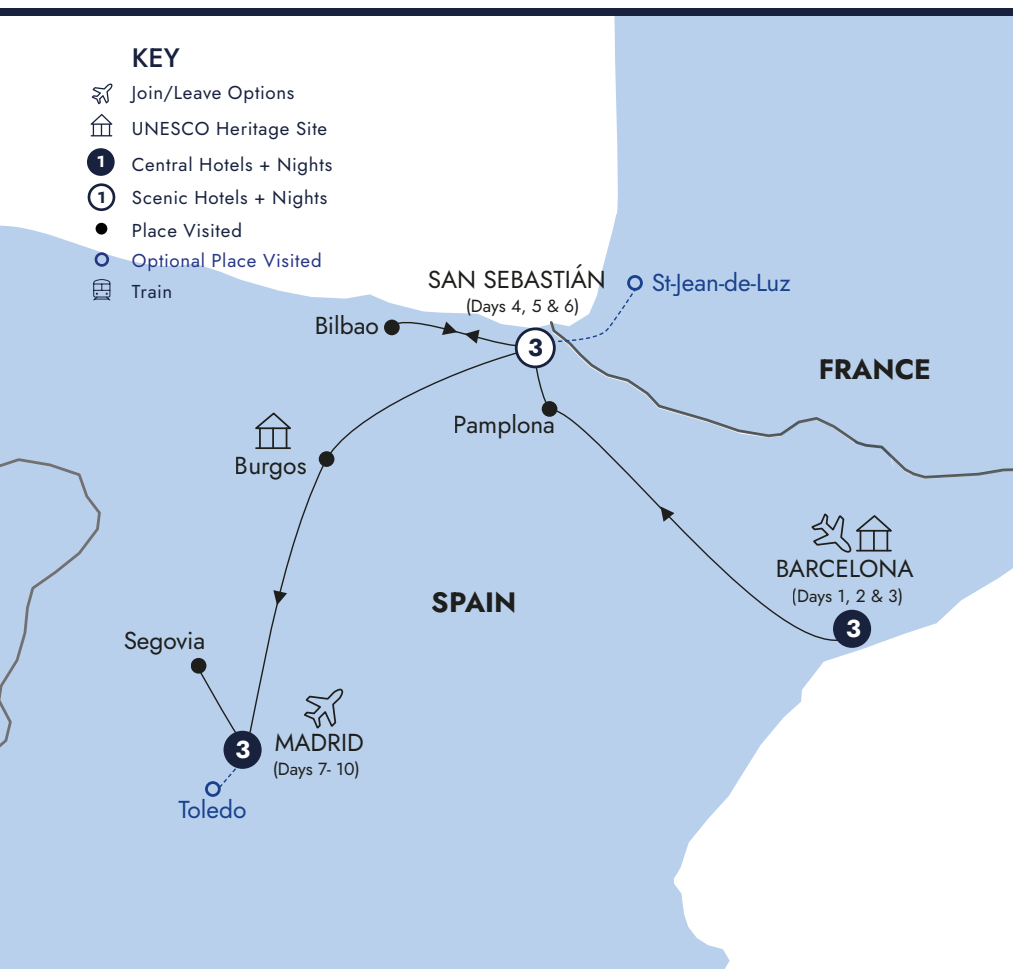
Scenic Drives

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

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Sagrada Família | City tours of
Barcelona, San Sebastián, Segovia and
Madrid, all with Local Experts | See Burgos'
cathedral | Zaragoza's El Pilar and
Río Ebro | Pamplona.

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BEST OF MOROCCO

Discover vibrant souks, Casablanca's massive Hassan II Mosque and the ancient palaces of Fes.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E938/W938

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO CASABLANCA

On arrival at Casablanca airport, your transfer leaves for your landmark city hotel at 09:00, 12:00 or 15:00. Join your Travel Director and fellow guests at 18:00 for your Welcome Reception. Grand Mogador City Center, Casablanca.

DAY 2 | RABAT, IMPERIAL MEKNES AND FES

An exploration of the sights of Casablanca will show you the huge Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. Venture to the très chic seaside strip known as the Corniche, which stretches to the west and is lined with trendy restaurants and cafes. Depart for the capital of Rabat to see the Royal Palace, Hassan Tower and visit one of the few holy places open to non-Muslims, the lavish Mausoleum of King Mohammed V. This site is both an architectural marvel and a monument to a great ruler. Travel to Meknes, one of the kingdom's great imperial cities where little has changed since its founding in the 11th century. Stand before the Bab el-Mansour, the monumental entrance to the imperial city and focal point of Square El-Hedim, before continuing to Fes. You'll be delighted with a superb Moroccan Highlight Dinner in an ancient palace at the entrance to the Medina. A colorful array of meze plates, aromatic tagines, exotic fruits and wine will be laid before you whilst you are entertained with a traditional folklore show. Enjoy the carnival-like atmosphere of belly dancers, drums and authentic music. (B) (D) Marriot Jnan Palace, Fes.

DAY 3 | FES SIGHTSEEING

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)

DAY 4 | THE ZIZ GORGES TO ERFOUD

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

DAY 5 | SPECTACULAR OUARZAZATE

Venture towards the oasis of Tinehir and explore the Todra Gorge, known as the Grand Canyon of the Sahara. At Boumalne du Dadès you will encounter the dry and rugged Dades Valley, dotted with oases of figs, olives, date palms and castellated mud houses—hugging the slopes. Meet

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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the locals of the region when you visit a traditional Nomad house and try authentic Berber tea. The Road of a Thousand Kasbahs concludes at Ouarzazate, also known as the film capital of Morocco. Many blockbusters have been filmed here, including Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars. (B) (L) (D)

Le Berbère Palace, Ouarzazate.

DAY 6 | TO MARRAKESH

Marvel at and photograph the architectural wonder of Ksar of Aït Benhaddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that boasts one of Morocco's finest kasbahs. Your journey continues via the spectacular Tizi n'Tichka Pass, before descending past charming mountain villages, dense woods and green fields to the ochre-colored city of Marrakesh. With the rest of the day at your leisure, why not relax and enjoy the immaculate facilities of your hotel? (B)

Mövenpick Mansour Eddahbi Marrakech.

DAY 7 | MARRAKESH, PEARL OF THE SOUTH

Meet your Local Expert in the bustling Jemaa el-Fnaa Square, where you can take a moment to watch the dancers, snake charmers, storytellers and acrobats. Wander the maze of the Medina and see the Koutoubia Mosque, with its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline. Explore Marrakesh with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the intricately decorated Palais Bahia, intended to be the greatest palace of its time. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you take a leisurely guided bike tour with an organization providing financial support to local youth.

With time at leisure, you are free to continue exploring, try your hand at haggling in the souks or maybe visit a museum? In the evening, perhaps choose to join fellow 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)

DAY 8 | ELEGANT ESSAOUIRA

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

Atlas Essaouira & Spa.

DAY 9 | RETURN TO CASABLANCA







Once you've experienced the traditional charms of the country, Casablanca is a fascinating place to return to and offers a unique insight into modern Morocco. In the evening 'of all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world' there really is only one place to be. Join your Travel Director at Rick's Café, recreated from the famous movie. Enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner with drinks and no doubt a rendition of 'As Time Goes By'. Here's looking at you kid! (B) (D)

Grand Mogador City Center, Casablanca.

DAY 10 | AU REVOIR CASABLANCA

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

KEY

-  Join/Leave Options
-  UNESCO Heritage Site
-  Central Hotels + Nights
-  Scenic Hotels + Nights
-  Place Visited
-  Optional Place Visited



Superior Dining

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

Insightful Experiences

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

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 7 | Discover the beauty of Marrakesh
on a guided bike tour organized by a
company that empowers local youth by
promoting education, employment and
financial opportunities.

Scenic Drives

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

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Mohammed V Mausoleum in
Rabat | Bahia Palace in Marrakesh | City
tours of Fes and Marrakesh, all with
Local Experts | See Casablanca | Meknes
| Erfoud | Ouarzazate | the Ksar in Aït
Benhaddou | Essaouira.

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NORTHERN SPAIN

Encounter beaches on the Cantabrian Sea, the Cathedral of the Holy Savior, quaint villages and Barcelona's Gothic Quarter.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E931

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

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

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

Radisson RED/Canopy by Hilton Castellana

DAY 2 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

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

DAY 3 | THROUGH THE GUADARRAMA MOUNTAINS TO SANTIAGO

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

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)

DAY 5 | ALONG THE COSTA VERDE TO OVIEDO

Pass through Galicia to the Green Coast of Asturias. Take in the coastal views en route to Oviedo. A short drive brings you to the Bay of Biscay. Enjoy an espicha experience for lunch, very popular with the locals, you'll have a taste of different products they offer, with a souvenir glass of cider. In Oviedo, a Local Expert shows you the 9th century churches. Visit the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour in Plaza Alfonso II. Admire the incredible altarpiece, one of the finest in Europe. (B) (L)

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

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

de Onís and head into Picos de Europa, a national park boasting spectacular scenery. Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria whilst traveling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to Santander. (B)
Eurostars Hotel Real, Santander.

DAY 7 | BILBAO, COSTA VASCA AND SAN SEBASTIÁN

In nearby Bilbao, admire the striking architecture of the Guggenheim Museum. Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca and pause in Getaria to see 'El Ratón', the mouse-shaped rock. Continue to San Sebastián and admire its beauty during a City Tour with a Local Expert. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Quarter including Plaza de la Constitución. (B)
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 harbor 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? Maybe stroll the promenade of the famous La Concha bay or enjoy the boutiques of the Old Town? (B)

DAY 9 | PAMPLONA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Journey to the famed town of Pamplona where you are free to explore. Perhaps stroll to Estafeta Street or visit Café Iruña, immortalized in Ernest

Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises?' On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly at a biodynamic winery. Continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions. (B)
Hilton Barcelona.

DAY 10 | BARCELONA, THE CITY OF GAUDÍ

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

DAY 11 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

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



Superior Dining

Visit Trabanco for an espicha experience, a specific type of party that is very popular in Asturias | Welcome Dinner in Madrid | Celebration Dinner in Barcelona | Taste wine in Sant Sadurni d'Anoia.

Insightful Experiences

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

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DAY 9 | A master vintner unveils the secrets of organic and biodynamic Spanish bubbly, produced in harmony with the terroir, climate and natural environment.

Insight Choice

Santiago: Santiago de Compostela City Tour with Local Expert including cathedral visit or Way of St. James Scenic Walk with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Picos de Europa National Park | Holy Cave of Covadonga | Sagrada Família.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF PORTUGAL

Explore Lisbon's historic downtown, set sail on Lake Alqueva and learn the complexities of Alentejo wine.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E928/W928

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LISBON

On arrival at Lisbon International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant and the opportunity to mingle with your fellow travelers. (D) Corinthia Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 2 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and across the tree-shaded squares. Pass beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paço. See the ancient Belém Tower and marvel at the Monument to the Discoveries. Explore more of the Belém Quarter as you enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years, and visit the Cloister of Jeronimos Monastery. This evening, gain further insight into Portuguese culture with an Optional Experience dinner. (B)

DAY 3 | THE ALGARVE

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

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 17th century chapel made of bones. (B)

M'Ar de Ar Aqueduto, Évora.

DAY 5 | MONSARAZ AND ÉVORA

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

DAY 6 | ON TO TOMAR

This morning, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit Adega da Casa Relvas. Learn about olive oil production and wine-making traditions in the Alentejo before sampling these

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 7 | COIMBRA AND THE DOURO VALLEY

In Coimbra, your Local Expert will guide you through the Old Town, before visiting the baroque university library, one of the finest in the world. Your journey continues past verdant hills and lush vineyards, along the tranquil waters of the Douro River. (B) (D)

Douro Palace Hotel Resort & Spa, Douro Valley.

DAY 8 | GUIMARÃES AND PORTO

Journey to Guimarães to admire the views from the ruined castle and explore the cobbled streets and cozy squares. Explore Porto with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Local Expert and visit the São Bento Railway Station, with a walk along the architecturally impressive Dom Luís I Bridge. Alternatively, enjoy a panoramic drive through the city streets, also lead by a Local Expert. In the evening you are at leisure to enjoy your boutique, five-star hotel, a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, in the heart of Porto's historic district. The decor is a mix of classic and contemporary and each room is individually decorated with original artwork. (B)

Pousada do Porto Rua Das Flores.

DAY 9 | PORTO, GRANDE DAME ON THE DOURO

With a full day free to enjoy at your own pace, why not take a stroll to admire the multi-colored houses of Porto? Perhaps choose to visit Braga, the capital of baroque. In the evening, bid adeus to your Travel Director and fellow travelers with a mouth-watering Celebration Dinner with wine at an authentic Porto restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | HOLY FÁTIMA, ANCIENT ÓBIDOS AND LISBON

Continue to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. See the basilica or perhaps visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, which commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where houses are covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. (B)

Dom Pedro Lisboa, Lisbon.

DAY 11 | DEPART LISBON

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



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Lisbon | Farm-to-Table dining in Douro Valley | Celebration Dinner in Porto | Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon | Highlight Lunch in Monsarraz.

Insightful Experiences

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

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DAY 6 | During a wine tasting session, appreciate the delicate yet complex nuances of Alentejo wine, and learn how the Relvas family has been managing to keep low water consumption, reforestation of indigenous trees, and providing scholarships to children of the village.

Insight Choice

Porto: São Bento Railway Station Visit or Porto City Tour with Local Expert.

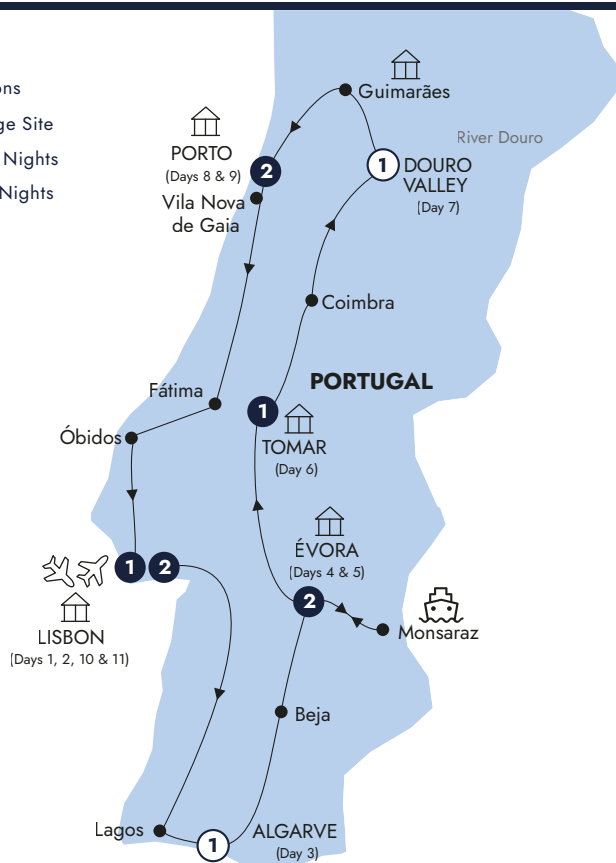
Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Cloister of the Jeronimos Monastery | Capela dos Ossos in Évora | Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima | Coimbra University library | Templar Castle | Convent of Christ and Synagogue in Tomar | City tours of Lisbon, Tomar, Évora, Coimbra and Porto all with Local Experts.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise



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9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Your airport transfer departs Madrid airport for your hotel at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00. While in Madrid, explore the elegant boulevards, expansive parks and varied architectural styles. At 18:30, join your Travel Director for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D) Riu Plaza Espana/Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana.

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 master 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) Vincci Albayzín, Granada.

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

'Give him alms, woman, because there is nothing sadder in life than being blind in Granada,' proclaims the inscription on the walls of the Alhambra. Bathed in the morning light, the Alhambra Palace awaits - a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Explore with your Local Expert before visiting the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals. Take a moment to relax in the sunshine as you enjoy the fine views over the town and its three verdant hills before continuing to Seville.

Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus in Lisbon. 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)

Meliá Sevilla, Seville.

DAY 4 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

This day is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it?

Visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a private flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This private dance school is dedicated to promoting the conservation of flamenco and supports young enthusiasts from all over the world with a special focus on new talent from the Andalusian region. Feel the passion behind the choreography as you put your

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

rhythm to the test during a dance lesson, before witnessing emotions come to life in a flamenco performance. (B)

DAY 5 | ÉVORA AND ONTO LISBON

Continue to the lively university town of Évora, one of the best preserved towns in Portugal, with architectural styles dating back to Roman Times. Visit the fascinating Capela dos Ossos, a chapel decorated with human bones, before making your way to Lisbon. (B)

Turim Saldanha Hotel, Lisbon.

DAY 6 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE DISCOVERIES

During your stay, a guided orientation of the city with your Local Expert takes you along the avenues of the Lower Town and beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paco, the finest square in the city. Visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same, secret recipe for almost 200 years. View the Monument to the Discoveries and the historic Belém Tower. This fortress was originally set in the middle of the river, but is now left high and dry on the riverbank. Visit the National Coach Museum. With the afternoon at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience to the beautiful Portuguese Riviera, frequented by surfers, royalty and, on occasion, James Bond? (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. Relish in the lively buzz of this dynamic European capital as you spend a final afternoon exploring its grand avenues. At a local restaurant, join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a lively Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana.

DAY 9 | FAREWELL MADRID

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



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Madrid | Celebration Dinner in Madrid | Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon.

Insightful Experiences

Toledo: At a Damascene workshop, meet a master artisan for a personal insight into this ancient craft. Witness firsthand their precision as they inlay gold and silver into iron, using a chisel and a hammer.
Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens with a Local Expert.

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DAY 4 | The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students, learn some basic flamenco steps, and watch them perform an emotional show.

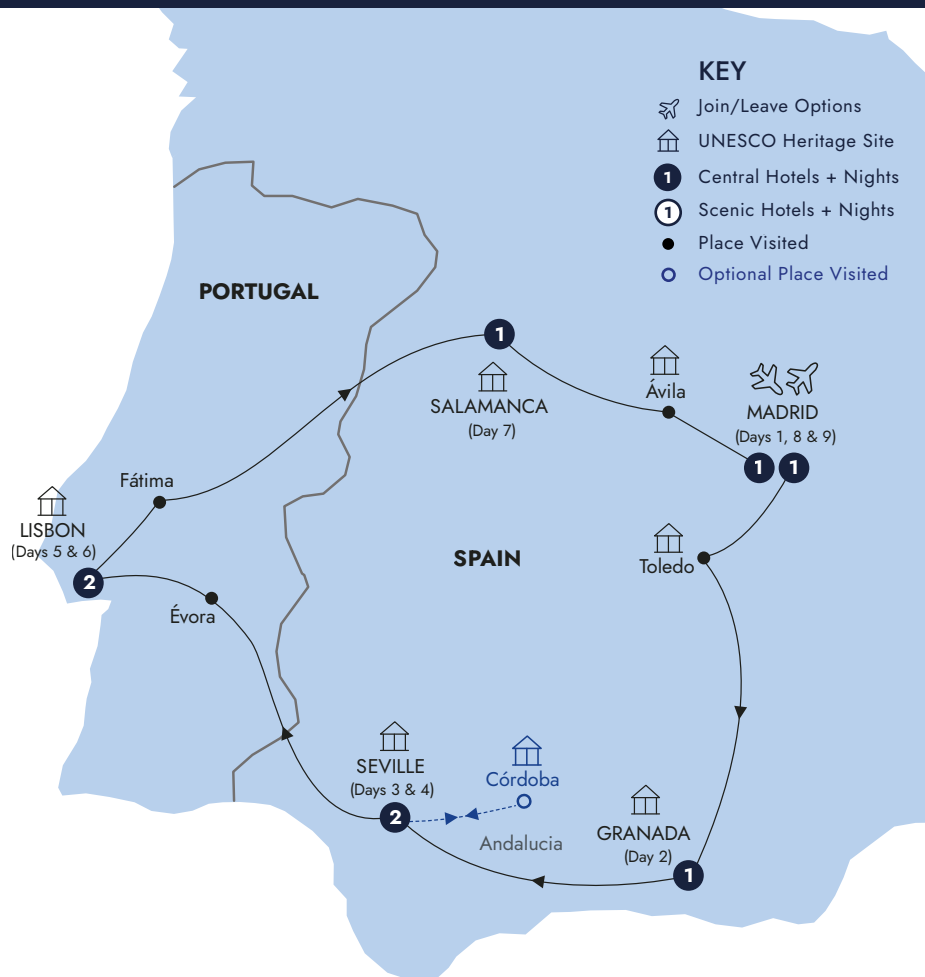
Insight Choice

Seville: Panoramic City Tour Drive with Local Expert or Old Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Capela dos Ossos in Evora | National Visit Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima | City tours of Madrid, Toledo, Seville and Lisbon, all with Local Experts | Visit Fatima, Salamanca and Avila.

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

15 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Your transfer will depart Madrid airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travelers over an evening of delicious food and wine. (D)
Barcelo Torre de Madrid/Barcelo Emperatriz/Canopy Hilton Madrid Castellana

DAY 2 | MADRID OF THE BOURBONS

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

DAY 3 | SEGOVIA AND GOLDEN SALAMANCA

Travel to the fortified city of Segovia. Walk through the medieval streets with a Local Expert and see the magnificent Alcazar fortress, before continuing onto the historic aqueduct. Journey west, overlooking the ancient walls of Ávila, en route to Salamanca. During your guided sightseeing tour, admire the golden stone buildings the city is famous for, including the arcaded Plaza Mayor, the honey-colored cathedral and the 16th century university buildings. (B)
Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

DAY 4 | PORTO, GRANDE DAME ON THE DOURO

Cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto. Situated on the River Douro, the city is celebrated internationally as the capital of Port wine. Visit the Vila Nova de Gaia wine stores and walk along corridors of casks. Get to know your tawnys and vintages during a tasting. Continue your exploration of the city, admiring the multi-colored houses, churches adorned with glazed tiles and iconic bridges (or 'Eiffel Towers on end' according to one Frenchman). (B) (D)
NH Collection Porto Batalha.

DAY 5 | HOLY FÁTIMA, ANCIENT ÓBIDOS AND LISBON

Continue to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned place of pilgrimage. See the basilica or perhaps visit the Chapel of the Apparitions, which commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. Journey to the fortified town of Óbidos and walk within its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets where houses are covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. (B)
Dom Pedro Lisboa | Corinthia Hotel Lisbon.

DAY 6 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

Sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paco, the finest square in the city.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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



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Visit the Belém Quarter, from where sailing ships once set forth to discover faraway lands. Enjoy a taste of the famous Pastéis de Belém from a traditional patisserie that has managed to hold on to the secret recipe of Portugal's finest pastry for almost 200 years. View the modern Monument to the Discoveries and the historic Belém Tower. This fortress was originally set in the middle of the river, but is now left high and dry on the riverbank. Visit the National Coach Museum. With the afternoon at your leisure, perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Portuguese Riviera, frequented by surfers, royalty and, on occasion, James Bond. (B)

You can't miss an evening horse and carriage ride through Seville. The squares, buildings and aroma of Sevillian orange blossoms is as traditional as a gondola ride in Venice

— DOM, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 7 | SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Leave Lisbon via the modern Tagus Bridge and cross the border to reach Seville. Visit the Seville Cathedral, the burial place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to embark on a walk through the narrow lanes of the Santa Cruz Quarter. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and enjoy panoramic views. (B)
NH Collection Sevilla, Seville.

DAY 8 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

Enjoy a relaxed start and a morning to unwind, shop or continue exploring this fascinating city at your own pace. Our suggestion is to join an Optional Experience to the ancient city of Córdoba, where you will visit the magnificent Mezquita and see the old Jewish Quarter. Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Their mission is to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson. (B)

DAY 9 | HEAD FOR GIBRALTAR, MIJAS AND THE COSTA DEL SOL

Head south to Gibraltar, part of mainland Spain yet an overseas territory under British control since 1704.



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Madrid | Paella cooking demonstration dinner in Valencia | Cava wine with lunch in Sant Sadurni d'Anoia | Celebration Dinner in Barcelona. Taste wine in Porto | Tasting Olive oil in Alfaratejo | Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon | Dine-at-Home in Alfaratejo.

Insightful Experiences

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

Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens with a Local Expert.

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Insight Choice

Seville: Panoramic City Tour Drive with Local Expert or Old Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima | National Coach Museum in Lisbon | Sagrada Família in Barcelona | City tours of Madrid, Segovia, Salamanca, Lisbon, Seville, Gibraltar and Barcelona, all with Local Experts.

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With your Local Expert, visit the Rock of Gibraltar and St. Michael's Cave. See the Barbary Apes, legendary guardians of the colony. Relax as you travel the scenic route along the Costa del Sol through high end resorts where the rich and famous vacation. Your journey continues through the green hills to the white-washed village of Mijas. Stroll through the old streets and gardens, taking in the views of the coast. (B) (D)
Meliá Costa del Sol, Torremolinos.

DAY 10 | 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, savor the specialties in the local restaurants or consider exploring Málaga, the birth city of Picasso and one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Western Europe - its history spans about 28000 years. (B)

DAY 11 | DINING WITH LOCALS AND THE ALHAMBRA

Continue to Alfarnatejo, a quiet whitewashed village, with a population of less than 500 people, surrounded by stunning mountainous landscape. Walk the town center to see the 18th century Iglesia del Santo Cristo de Cabrilla. Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at the rural mill-factory to taste a selection of different oils, paired with locally made farmer bread.

In small groups, you are invited into the home of a local family to join them for a delicious Highlight Lunch made of fresh, local produce with flavors typical of the region. Continue to Granada to visit the magnificent Alhambra Palace with your Local Expert. The UNESCO-listed Alhambra is Granada's crowning glory and visitor numbers are limited to help preserve its beauty. Built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century, it is a wonder of beautiful gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. (B) (L)

Vincci Albayzín, Granada.

DAY 12 | ON TO VALENCIA

Journey to Valencia. Pass through the Old City to see its ancient gates, and the City of Arts and Sciences. In your free time perhaps take a stroll to the Cathedral and El Miguelete? Alternatively sit back with a drink and watch the Valencians go about their day. Valencia is home to one of the world's greatest dishes, paella. Meet the chef of a local family-run restaurant in the heart of the Old City and learn how to make this local specialty during a Cooking Demonstration. Later, indulge in the delicious flavors of this classic dish at your Highlight Dinner. (B) (D)
Barceló Valencia.



DAY 13 | ALONG THE COAST TO PEÑÍSCOLA AND ON TO BARCELONA

Follow the coast to Peñíscola to view the sea-lapped castle used in the film 'El Cid'.

At Cava Bodegas in Sant Sadurn d'Anoia, enjoy a delicious light lunch and savor a tasting as you learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly. Learn about their traditional cava-making processes, and marvel at the preserved farm house, which displays an impressive array of items collected over the family's history. See a demonstration of how to drink cava like a local, and perhaps try the technique for yourself. Continue along the coast to reach Barcelona. (B) (L)

Meliá Barcelona Sarrià, Barcelona.

DAY 14 | BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING

A Local Expert joins you for a drive along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and some of the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the Eixample district to visit Gaudi's extraordinary masterpiece, the Sagrada Família. See the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars, spectacular vaulting and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the intricate stained-glass windows. At a local restaurant, join your fellow travelers to toast to newfound friends and a wonderful journey, enjoying a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 15 | DEPART BARCELONA OR MADRID

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



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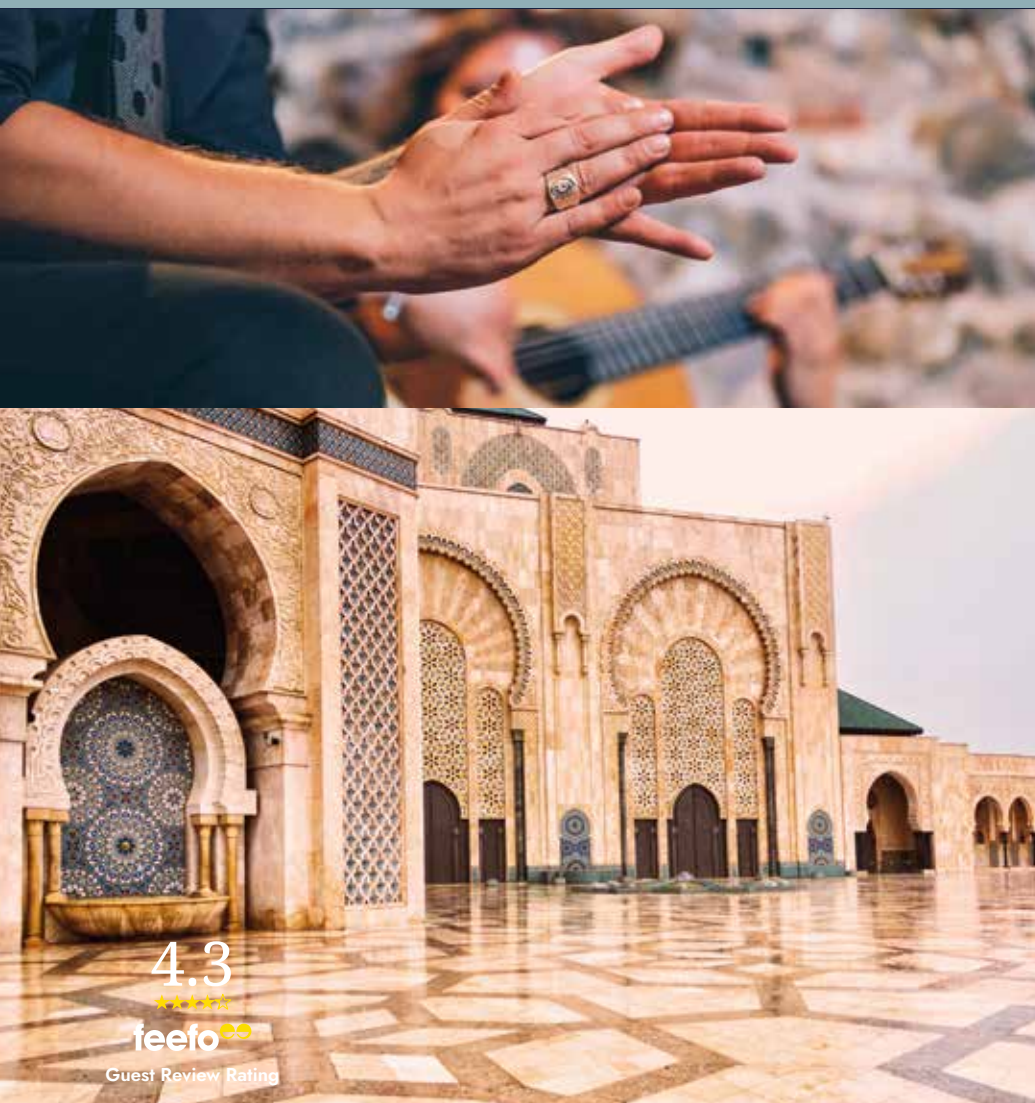
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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO MADRID

Your transfer will depart Madrid airport at 09:00, 11:30, 13:30 or 16:00. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travelers over an evening of delicious food and wine. (D) Canopy by Hilton Madrid Castellana.

DAY 2 | PRADO MUSEUM AND ON TO GOLDEN SALAMANCA

With your Local Expert, travel along the main historical areas of the capital of Spain, known as Madrid of the Bourbons. Your drive continues through the Old Quarter, to discover the origins of the city. Join an art historian to explore the Prado Museum, a magnificent palace housing works by Velázquez, Goya, Rubens and other masters. Journey past the walls of Ávila en route to Salamanca, with its honey-colored cathedral and 16th-century university buildings. (B) Hotel Alameda Palace, Salamanca.

DAY 3 | HOLY FÁTIMA AND LISBON

Cross the Portuguese frontier and skirt the Estrela Mountains en route to Fátima, Portugal's most renowned religious site. Join the pilgrims flocking into the great basilica, commemorating the miraculous appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. In the heart of the Shrine of Fátima is The Chapel of Apparitions, marking the exact location of her first appearance. Other sacred sites include the Museu de Arte Sacra e Etnologia, exhibiting religious artifacts and the modern church of the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity. Your travels continue to Lisbon. (B) Dom Pedro Lisboa, Lisbon.

DAY 4 | LISBON AND THE AGE OF THE GREAT DISCOVERIES

Your guided sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the spacious avenues of the Lower Town and across the tree-shaded squares. Pass beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto to the Terreiro do Paço. Visit the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same secret recipe for almost 200 years. Visit National Coach Museum and see the ancient Belém Tower erected to protect this architectural jewel. Marvel at the Monument to the Discoveries. This afternoon is free to explore further as you wish or perhaps decide to visit the Portuguese Riviera. (B)

DAY 5 | TO SEVILLE, THE CITY OF CARMEN

Visit Seville's Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Explore Seville with Insight Choice. Choose to walk through the old Jewish quarter and see La Giralda, the former minaret of the Great Mosque, which is now the bell tower of the cathedral. Alternatively, join a scenic drive around the city and enjoy panoramic views. (B) Catalonia Giralda Hotel, Seville.

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

DAY 6 | FREE TIME AND FLAMENCO IN SEVILLE

This morning is yours to completely relax or continue exploring this fascinating city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Córdoba and visit the magnificent Mezquita, an 8th century mosque with a Christian cathedral built inside it? Later this afternoon, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Cristina Heeren Foundation, a flamenco dance school and beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Their mission is to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco. Put your rhythm to the test during a dance lesson. (B)

DAY 7 | THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR TO FES

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

DAY 8 | EXPLORE FES

Your Local Expert will guide you through the ancient Medina, teeming with hidden courtyards, beautiful mosques and local workshops. Sensorial delights await around every corner as you take in the historic grandeur of this walled city. Walk through the souks and pass one of the world's oldest universities. Learn about the ancient craft of handwoven carpets, a tradition developed in this region over thousands of years. Gain insight into the exceptional skill and artistic symbolism applied to make each carpet unique. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | ON THE ROAD TO MARRAKESH

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

DAY 10 | EXPLORE MARRAKESH

Join a Local Expert to explore the Medina, the historic heart of the city. See the Koutoubia Mosque, its minaret dominating the Marrakesh skyline with golden brickwork. Visit the intricately-decorated Palais Bahia, a 19th-century mosaic-laden masterpiece built to be the greatest palace of its day. Experience the city's captivating charm during time at leisure. Perhaps try your hand at haggling in the souks on Jemaa-el-Fnaa Square or visit one of the acclaimed museums. (B)

DAY 11 | PLAY IT AGAIN SAM IN CASABLANCA

Journey to the west coast of Africa to reach Casablanca. Did Humphrey Bogart really did say "Play it again, Sam"? Your Local Expert will reveal



the truth to this and other fascinating elements of this storied city. See the impressive Hassan II Mosque, the largest in the country. For those who came to Casablanca for the waters, the Corniche, a chic seaside strip, welcomes you with its trendy restaurants and cafes. (B) (D) Grand Mogador City Center, Casablanca.

DAY 12 | Rabat and Tangier

Travel north to Rabat to see the intricately-decorated Royal Palace and Hassan Tower with your Local Expert.

Your journey continues to Morocco's port of Tangier, overlooking the Strait of Gibraltar where the Atlantic meets the Mediterranean. You will be taken for a guided sightseeing tour of the city with a Local Expert. After dinner, enjoy an evening at leisure to relax in the comfortable surroundings of your hotel as the sun sets or take a stroll along Avenue d'Espagne on the Bay of Tangier. (B) (D) Grand Hotel Villa de France, Tangier.

DAY 13 | ON TO THE COSTA DEL SOL

Cross the water to Spain and continue on to Gibraltar, an overseas territory under British control since 1704. Meet your Local Expert for a guided tour of the Rock of Gibraltar, St. Michael's Cave and see the Barbary Apes, legendary guardians of the colony.

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



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DAY 14 | AT LEISURE ON THE COSTA DEL SOL

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

DAY 15 | DINING WITH LOCALS AND THE ALHAMBRA PALACE

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Continue to Granada, where overlooking the town stands one of the most remarkable fortresses ever built, the Alhambra. Led by your Local Expert,

explore this exquisite palace built as a citadel by the Moors in the 13th century - a fantasy of arabesque gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. Stroll through the elegant, exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the summer residence of the Spanish royals. (B) (L)

Gran Hotel Luna de Granada.

DAY 16 | TO MADRID IN SEARCH OF DON QUIXOTE

Your journey continues to the north, through countryside immortalized by Cervantes fictional hero, Don Quixote. On return to Madrid, toast your travels with your newfound friends during a lively Celebration Dinner of delicious food and wine at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Barceló Emperatriz, Madrid.

DAY 17 | FAREWELL MADRID

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

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Madrid | Celebration Dinner in Madrid Local | Restaurant Dinner in Fez and Casablanca | Taste Pastéis de Belém in Lisbon | Tasting Olive oil in Alfarnatejo | Dine-at-Home in Alfarnatejo.

Insightful Experiences

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

Granada: Visit the famous Alhambra Palace and Generalife Gardens with a Local Expert.

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DAY 6 | The Cristina Heeren Foundation aims to promote the teaching and conservation of flamenco and is a beneficiary of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Meet the students, learn some basic flamenco steps, and watch them perform an emotional show.

Insight Choice

Seville: Panoramic City Tour Drive with Local Expert or Old Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel across the Straits of Gibraltar between Europe and Africa | Visit Chapel of the Apparitions in Fátima | National Coach Museum in Lisbon | Seville Cathedral | Bahia Palace | Fes Medina | See Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca.

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Venice, 'La Serenissima', is a floating city made up of more than 100 islands and crisscrossed by over 150 canals and 400 bridges. Hailed as an engineering marvel, the city and its lagoon are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | ELEGANT COMO

Welcome to Italy. After being greeted by your Travel Director at Milan's Malpensa Airport, your transfer departs at 09:30 or 12:30. Later Join your Travel Director and head to an elegant restaurant on the shores of Lake Como, known for serving delicious fresh produce. Your Welcome Dinner provides the opportunity to mingle and get to know your fellow travelers over a pleasant evening. (D) **Palace Hotel, Como.**

DAY 2 | VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey through the beautiful Italian lake district, past Lakes Iseo and Garda to the floating city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your hotel offers authentic Venetian charm, as it reflects the history and culture of the surrounding area. This evening is at your leisure to experience the charm of Venice first-hand, whether by foot or on the canals. As night falls, why not savor the magic of St. Mark's square with its orchestras and al-fresco cafes? (B) **Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena.**

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, 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 the local traditional songs, as you drift along in awe. While here, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts center, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Spend the afternoon and evening as you wish or join an Optional Experience to the island of Burano. Leave the hustle of St Mark's Square behind on a delightful private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon. Alight at the island of Burano, famous for its candy colored 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 specialties with wine included. (B)

DAY 4 | TRANQUIL TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Journey to Pisa and see the Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles. Later, continue to Florence and start your explorations with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-colored 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.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. In the evening, dinner is served with a selection of Tuscan wine. (B) (D)
Hotel Albani Firenze, Florence.

DAY 5 | FREE TIME IN RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Learn the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork when you visit a local workshop to admire the intricate work. The rest of the day is free for you to fully immerse yourself in the Tuscan capital. Perhaps shop for leather or gold goods around Santa Croce or relax in one of the many street cafés. Be sure not to miss the magnificent museums and galleries that house some of the most famous works of art in the world. Choose to take an excursion to Tuscany's most famous hill-top town, San Gimignano. Soak up the atmosphere of this ancient gem which has remained intact since the 14th century and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. In the evening, enjoy an opportunity to sample the true flavors of the region with a sumptuous optional Tuscan dinner, served with local wine. Your destination serves the best of Tuscan cuisine accompanied by great music and drinks, including of course, Chianti from the local vines. (B)

DAY 6 | CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ORVIETO AND ON TO ROME

Journey to Umbrian Orvieto, a hilltop village overlooking a vineyard-covered plain. Explore the town with your Travel Director and visit Piazza del Duomo to admire the cathedral, before

continuing towards the Eternal City of Rome. Join an optional experience, Piazzas & Fountains. With your Local Expert, take a "passeggiata" (stroll) to enjoy the backstreets and secrets of pedestrian Rome. Be amazed at sights such as the fascinating Pantheon and the beauty of 17th-Century fountains and beautiful Piazzas. In the evening, why not throw your coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city? (B)
Golden Tulip Rome Piram.

DAY 7 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND DINNER IN THE VATICAN

In the morning, enjoy the very best of the city's highlights, including visiting the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. View religious masterpieces by the greats, including Michelangelo's pieta and Bernini's baldacchino. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum, site of memorable battles and a monument to the courage of gladiators. In the afternoon, gain fast-track entry to the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and visit the breathtaking Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's ceiling Masterpiece. This evening, indulge in a special Highlight Dinner hosted inside the galleries of the Vatican's Anima Mundi Museum. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Your brief sojourn through some of Italy's most iconic cities comes to an end as your departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Como | Taste wine from Tuscany | Celebration Dinner inside the Vatican's Anima Mundi Museum.

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DAY 3 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Insight Choice

Choose to visit the Accademia Museum or take a leisurely stroll and sample a typical Italian treat with time to enjoy the elegant Italian boutiques.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice | Visit Pisa | Piazza del Duomo in Orvieto | St Peter's Basilica | the Vatican Museums in Rome City tours of Florence and Rome, both with Local Experts | See the Bramante Staircase, Michelangelo's pieta, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Florence's Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio and Duomo, and St. Mark's Square in Venice | Travel past the Italian Lakes, through the cultivated lands of Emilia-Romagna and rolling hills of Tuscany.



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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN GIARDINI NAXOS

Welcome to Sicily. Relax in your hotel or take a stroll along the beach before meeting your Travel Director and traveling companions this evening. Your Sicily and Malta adventure begins with two glorious nights on the Taormina Riviera. (D)
RG Naxos Hotel, Taormina.

DAY 2 | TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE

Your hotel faces east, so early risers may learn why D.H. Lawrence christened this 'The Dawn Coast of Europe.' After breakfast, perhaps take an Optional Experience through the vineyards to Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. Travel to the old town of Taormina, which clings to the side of Mount Tauro, overlooking the Ionian Sea and Mount Etna. With your Local Expert, visit the Greek theater set on a cliff and open to the sky. Take a moment to sit in this ancient theater and admire the view through the crumbling arches to Mount Etna. Stroll through the tiny courtyard of the Palazzo Corvaja, Taormina's grandest building, and along the elegant Corso Umberto. (B)

DAY 3 | CEFALU AND PALERMO

Travel to the quaint fishing town of Cefalù. The town's imposing cathedral was erected to fulfill a vow made by the Norman King Roger II. Stroll down to the medieval stone fountain and seek out the Gothic arch of the Porta Marina for a picture-perfect view of the little harbor. Later, travel onwards to Palermo. (B)
NH Palermo.

DAY 4 | PALERMO & THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS

Explore Palermo with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the spectacular 12th century Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert. Discover hidden Palermo as you join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, and learn about the civil anti-mafia movement. Later this morning, visit Palermo Cathedral which has been altered many times over the years and observe its unique blend of architectural styles. Savor the delights of Sicilian cuisine this evening with your fellow travelers. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO RAGUSA

Journey to Agrigento. Explore the Valley of the Temples with a Local Expert and see the massive Temple of Concordia and the cliff-top Temple of Juno overlooking the sea. Your travels continue to the hilltop town of Ragusa. (B)
Mediterraneo Palace, Ragusa.

DAY 6 | ANCIENT SYRACUSE AND CATANIA

Sightseeing with your Local Expert takes you to Syracuse's Paradise Quarry with its unusual Ear of Dionysius, an ear-shaped grotto with an unusual echo. See the superb Greek theater, carved out of solid rock, one of the largest of the ancient world. There is time to explore the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

atmospheric Old City, a maze of narrow streets lined with palaces, sprawling over the island of Ortygia. It was here that the famous geometrician Archimedes ran naked through the streets, crying 'Eureka!' Continue to Catania to celebrate your time in Sicily over Dinner with your fellow travelers. (B) (D)

NH Catania Centro.

DAY 7 | FLY FROM CATANIA TO MALTA

During your private transfer to Catania airport, appreciate the vistas of Mount Etna one last time. Board your short flight to Malta where on arrival you are met and taken to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax and settle into your hotel. Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

Waterfront Hotel, Sliema.

DAY 8 | FREE TIME IN SLIEMA

Your day is at leisure. You may want to explore the World Heritage Site of Haġar Qim and Mnajdra temples before proceeding to the idyllic fishing village of Marsaxlokk, enjoy a stroll around the many market stalls whilst admiring the colorful 'luzzu' fishing boats in the harbor. (B)

DAY 9 | EXPLORE VALETTA

Your Local Expert takes you to visit the Upper Barrakka Gardens and St. John's Cathedral, designed in a baroque fashion. For lunch,

feast on a delicious meal made from fresh local ingredients. Visit the National War Museum and learn about Malta's important role in WWII with a lecture from an historian. (B) (L)

DAY 10 | FREE DAY IN MALTA

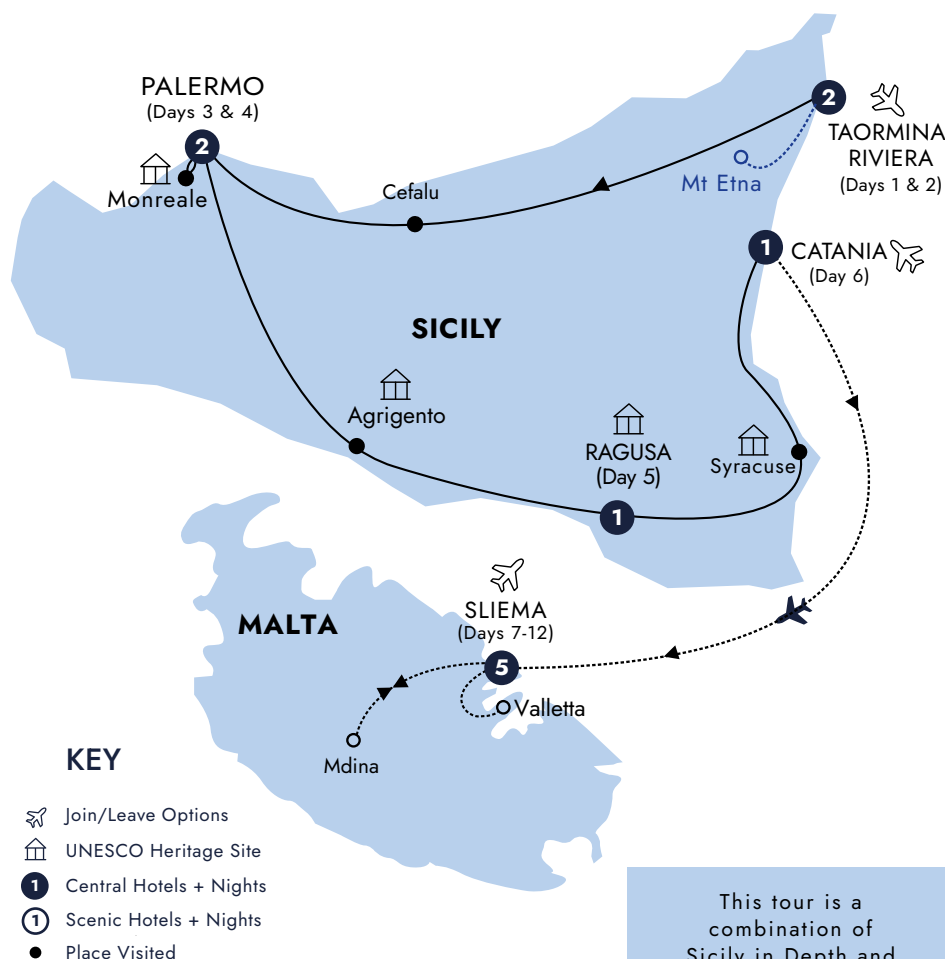
Today is free for you to relax at leisure on the rooftop terrace and enjoy the marvelous seascapes from the seafront hotel. Perhaps take a relaxing stroll along the promenade lined with restaurants and bars. If you're feeling active, why not take an Optional Experience with lunch on Gozo Island? Calypso Cave, found on the island, is said to be the one Homer wrote about in his acclaimed epic poem, The Odyssey. (B)

DAY 11 | MDINA THE SILENT CITY

Head to Mdina with a Local Expert in the late afternoon to explore this golden city, known also as the silent city for its shady streets and peaceful atmosphere. Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at a wonderful local restaurant where you'll toast to your trip with your fellow travelers. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | DEPART MALTA

It's time to say goodbye to this beautiful island and your fellow travelers, as a transfer takes you to Malta International Airport for your onward journey. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Taormina Riviera | Celebration dinner in Mdina.

Insightful Experiences

Selima: Visit the National War Museum, site of a former air raid shelter | Learn about the important role Malta played during WWII over a lecture by an historian.

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DAY 4 | Learn about the civil anti-mafia movement and discover the lesser known history of Palermo..

Insight Choice

Palermo: Choose to visit the spectacular Arab-Norman Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert. Alternatively, join your Local Expert on a walk through the lively local market.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Paradise Quarry and the Ear of Dionysius | Explore the Old City of Ortygia in Syracuse | Valley of the Temples in Agrigento | Palermo Cathedral | Greek Amphitheater in Taormina Riviera | City tours of Syracuse, Agrigento, Palermo, Taormina, Valletta and Mdina all with Local Experts | Visit Barrakka Gardens and St John's Cathedral | See Sliema | Marsaxlokk's Luzzus along the waterfront and local market.

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travelers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D) Kolbe Hotel Rome.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS

Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and pizza, and our guided walk with a Local Expert has it in abundance. Sightsee the local way, with a leisurely passeggiata through the backstreets, where a friend in Rome will explain how modern life takes place. Toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon, the best-preserved monument from the Roman period, and enjoy free time to do as the Romans do. Perhaps join a tour to discover the incredibly characteristic Roman quarter of Trastevere. Get off the beaten track and explore Rome's most untouched and unique districts and most consistently unchanged medieval neighborhoods, Trastevere is dotted with ancient and dimly lit churches, crumbling buildings and streets barely wide enough for a Fiat. With your Local Expert, explore the medieval labyrinth of alleyways and pause from time to time to take in this very atmospheric area. A maze of food shops, art galleries, cafes, apartment buildings and pretty squares, this district was once rather run-down and working-class, but has now become one of the city's liveliest and most popular neighborhoods. (B)

DAY 3 | VATICAN AND ALBEROBELLO

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides Fast Track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. Next, journey to the low hills and flatlands of coastal Puglia. Arrive in Alberobello and settle in to this unique town before dinner. (B) (D)

Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello.

DAY 4 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

With a Local Expert, admire the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Trulli of Alberobello, circular structures with conical roofs, built from limestone and stacked without mortar. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Trattoria Terra Madre. Alessandro, the owner, shares his philosophy of using home-grown organic and seasonal produce at their restaurant which focuses on sustainability and creating jobs for locals. See Nonna making orecchiette pasta during a demonstration, before a delicious four-course, Farm-to-Table Highlight Dinner. Your experience advances UN Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption & Production. (B) (D)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 5 | FREE TIME IN ALBEROBELLO

The day is free for you to enjoy this extraordinary town as you wish. Why not join an Optional Experience to the stunning city of Ostuni? With its dazzling white houses and fascinating history, it is a true delight. Your Local Expert experience reveals this town reminiscent of a North African Arab Medina. Admire the stark white-washed buildings, narrow cobbled streets and arched stairways. Set against three hills and perched high above the beautiful sea; 'The White Town' is a photographer's delight. Afterwards, visit a Mill to taste the renowned olive oil produced in this area that incorporates olives from the ancient groves of Puglia. Or, join an optional Masseria Dinner in Puglia, a food lovers' paradise. You're off to the countryside to a local 'Masseria', a typical ancient fortified 'Farmhouse'. Enjoy an authentic dinner in a 'country roads' experience all served up with great wines from the region. (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 recognize 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 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. (B) (D)
MH Matera Hotel.

DAY 7 | POMPEII AND SORRENTO

Start your day in Pompeii, buried in A.D. 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. 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

Cruise by jetfoil to the sun-drenched island of Capri. Enjoy an escorted ride in an iconic, open-top taxi to Capri Town and meet your Local Expert for an orientation walk through narrow alleyways. Explore Capri with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert and admire the views over Faraglioni Rocks. Alternatively, enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur. Descend to the port by funicular, before returning to Sorrento for Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART SORRENTO

Your journey through Italy's southern escapes comes to an end today. This morning, bid farewell to your fellow travelers as you depart Sorrento on a coach transfer to Rome. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Celebration Dinner in Sorrento.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain fast-track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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DAY 4 | Dine at Trattoria Terra Madre, where owner Alessandro and his nonna have built a restaurant that focuses on sustainability and creating jobs for locals. Everything is grown organically and harvested on site, and excess produce is donated to their community.

DAY 6 | Participate in the fascinating Wonder Grottole project. This regeneration initiative works to rehabilitate the abandoned historic center and preserves traditional village life.

Insight Choice

Capri: Choose to visit the exquisite Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert. Alternatively, indulge with a limoncello tasting, Capri's renowned lemon liqueur.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri | Ride an open-top taxi on Capri | City tours of Rome, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Matera and Alberobello, all with Local Experts | See Mount Vesuvius from Sorrento | the Sassi of Matera | the Trulli of Alberobello.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF UMBRIA & TUSCANY

Live 'la dolce vita' with VIP access to the Vatican, meeting a world champion gelato maestro and visiting a family run olive estate.

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E822

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ROME

Transfers to your hotel depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Join your Travel Director at 17:30 to explore the Eternal City, passing the renaissance palaces and baroque churches scattered throughout the city. Get to know your fellow travelers over a pleasant Welcome Dinner. (D) Hotel St. Martin, Rome.

DAY 2 | UMBRIA AND ON TO PERUGIA

Explore the Vatican Museums in the morning, where a local historian unveils the gems of the vast Papal art collection. Your special visit includes fast-tracked entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a part of the Vatican normally closed to visitors. View the imposing Basilica of St. Peter, the largest in the world. Journey north to the Umbrian village of Baschi. Immerse yourself in the flavors 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 before being entertained by Chef Lorenzo with a fun pasta demonstration and delicious Highlight Lunch accompanied by Orvieto Classico wine. Join a Local Expert in Perugia to navigate the underground labyrinth of little streets, alleys and arches. Walk Corso Vannucci, resplendent in pale-pink stone, passing the princely Priors' Palace, cathedral and finely sculptured Great Fountain in the main square. (B) (L) Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia.

DAY 3 | PERUGIA SIGHTSEEING & FREE TIME

During a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, visit an artisanal workshop to meet Marta, recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant, and her weavers. See how the fascinating art of loom-weaving textiles has been passed down through the generations and learn how this ancient craft is being preserved. Afterwards, you will be free to enjoy the many delights of Umbria's capital city. For dinner, choose your ideal ambience and palate-pleasing menu from a hand-picked selection of Perugian restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. Buon appetito! (B) (D)

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. Walk through the cobbled streets and beautifully preserved medieval laneways of this quaint town as a Local Expert provides insights into the legends and events that have shaped the region. 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. Continue through the twisted groves that carpet the side of Mount Subasio. (B)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 5 | TUSCANY TO CORTONA, SIENA AND SAN GIMIGNANO

Follow the shores of Lake Trasimeno to Cortona, one of the oldest hilltop towns in Tuscany. After free time to explore, 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 superb 14th century Town Hall. Explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval Cathedral. Alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert. Travel to your home for the next three nights, a delightful villa near the medieval town of San Gimignano. (B) (D) Villasana Paolo, San Gimignano.

DAY 6 | SAN GIMIGNANO SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

In the morning, your Travel Director will show you San Gimignano's medieval skyscrapers, serpentine streets and hidden squares. The town is also home to world champion gelato maestro Sergio Dondoli. At his artisan ice cream parlour on Piazza della Cisterna, the jaunty gelataio doles out his silky, frozen treats in a range of unique flavors for you to try. The rest of the day is at leisure; why not join an Optional Experience to Pisa and Lucca? (B)

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 baptistry 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 Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy tasting flavorful dishes prepared with locally grown ingredients, sourced from the farm or nearby Tuscan region. Relax as the pairing of home-made pastas with the farm's own traditional Chianti wine rounds off your great Italian adventure. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | COUNTRY DRIVE TO ANCIENT ROME

Leave behind the tower topped town of San Gimignano. Enjoy rolling Tuscan hills as you journey through the Italian countryside, making your way to Ancient Rome. On arrival, enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Perhaps explore the city's sites further on an evening stroll. See ancient monuments and bodacious fountains as you get a final glimpse of glorious Rome. (B) NH Roma Centro, Rome.

DAY 9 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Highlight Lunch in Umbria | Dine-Around options in Perugia | Farm-to-Table Celebration Dinner in Tuscany | Taste Gelato in San Gimignano.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Visit the Vatican Museums with a local historian and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



DAY 3 | Meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Learn how she offers employment opportunities for local women and alongside her weavers, preserves the ancient craft of loom-weaving in an artisan workshop.

Insight Choice

Siena: Enjoy a tasting of Panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert containing fruits and nuts, or visit Siena's medieval black and white striped cathedral with your Local Expert.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi | Siena Cathedral | City tours of Perugia, Assisi, Siena and Florence all with Local Experts.



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COUNTRY ROADS OF NORTHERN ITALY

From the Dolomites to the shores of Lake Como, meet a local fishermen in Lake Maggiore and sip Prosecco in Veneto.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E823

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ITALY

After a warm welcome at Milan's Malpensa Airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 09:30 and 12:30. Meet your Travel Director at 15:30 and join a local historian to navigate through Milan's history and the life of Leonardo da Vinci. See the impressive facade of Milan Cathedral and the world famous La Scala Opera House. Mingle and get to know your fellow travelers during your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Crowne Plaza Hotel Milan City.

DAY 2 | BERGAMO AND TRENTO

Bid farewell to this cosmopolitan capital of fashion and journey into the region of Lombardy. Bordered by the Alps to the north and tributaries of the Po River to the south, Lombardy is an agricultural region that produces 93% of Italy's rice. Bergamo is yours to explore this morning, or pause for a cappuccino in one of the many cafes. Admire the 16th century walls of the Città Alta and the modern buzz of the commercial Città Bassa. Skirting Lake Garda, the largest of the Italian lakes we enter alpine scenery. Enjoy time in Trento, a city is distinguished for its standard of living and the picturesque Medieval and Renaissance historic center. (B)

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)

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 pedestrianized Corso Italia, lined with designer stores and backed by the impressive green and white bell tower of the parish church. Why not ascend to the summit of one of the nearby peaks for magnificent panoramic views of the Dolomites? (B)

DAY 5 | THROUGH PROSECCO COUNTRY TO VENICE

Travel down through more majestic Dolomite scenery to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. Protected by the Alps to the north and caressed by the warm breezes from the Adriatic, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Stop 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 flavors and learn how to make the perfect bellini.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Continue on to the unique and remarkable island city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic and check into your hotel. (B)

Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

DAY 6 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. Join a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience during a visit to a traditional arts center, 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 savor the magic of St. Mark's Square with its orchestras and al-fresco cafes? (B)

DAY 7 | FAIR VERONA

Depart enchanting Venice 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 discover famous moments from the story

of Romeo and Juliet, stopping at Juliet's famed balcony. (B)

DAY 8 | COMO AT LEISURE AND LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey to Lake Como to explore. Nestled in the foothills of the Alps, this is a prime spot to catch a glimpse of Europe's rich and famous.

Journey onwards to Lake Maggiore's Baveno, renowned for its charming 16th century square and narrow cobbled streets. (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

DAY 9 | ITALIAN LAKES AT LEISURE

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. Savor delicious Farm-to-Table cuisine during your Celebration Dinner, accompanied by some exquisite Italian wines. Raise a glass to your travels and newfound friends. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | DEPART MILAN

Your journey draws to a close in the morning and transfers arrive at Milan's Malpensa Airport at 07:30 and 10:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Milan | Dinner in Verona | Farm-to-Table Celebration Dinner in Baveno | Taste Prosecco in Veneto.

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DAY 6 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art (pictured above).

Top Rated Highlights

Venice: Delight in the magic of this charming city as you are serenaded, traveling through the atmospheric canals by gondola | Travel by gondola on the canals of Venice | City tours of Milan and Verona, with Local Experts | Visit Bolzano and views of the Dolomite mountains | See the Bridge of Sighs and St Mark's Square | Take a private boat along the waterways of Venice.

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- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
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- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited



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BEST OF ITALY

*Fast-track access to the Bramante Staircase,
learn the secrets of leather making in Florence
and enjoy a serenade through Venice.*

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 16 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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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. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director, and get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

The day is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums, full of priceless art treasures collected by the Popes. Insight has arranged Fast Track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to wonder at another of his works, the emotive 'Pietà,' and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus. Admire the beautifully preserved Arch of Constantine, walking on the ancient pavement. Discover the history, the construction and the legends of the iconic Colosseum as you stroll around the exterior of this amazing structure. Later, perhaps continue your exploration of Rome to see the Pantheon, the stunning piazzas and fountains of Rome. (B)

DAY 3 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE

Drive to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. On arrival, you will be privy to the secrets of traditional Florentine leatherwork and see a gold demonstration. Learn about the history of leatherwork, its development in the region and its effect on the local culture. Admire high quality pieces as you appreciate the unique traditions displayed during today's demonstration. This evening, indulge in a delicious meal at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

NH Firenze/Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

DAY 4 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's

David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-coloured marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery, where Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise have been recreated in all their glory. Continue into the Piazza della Signoria, still the political heart of Florence and an open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Spend time gazing at statues such as Neptune and Hercules and Cacus along the front of the Palazzo Vecchio. Alternatively, take a stroll with your Travel Director to Piazza Santa

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

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

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

— CHRIS, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 5 | PISA TO VENICE, THE QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey to the coastal town of Pisa and see the famous Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles, as well as the baptistery and colonnaded bell tower behind the cathedral. Relax and enjoy the scenery as you cross the spectacular Apennine Mountains, through the Emilia-Romagna region - one of Europe's most intensely farmed and fertile plains. Continue through the marshes of the Venetian Lagoon before crossing the causeway into the floating city of Venice. As evening falls, day-trippers desert the city to return to the mainland. Appreciate the peace and tranquility of Venice from your centrally located hotel. This evening, indulge in a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)
NH Venezia Santa Lucia, Venice.

DAY 6 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Stroll past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the gilded façade of St. Mark's Basilica. Turn the corner, and view the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Restaurant Dinner in Florence | Celebration Dinner in Rome.

Insightful Experiences

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DAY 6 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

DAY 10 | Visit Casa Barone, a small family-run farm on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius and one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes. Learn about their commitment to sustainability and taste the flavors of this special tomato during your Farm-to-Table lunch.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri | Ride in an open-top taxi in Capri | Enjoy a gondola serenade in Venice | Visit Pompeii | Visit the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.



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centre. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. (B)

DAY 7 | ASSISI

Journey to the peaceful town of Assisi, dotted with medieval churches, colorful frescoes and shady courtyards. The town is UNESCO recognized as a World Heritage Site site known for the magnificent medieval architecture and for being the birthplace of Saint Francis. In the valley, see the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, much venerated as the place of St. Francis' death, then continue up Mount Subasio to the upper town. With your Local Expert, step inside the huge Basilica of St. Francis, built in the 13th century. You will find paintings by Cimabue, Pietro Lorenzetti, and Simone Martini inside, which have made Assisi a fundamental reference point for the development of Italian and European art and architecture. The frescoes painted by Giotto here within the basilica heralded a new era in Italian art. Arrive at your hotel, located in the heart of the medieval Old Town. Enjoy the tranquility of the historic old town during free time. (B) (D)

Hotel Giotto Assisi.

DAY 8 | SORRENTO ON THE COAST

Travel south passing Cassino, the scene of a fierce battle during World War II, which resulted in huge Allied and German casualties as well as the near total destruction of the town itself. Follow the spectacular clifftop road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples to Mount Vesuvius. After checking in to your hotel, spend the rest of the day at your leisure. Sorrento is known for its citrus fruits and abundance of lemons. As you wander through the town, keep your eye out for small lemon groves and trees hidden among the buildings. Locals continue to cultivate the fruit as part of their culture and of course to make Sorrento's most famous export – limoncello liqueur. (B)

DAY 9 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Cross the Bay of Naples to reach the beautiful Isle of Capri, a rock rising sheer from the Mediterranean. For 2,000 years, Capri has beckoned visitors from Tiberius to Gracie Fields. The island is famous for its dramatic stretch of coastline peppered with grandiose villas and you will see that the glitzy Italian island is a playground for glamorous celebrities and jet-setters still today. Arriving at the Marina Grande by boat, ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis. A Local Expert joins you for an exploration of the narrow alleyways. Browse in deluxe boutiques



and wonder at the views over the Tyrrhenian Sea, off the Sorrento Peninsula.

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 colorful Amalfi Coast? (B)

DAY 10 | POMPEII, FROZEN IN TIME AND ON TO ROME

Continue to Pompeii, the opulent Roman town which was preserved by layers of ash from the disastrous eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79. A walk with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets and extensive excavations reveals the daily life of ancient Roman civilisation. Visit the Forum and peer into shops and patrician villas, decorated

with colorful wall paintings. Unearthing treasures occurs every day during excavations in Pompeii. Snapshots of a lost Roman world continue to be discovered as one-third of the city buried under pumice and ash has yet to be excavated. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Vesuvius National Park and visit Casa Barone. This small family run farm on the slopes of the volcano is one of the world's only producers of Piennolo tomatoes, an endangered fruit that only thrives in the fertile volcanic soil. Each harvest is sustainably farmed and cared for by the extended Barone family, who all work here.

Be sure to savour the unique flavors of this rare tomato during a truly unique Farm-to-Table lunch. Your journey continues to Rome.

In the evening, enjoy an elegant four-course Celebration Dinner with local wine at a Roman restaurant. As you dine, enjoy a private performance of popular songs and arias from some of Italy's best-loved operas. (B) (L) (D) NH Roma Centro/Kolbe Hotel, Rome.

DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)



DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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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 ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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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. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director. Get to know your fellow travelers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel St. Martin, Rome.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your priority visit includes fast-tracked entry to the museums and a behind-the-scenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Later, continue to St. Peter's Basilica and cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B)

DAY 3 | PISA AND SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE

Enjoy a delightful drive to Pisa through rolling countryside dotted with cypress trees, passing vineyards and olive groves.

With a Local Expert, view the incredible Leaning Tower in the Square of Miracles from which Galileo is said to have conducted experiments on velocity and gravity. See the splendid cathedral and baptistry, decorated with mosaics and designs in solid marble. Your journey continues to the pretty seaside resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. (B) (D) 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 and spend some time exploring the medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach in Monterosso. Later, discover the resort town of Portofino, famed for its colorful houses. Should weather permit, return with a cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast to your hotel in the resort of Santa Margherita. (B)

DAY 5 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Head north to beautiful Lake Maggiore in the Italian Lakes District and the town of Baveno, noted for its narrow cobbled streets and charming 16th century square. On arrival, settle into your hotel and take in the magical scenery. In the afternoon, why not join an optional cruise to Isola Bella to explore the palace and admire the stunning and immaculate Italian style gardens. (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 6 | ONTO VENICE

Your travels continue past the Soave vineyards, the City of Padua and on to the canals of Venice.

In the evening, indulge in a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

NH Venezia Rio Novo.

DAY 7 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Stroll past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the gilded façade of St. Mark's Basilica. Turn the corner, and view the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts center. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. (B)

DAY 8 | A SCENIC JOURNEY TO FLORENCE

Bid farewell to Venice and begin your journey to Renaissance Florence. Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-colored 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 Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a specialty not to be missed. (B) (D)
Hilton Garden Inn Florence Novoli.

DAY 9 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Start the day with a traditional Florentine leather-work demonstration and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Perhaps join an Optional Experience to explore the hilltop town of San Gimignano? (B)



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 civilization during the Roman Empire. Follow the cliff-top road to the resort town of Sorrento. (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

DAY 11 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis. Explore the narrow alleyways

and descend to the port by funicular railway for the return to Sorrento. Later perhaps explore Positano on the Amalfi Coast. (B)

DAY 12 | SASSI DI MATERA AND ALBEROBELLO

After breakfast, discover two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. First, visit Matera for an in-depth guided exploration of the extraordinary Sassi, ancient troglodyte dwellings and churches dug out of the rock. These are the most extensive example of their kind in the Mediterranean and were inhabited by about 20,000 people up until 1950. Matera was also used as the setting for the film 'The Passion of the Christ'. Continue to Alberobello, the second UNESCO World Heritage Site and your home for the next two nights. (B) (D)
Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello.

DAY 13 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

With a Local Expert, admire the Trulli of Alberobello, circular structures with conical roofs, built from limestone and stacked without mortar. Later, perhaps explore Ostuni?



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This evening you are welcomed into the home of a local for a freshly prepared meal, typical of the region. Dine with the family and learn more about their life. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Follow the shores of the Gulf of Taranto to the mountainous Calabria region. Travel along the Violet Coast and board your ferry bound for Sicily, continue to the Taormina Riviera. (B) (D)
RG Naxos Hotel, Taormina.

DAY 15 | TAORMINA AND THE DAWN COAST OF EUROPE

Join a Local Expert for a visit to the Greek Theater, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. Stroll on to the tiny courtyard of the Palazzo Corvaja, Taormina's grandest building. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Mt. Etna? (B)

DAY 16 | PALERMO, CAPITAL OF SICILY

Head to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. On arrival, your Local Expert will show you the highlights of the capital. Palermo Cathedral has been altered over the years and a venture inside will help you to appreciate the composite architectural styles. Next, head to the amazing Palatine Chapel in the Palace of the Normans. With the outside completely covered in glittering 12th century mosaics, it provides an insight to what's within. Join your traveling companions and Travel Director at a local restaurant for an unforgettable Celebration Dinner of delicious local cuisine and wine. (B) (D)
NH Palermo.

DAY 17 | DEPART PALERMO

Your journey draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Falcone–Borsellino Airport at 06:00 and 08:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Restaurant Dinner in Venice | Bistecca alla Fiorentina Dinner in Florence | Celebration Dinner in Palermo | Dine at Home in Alberobello.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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DAY 7 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Insight Choice

Florence: Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. Alternatively, wander through the market stalls on a shopping tour.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel from Portofino to Santa Margherita on a cruise | Ride a gondola in Venice | Cruise to the Isle of Capri and ride in an open-top taxi | Visit Norman Palace and Palatine Chapel in Palermo | Greek Amphitheater in Taormina | City tours of Rome, Pisa, Cinque Terre, Florence, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Matera, Alberobello, Taormina and Palermo, all with Local Experts.

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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 to tour Pisa's tower.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Transfers to your hotel depart Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. At 17:30, join your Travel Director for a uniquely Roman Welcome Dinner. Get to know your traveling companions over a relaxed evening of dinner and wine, as you join your local host for a truly Italian, home-cooked meal. (D)

DAY 2 | ROME SIGHTSEEING AND DINNER IN THE VATICAN

Enjoy the very best of the city's highlights including visiting St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican with your Local Expert. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus famous for its chariot races, and the iconic Colosseum. Choose to join an optional piazzas & Fountains experience. With your Local Expert, take a "passeggiata" (stroll) to enjoy the backstreets and secrets of pedestrian Rome. Be amazed at sights such as the fascinating Pantheon and the beauty of 17th-Century fountains and beautiful Piazzas. In the afternoon, enjoy special fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection, before entering the Sistine Chapel to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece. Dine in the Vatican Museum during a private Highlight Dinner. (B) (D) room 007 Select, Rome.

DAY 3 | ROME AT LEISURE

Spend another day enjoying Rome at your own pace. Stroll to the boutiques of the Via del Corso and Via Nazionale or visit the elegant designer stores near the Spanish Steps. Perhaps take an Optional Experience south to the ill-fated town of Pompeii, buried in 79 AD by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, to visit one of the greatest archaeological sites in the world. With your Local Expert, stroll into a 2,000-year-old town revealing fascinating discoveries preserved in time. Later, take a panoramic tour of the Bay of Naples with the dormant Volcano as a backdrop. 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 café in the Piazza Navona and enjoy life's pageantry pass by? (B)

DAY 4 | ON TO FLORENCE

Drive through Lazio and the rolling hills of Umbria, regarded as Italy's green heart. Admire the Medieval hilltop towns perched like crown jewels overlooking the valleys below. Journey to the Chianti Hills and the city of Florence. (B) Hotel Roma, Florence.

DAY 5 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-colored marble cathedral, bell

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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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 Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Later, use your free time to shop or continue exploring at your leisure. (B)

DAY 6 | PISA AND THE TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE

After a leisurely morning in Florence, explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert. See the Leaning Tower, baptistery and the colonnaded bell tower, lurching out from behind the cathedral. Visit the organic farm Il Poggio and join a guided walk, exploring olive oil and wine production. After taking in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, enjoy tasting the farm's fine wines and olive oil, in addition to an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | ON TO VENICE

Today we travel through the Emilia-Romagna region, and stop to sample the flavors of the region and learn about Italian food culture over a delicious lunch with wine. Take the autostrada east to Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Your luxurious hotel gazes out over the Giudecca Canal and an unforgettably romantic city skyline. (B) (L)
Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice.

DAY 8 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

Your private boat takes you past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner, and the gilded façade of St. Mark's Basilica comes into view. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts center. See how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. This afternoon there is plenty of time to explore the museums, galleries and churches or browse through the shops on the Rialto Bridge. (B)

DAY 9 | VENICE AT LEISURE

Who could refuse another day to take in the unique atmosphere of this wonderful city? Lose yourself in the back lanes and quiet squares, where tourists seldom tread and the Venetians go about their daily lives. Maybe visit some of the 90 churches housing masterpieces of Venetian art or explore the modern artworks in the Guggenheim? Perhaps relax at a canal-side café sipping local wine or sample delicious lagoon-fresh fish? Later, board a traditional gondola for a serenade through the romantic canals. This evening, indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Home-Hosted Welcome Dinner in Rome.
| Highlight Dinner at the Vatican | Lunch at Fico food theme park | Dinner at il Poggio
| Celebration Dinner in Venice.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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DAY 8 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice | Visit Pisa with a Local Expert | City tours of Florence and Rome, both with a Local Expert | Scenic drives through the rolling green hills of Umbria and Tuscany | Learn about olive oil and wine production in Tuscany.

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TREASURES OF ITALY

Take a private tour of the Pope's art collection in the Vatican and cruise to Capri to tour the island in an open-top taxi.

11 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

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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. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travelers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)
Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

The day is devoted to the Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums. With Insight's fast-track entry gain behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to wonder at another of his works and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum, site of memorable battles and a legacy to the courage of gladiators. (B)

DAY 3 | ANCIENT POMPEII AND ON TO SORRENTO

Journey to the ill-fated town of Pompeii. Walk with a Local Expert through cobbled streets to learn about Roman life in the first century before enjoying a refreshing lemon granita. Follow the spectacular cliff-top road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples to Mount Vesuvius. (B)
Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

DAY 4 | THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Enjoy a morning in the town of Sorrento before heading off to the port to board your jetfoil to the Isle of Capri. Enjoy a scenic drive by open-top taxi past orange and lemon groves to your hotel. Visit Capri town with its whitewashed houses, winding alleyways and small cafes. A Local Expert escorts you to the lush Gardens of Augustus for views of the Faraglioni rocks. As twilight descends and the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, the island is yours to gather with locals in the piazzetta or relax with a glass of wine. (B)
Gatto Bianco Hotel & Spa, Capri.

DAY 5 | THE AUTOSTRADA DEL SOLE TO FLORENCE

Descend to the port by private open-top taxis and take the jetfoil across the bay to Naples. Follow the Autostrada del Sole and continue through Umbria and idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence. (B) (D)

DAY 6 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-colored 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 Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. After a demonstration of leatherwork, there's free time to shop or explore Florence on your own. In the evening, why not sample fine Florentine cuisine of tasty starters and typical Tuscan dishes accompanied by Chianti wine? (B) (D)

DAY 7 | CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO TO SANTA MARGHERITA

The famous Italian Riviera and Cinque Terre are a highlight of your journey. With a Local Expert, take a boat ride along the Ligurian coast (weather permitting) to admire its fishing villages before landing ashore to spend some time exploring one of the medieval quarters or the popular sandy beach. Continue to the village of Portofino, to admire the colorful houses. (B) (D)

Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.

DAY 8 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Journey to the beautiful Italian Lake District, where alpine scenery combines with lush subtropical vegetation. Enjoy time at leisure or perhaps cruise to the Borromean Islands?

Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)
Hotel Simphon, Baveno.

DAY 9 | TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY

Follow the southern fringes of the Alps to the vineyards by the shores of Lake Iseo. Here, winemaking traditions run deep. Taste the delicious vintages produced with a master vintner at a family-owned estate. Continue to the unique city of Venice and step back in time to the 16th century. (B)

Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice

DAY 10 | VENICE AND THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Your private boat takes you past historic churches and 13th century palaces to St. Mark's Square. The first sight is the pink marble of the Doge's Palace, connected to the prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. It was from here that Casanova made his daring escape. Turn the corner, and the gilded facade of St. Mark's Basilica comes into view. Afterwards, board a traditional gondola for a serenade along the romantic canals. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts center. 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 Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialties. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Dine-Around options in Lake Maggiore |
Celebration Dinner on Burano in Venice |
Taste wine with a master vintner near
Lake Iseo.

Insightful Experiences

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Top Rated Highlights

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri | Ride in an open-top taxi in Capri | Travel through the Cinque Terre by boat and train | Cruise to Santa Margherita from Portofino | Ride a gondola in Venice | Visit Augustus Gardens in Capri | City tours of Rome, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts | Scenic drive through the green rolling hills of Umbria with views of hilltop medieval villages | Visit the Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO Heritage area.

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ITALIAN ELEGANCE

Tour Rome's Colosseum, and go behind the scenes at the Vatican, and taste creamy flavors with a champion gelato maestro.

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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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. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travelers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)
room 007 Select, Rome.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH VATICAN DINNER

Enjoy the best of the city's highlights with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican and see the Colosseum and Circus Maximus. In the afternoon, gain fast-tracked entry into the Vatican Museums with a Local Expert. Admire the Papal art collection and observe the stunning Museo Gregoriano Profano before entering the Sistine Chapel. Dine in the Vatican Museum during a private Highlight Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 3 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-colored 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 Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Continue to your elegant hotel in Tuscany. (B) (D)

Villasanpaolo, San Gimignano.

DAY 4 | THE FLAVORS OF SAN GIMIGNANO

Spend time exploring the maze of alleyways and admire scenic views across the valley. Meet world champion gelato maestro, Sergio Dondoli, for a taste of his finest frozen treats. (B)

DAY 5 | PISA AND LUCCA

Drive through the Chianti hills and head to Lucca. Taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread. Continue to Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower and the splendid cathedral and baptistery. Enjoy leisure time to explore. Relax as you journey along the coast to the resort of Santa Margherita Ligure. (B) (D)
Best Western Regina Elena, Santa Margherita Ligure.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 6 | THE CINQUE TERRE AND PORTOFINO

Head for the Cinque Terre National Park for a highlight of your travels, a UNESCO World Heritage area and one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes. With a Local Expert, cruise along the rugged Ligurian coast and appreciate the views as you approach one of the picturesque fishing villages by boat (weather permitting). Enjoy the scenery on your train journey up the coast to Santa Margherita Ligure and catch a boat to the elegant seaside village of Portofino, the epitome of la dolce vita (weather permitting). Enjoy leisure time to admire the colored houses, browse the boutiques or simply stay a whilst in the cafe bars on the piazzetta, watching the yachts moored in the harbor. (B) (L)

DAY 7 | LAKE MAGGIORE

Head north to the beautiful Italian Lake District, a favorite retreat of the rich and famous where Alpine scenery combines with lush vegetation. Relax and enjoy an afternoon at leisure at this popular resort and beautiful lake. (B)

DAY 8 | CORTINA D'AMPEZZO

Travel through the stunning northern Italian countryside to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. Protected by the Alps to the north, and caressed by the warm breezes from the Adriatic, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Stop at Carmina where great care is taken to ensure these hand-picked grapes produce the world's finest prosecco. See how production differs from its more famous French counterpart, champagne. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavors and learn how to make the perfect bellini. Continue through the Dolomites, to the mountain resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | EXPERIENCE THE DOLOMITES

The whole day is free for you to explore the colorful peaks and sheer valleys of the Dolomites. There are a number of walking tracks to explore, or perhaps take a thrilling Optional Experience to the summit of one of the peaks for breathtaking panoramic views? (B)

DAY 10 | VENICE, QUEEN OF THE ADRIATIC

Descend through the mountains to the romantic city of Venice. A private boat glides you past canals lined with ornate palaces to St Mark's Square. See the basilica, the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, before checking into your luxurious hotel.

With the afternoon at leisure, why not cruise the Venetian Lagoon to the island of Burano? (B)
Splendid Venice - Starhotels Collezione.

DAY 11 | VENICE AT LEISURE

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts center, 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, stroll past the famous Opera House to our restaurant for a magical Celebration Dinner. Indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Highlight Dinner in the Vatican | Celebration Dinner in Venice | Taste prosecco in Veneto | Anise bread in Lucca | Gelato in San Gimignano.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain fast-track access into the Vatican Museums, witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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Top Rated Highlights

Cruise from Santa Margherita to Portofino | travel by train to Cinque Terre | Ride a gondola in Venice | City tours of Rome, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts | Scenic drive through green rolling hills of Umbria and Tuscany | Visit the Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO Heritage area | Marvel at the scenery of the Italian Lake District.

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ITALIAN ESCAPE

See where gladiators fought in Rome, wind through the cypress lined hillsides of Tuscany and glide through Venice's canals.

13 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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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. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30.

Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travelers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Hotel Romanico Palace, Rome.

DAY 2 | VATICAN CITY AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

A Local Expert leads you through the priceless art collection of the Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Your visit includes fast-track entry to the museums and a behind-the-scenes look at the Bramante Staircase. Later, continue to St. Peter's Basilica and cross the Tiber river to enjoy ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B)

DAY 3 | SIENA AND MEDIEVAL FLORENCE

In medieval Siena, stroll through the winding stone-paved streets to the vast Piazza del Campo. See the Fountain of Joy and walk up to the hilltop cathedral, striped with marble. Continue through the cypress-clad hills and vineyards of Tuscany to Florence.

Enjoy a traditional Bistecca alla Fiorentina steak dinner paired with delicious local wine, a specialty not to be missed. (B) (D)

Michelangelo Florence.

DAY 4 | FLORENCE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE RENAISSANCE

Explore Florence with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Accademia Museum and see Michelangelo's David. After continue on foot to admire the multi-colored 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 Piazza Santa Croce to enjoy a typical Italian treat in a local café, where you will be in the perfect spot to admire the basilica, indulge in people-watching the elegant Florentines and pamper yourself shopping for luxury goods like gold and leather. Later, use your free time to shop or continue exploring at your leisure. (B)

DAY 5 | PISA AND THE ITALIAN LAKES

Stop in Pisa to see the incredible Leaning Tower. See the splendid cathedral and baptistery, decorated with mosaics and designs of solid marble. (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 6 | THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT

Today is set aside for you to relax and enjoy all the fantastic sights of this beautiful lakeland area. On your Dine-Around Evening, choose from a selection of hand-picked restaurants carefully curated for your dining pleasure. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | TO VENICE WITH WINE ALONG THE WAY

Follow the southern fringes of the European Alps to the vineyards by the shores of Lake Iseo. Here, winemaking traditions run deep. Taste the delicious vintages produced with a master vintner at a family-owned estate.

Continue to the unique city of Venice and step back in time to the 16th century. (B) (D)
Hotel Carlton on the Grand Canal, Venice.

DAY 8 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

A private boat ferries you to St. Mark's Square. See the basilica, Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts center, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Enjoy being serenaded with traditional songs on a gondola ride, gliding through the city canals in romantic awe. (B)

DAY 9 | HILLTOP ASSISI

Journey to the stone-built, hilltop town of Assisi, home of St. Francis. See the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, before continuing up Mount Subasio with a Local Expert to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. (B) (D)

Hotel Giotto Assisi.

DAY 10 | SORRENTO ON THE COAST

Journey along the clifftop road to the picturesque resort of Sorrento, perched upon the southern

cliffs of the Bay of Naples and looking out to Mount Vesuvius. With the evening at leisure, why not try some of the local specialties during a regional dining experience? (B)

Hotel Isabella, Sorrento.

DAY 11 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

Cruise to Capri and on arrival step into one of the island's iconic open-top taxis for a drive up the steep, winding roads whilst a symphony of cicadas sing away in the pines. Your Local Expert leads you through the narrow alleyways of Capri town, before you descend to the port by funicular and return to Sorrento for some relaxation time. Perhaps join an optional visit to Positano and the Amalfi Coast? (B) (D)

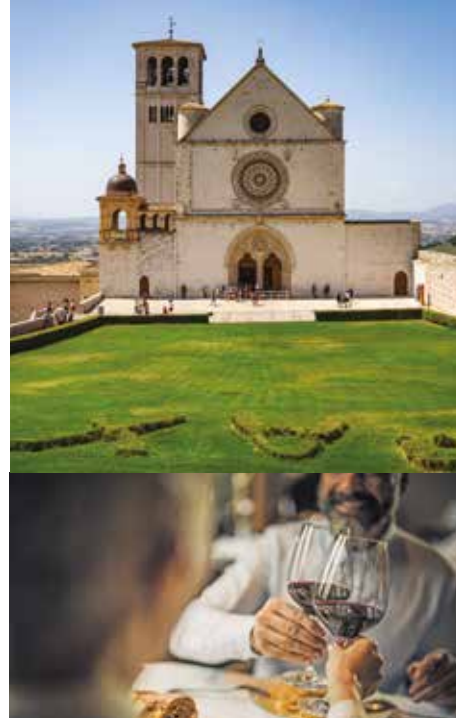
DAY 12 | ON TO ILL-FATED POMPEII AND ROME

At the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, your Local Expert walks you through cobbled streets. Witness the colorful frescoes that were hidden for centuries. Travel past the striking hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino on your return to Rome. In the heart of The Eternal City, you are treated to a quintessential Italian experience. Fine food, wine, music and a private performance of enchanting operetta for your Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome.

DAY 13 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Bistecca alla Fiorentina Dinner with wine in Florence | Dine-Around options in Lake Maggiore | Celebration Dinner in Rome | Taste wine near Lake Iseo.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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DAY 8 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by gondola, serenaded through the canals of Venice | Hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri | Ride in an open-top taxi on Capri | Visit the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi | City tours of Rome, Florence, Assisi, Isle of Capri and Pompeii, all with Local Experts | Scenic drive through green rolling hills of Umbria and Tuscany | Enjoy the glamor and views of the Italian Lake District.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY

*Glide to Capri, indulge in farm to table
feasts in Alberobello, and stay at a
luxurious resort in Sorrento.*

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 22 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E725M

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Welcome to Rome. Transfers depart from Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your hotel at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 17:30, and get to know your fellow travelers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D) Kolbe Hotel Rome.

DAY 2 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS

Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and pizza, and our guided walk with a Local Expert has it in abundance. Sightsee the local way, with a leisurely passeggiata through the backstreets, where a friend in Rome will explain how modern life takes place. Toss a coin into the spectacular Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon, the best-preserved monument from the Roman period, and enjoy free time to do as the Romans do. Perhaps join a tour to discover the incredibly characteristic Roman quarter of Trastevere. Get off the beaten track and explore Rome's most untouched and unique districts and most consistently unchanged medieval neighborhoods. Trastevere is dotted with ancient and dimly lit churches, crumbling buildings and streets barely wide enough for a Fiat. With your Local Expert, explore the medieval labyrinth of alleyways and pause from time to time to take in this very atmospheric area. A maze of food shops, art galleries, cafes, apartment buildings and pretty squares, this district was once rather run-down and working-class, but has now become one of the city's liveliest and most popular neighborhoods. (B)

DAY 3 | VATICAN AND ALBEROBELLO

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides Fast Track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. Next, journey to Alberobello. (B) (D) Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri, Alberobello.

DAY 4 | THE TRULLI OF ALBEROBELLO

With a Local Expert, admire the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Trulli of Alberobello, circular structures with conical roofs, built from limestone and stacked without mortar. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Trattoria Terra Madre. Alessandro, the owner, shares his philosophy of using home-grown organic and seasonal produce at their restaurant which focuses on sustainability and creating jobs for locals. See Nonna making orecchiette pasta during a demonstration, before a delicious four-course, Farm-to-Table Highlight Dinner. Your experience advances UN Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption & Production. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | FREE TIME IN ALBEROBELLO

The day is free for you to enjoy this extraordinary town as you wish. Why not join an Optional Experience to the stunning city of Ostuni? With its dazzling white houses and fascinating history, it is

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

a true delight. Your Local Expert experience. Or, join an optional Masseria Dinner in Puglia, a food lovers' paradise. You're off to the countryside to a local 'Masseria', a typical ancient fortified 'Farmhouse'. Enjoy an authentic dinner in a 'country roads' experience all served up with great wines from the region. (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. Continue to the small village of Grottole. Meet Andrea, a local striving to bring back the traditions 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 a light lunch with wine, helping to preserve the local culture. (B) (D) MH Matera Hotel.

DAYS 7 - 8 | POMPEII, SORRENTO AND CAPRI

Start your day in Pompeii, buried in A.D. 79 by the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Continue to Sorrento, perched upon the southern cliffs of the Bay of Naples. Cruise by jetfoil to the sun-drenched island of Capri. Explore the Isle of Dreams with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the immaculate Gardens of Augustus with a Local Expert or enjoy a tasting of limoncello, Capri's famous lemon liqueur. (B) (D)

DAY 9 - 10 | TO SICILY AND THE TAORMINA RIVIERA

Board your ferry across the Strait of Messina to Taormina. Your hotel faces east, so early risers may learn why D.H. Lawrence christened this 'The Dawn Coast of Europe.' Today, perhaps join an optional experience visit to Mount Etna with a Local Expert. (B)

DAY 11 | CEFALU AND PALERMO

Travel to the quaint fishing town of Cefalu. Stroll down to the medieval stone fountain and seek out the Gothic arch of the Porta Marina for a picture-perfect view of the little harbor. Later, travel onwards to Palermo. (B) NH Palermo.

DAY 12 | PALERMO & THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE NORMANS

Explore Palermo with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Monreale Cathedral with a Local Expert and marvel at the Byzantine mosaics. Discover hidden Palermo as you join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, and learn about the civil anti-mafia movement. Later this morning, visit Palermo Cathedral. This evening dine with your fellow traveling companions. (B) (D)

DAY 13 | EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES AND ON TO RAGUSA

Journey to Agrigento. Explore the Valley of the Temples with a Local Expert and see the massive Temple of Concordia and the cliff-top Temple of Juno overlooking the sea. Your travels continue to the hilltop town of Ragusa. (B) Mediterraneo Palace, Ragusa.

DAY 14 | ANCIENT SYRACUSE AND CATANIA

Your Local Expert takes you to Syracuse's Paradise Quarry with its Ear of Dionysius, an ear-shaped grotto with an unusual echo. There is time to explore the Old City, a maze of narrow streets lined with palaces. Continue to Catania to celebrate tour time in Sicily over Dinner with your fellow travelers. (B) (D) NH Catania Centro.

DAY 15 | DEPART CATANIA

Appreciate views of Mount Etna on your way. Departure transfers arrive at Catania Airport at 06:30 and 08:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Dine-Around options in Palermo | Celebration Dinner in Catania.

Insightful Experiences

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DAY 4 | Dine at Trattoria Terra Madre, where owner Alessandro and his nonna have built a restaurant that focuses on sustainability and creating jobs for locals. Everything is grown organically and harvested on site, and excess produce is donated to their community (pictured above).

DAY 6 | Participate in the fascinating Wonder Grottole project. This regeneration initiative works to rehabilitate the abandoned historic center and preserves traditional village life.

DAY 12 | Learn about the civil anti-mafia movement and discover the lesser known history of Palermo.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri | Ride an open-top taxi on Capri | Journey by ferry across the Strait of Messina | Visit the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento | Greek Amphitheater of Taormina | Palermo Cathedral | The Sistine Chapel | St Peter's Basilica | City tours of Rome, Pompeii, Isle of Capri, Matera, Alberobello, Taormina, Agrigento and Palermo, all with Local Experts.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF ITALY

Go behind-the-scenes viewing the Bramante Staircase, marvel at the gardens of at Castel Gandolfo and set sail to the rock isle of Capri.

16 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 20 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

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DAY 2 | VATICAN AND ROME WITH A LOCAL

Today is devoted to The Eternal City. Join a Local Expert for an in-depth visit to the Vatican Museums. With Insight's fast-track entry, gain behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture, normally off-limits to visitors. Visit the Sistine Chapel, where the Popes are elected, to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, to admire another of his works and stand beneath the dome completed after his death. Cross the Tiber river to enjoy views of ancient Rome. See the incredible Circus Maximus and the legendary Colosseum. (B)

DAY 3 | CASTEL GANDOLFO

Venture to Castel Gandolfo to explore the artistic treasure of the Villa Barberini Gardens. Ride an electric train along the pathways to marvel at the intricately designed mosaic flower beds and fountains. Continue to the resort town of Sorrento. (B)

Majestic Palace Hotel, Sorrento.

DAY 4 | CAPRI, THE ISLE OF DREAMS

With your Local Expert, cruise to the Isle of Capri and ascend to Capri town by one of the island's iconic open-top taxis. 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 | THE PICTURESQUE AMALFI COAST

Board minibuses and travel along the Amalfi Coast to Positano, famous for its terraced houses. (B)

DAY 6 | POMPEII AND TODI

Journey to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii and explore with your Local Expert. Journey through Umbria to Todi and savor the medieval ambiance during your orientation. In the evening, enjoy a Highlight Dinner at a local restaurant with a glass of Orvieto Classico wine. (B) (D)

Hotel Fonte Cesia, Todi.

DAY 7 | ASSISI AND ON TO PERUGIA

On arrival in Assisi, see the church of St. Mary of the Angels and visit the huge Basilica of St. Francis. A Local Expert walks with you down the Via San Francesco. Continue to Perugia for a guided exploration through the Old Town.

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit an artisanal workshop and meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. (B) Sangallo Palace Hotel, Perugia.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 8 | PERUGIA, THE JEWEL OF UMBRIA

The entire day is at leisure for you to explore this gem of a town on your own. (B)

DAY 9 | FLORENCE AND RADDA IN CHIANTI

Walk through Renaissance Florence with a Local Expert to see the marble-clad cathedral, bell tower and Gates of Paradise on the baptistry. See the area around Santa Croce Basilica, famous for the quality of its luxury goods. (B) (D)
CDH Hotel Radda, Tuscany.

DAY 10 | SAN GIMIGNANO AND SIENA

Visit the hilltop town of San Gimignano and enjoy a tasting with award-winning, master gelato maker, Sergio Dondoli. Later explore Siena with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the medieval cathedral or alternatively, sample panforte, a traditional Tuscan dessert. Enjoy a delicious exploration of Tuscany's red wines, discovering their robust flavors and absorbing history. In the afternoon, return to the tranquil surroundings of your hotel. (B)

DAY 11 | ON TO LUCCA

Travel to Lucca, a city perfectly preserved within encircling medieval ramparts. Taste the lavish loaves of buccellato, Lucca's sweet raisin anise bread.

Later, perhaps explore Pisa? (B) (D)
Hotel Villa La Principessa, Lucca.

DAY 12 | EXPLORING THE CINQUE TERRE

Get ready to explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Cinque Terre. Join a Local Expert in one of the picturesque fishing villages, before cruising along the rugged coastline (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 Parmigiano-Reggiano, accompanied by a glass of wine. (B)
Starhotels Du Parc, Parma.

DAY 14 | MODENA AND ON TO VENICE

Modena is famed the world over for its artisan balsamic vinegar. Visit a local producer to understand what makes this vinegar as expensive as top-rated wine, and enjoy a tasting. Continue to Venice where you will be serenaded through the atmospheric canals as you glide by gondola, past water-lapped doorways and rococo palaces. (B)
Hilton Molino Stucky, Venice.

DAY 15 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional arts center, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. Visit St. Mark's Square to admire St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and the adjoining Bridge of Sighs. Cruise the Venetian Lagoon to Burano and sit down to a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialties. (B) (D)

DAY 16 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Rome | Highlight Dinner in Todi | Celebration Dinner on Burano island in Venice | Taste Chianti wine in Radda | Gelato in San Gimignano | Buccellato in Lucca | Balsamic vinegar in Modena | Parmigiano Reggiano in Parma.

Insightful Experiences

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DAY 7 | Meet Marta, a recipient of a TreadRight Foundation grant. Learn how she offers employment opportunities for local women and alongside her weavers, preserves the ancient craft of loom-weaving in an artisan workshop (pictured above).

DAY 15 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

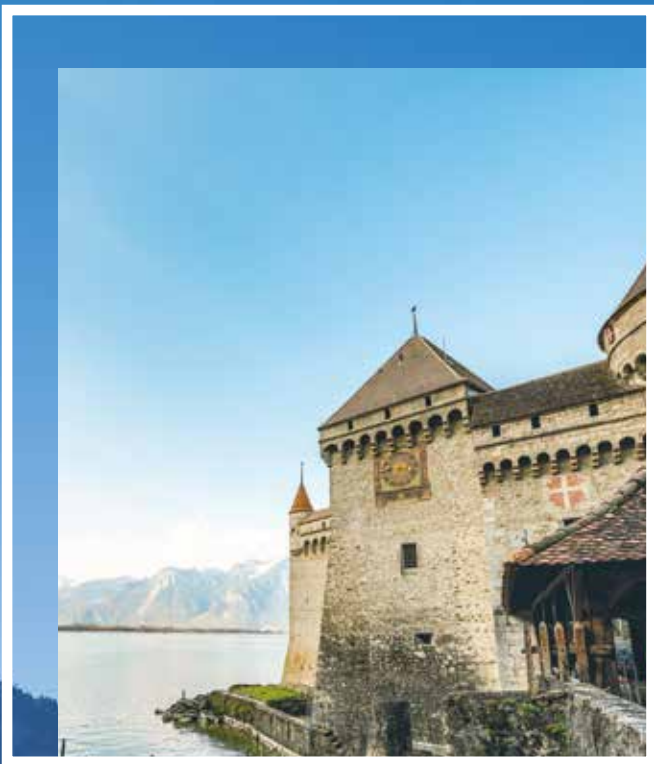
Top Rated Highlights

Travel by hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri and ride in an open-top taxi | Explore Cinque Terre by boat | Glide along the Venice canals in a gondola | Visit Papal Gardens and Castel Gandolfo | Positano | Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi | San Gimignano.

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The word "Alps" comes from the Latin word "Alpes", meaning "the white mountain range". Under the gaze of the Alps on the shore of Lake Geneva, you will find Chillon Castle, known as the most visited historic building in Switzerland. For nearly four centuries Chillon was the residence and profitable toll station of the Counts of Savoy.



Alps, Central & Eastern Europe

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Tour Berlin's iconic sights and, in Munich, see the Hofbräuhaus, St. Peter's Church and Marienplatz topped off with a farm-to-table dinner.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BERLIN

On arrival at Berlin's Brandenburg Airport, transfers depart at 10:30, 13:00 & 16:00.

At 18:30, meet for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Crowne Plaza Berlin City Centre.

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)

DAY 3 | DRESDEN, A BAROQUE PHOENIX ON THE ELBE

In Dresden, join your Local Expert to see the splendors of the city. From the Frauenkirche, which has risen again from the destruction of World War II, walk past 'The Procession of the Princes', a mosaic of colossal proportions on the Royal Palace facade. See 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)

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. Venture to medieval Erfurt and to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the best-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Plunge back into the 16th century during your orientation with your Travel Director as you walk through narrow cobbled streets lined with high-gabled houses to the market square, dominated by its Renaissance town hall. For your Dine-Around Evening, choose from a hand-picked selection of restaurants within the walls of the Old Town. (B) (D)

Hotel Altes Brauhaus, Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

DAY 5 | ROTHENBURG AT LEISURE

Enjoy an inspiring stroll through the narrow-cobbled streets with a Local Expert before taking in panoramic views on the historic city walls walk. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure for further exploration on your own, or perhaps a guided visit to the medieval town of Nuremberg. (B)

DAY 6 | FRANKFURT AND MAINZ

Continue your travels through to Frankfurt and take in the city's famed landmarks with a Local Expert. See the gable-roofed Römer, European Central Bank, Frankfurt Cathedral's Coronation Site, and the eminent Paulskirche. Complete your visit with a tasting of local Apfelwein. Your hotel is in the nearby town of Mainz, a bustling and important town since the time of the Romans. Enjoy a guided

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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visit of the Gutenberg Museum, dedicated to one of history's most important inventors. (B)
Hilton Mainz.

DAY 7 | CASTLES OF THE RHINE EXPERIENCE

Begin the day with a relaxing cruise past steep-sided vineyards, half-timbered taverns, hilltop castles and the infamous Lorelei Rock. Enjoy a delicious Farm-to-Table Lunch, prepared with locally sourced ingredients. (B) (L)

DAY 8 | HEIDELBERG AND FREIBURG

Continue your travels through to Heidelberg and venture inside Heidelberg Palace. See the Heidelberg Tun, a 130,000-liter wine vat, marvel at the panoramic vistas of the city and Neckar Valley from the castle fortress. Stop to meet the locals who still make cuckoo clocks by hand, a tradition passed down over 300 years. Continue on to the picturesque city of Freiburg, on arrival join your Local Expert for an orientation tour of the city. (B) (D)

Hotel Stadt Freiburg.

DAY 9 | THE BLACK FOREST AND CUCKOO CLOCKS

The best way to enjoy this enchanting region is on a lake cruise. Relax and soak up the atmosphere of the Black Forest on a guided wildlife walk with a ranger, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. On your journey, stop to meet the locals who still

make cuckoo clocks by hand, a tradition passed down over 300 years. (B)

DAY 10 | JEWELS OF THE BAVARIAN ALPS

Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, bristling with turrets and pinnacles, and built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. Continue to Munich, Bavaria's capital city and home of the world-famous Oktoberfest. (B)

Munich Marriott Hotel.

DAY 11 | THE BAVARIAN CAPITAL OF MUNICH

Explore Munich with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city center. Alternatively, visit the famous Residenz, and see its museum and Treasury. In the evening, round off your German experience with a farewell Celebration Dinner, complete with local wine. Prost! (B) (D)

DAY 12 | AUF WIEDERSEHEN MUNICH!

Your departure transfer arrives at Munich Airport at 07:00 and 09:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Lively Welcome Dinner in Berlin | Farm-To-Table Lunch in Bacharach | Dine-Around options in Rothenburg | Celebration Dinner in Munich.

Insightful Experiences

Black Forest: Discover the art of cuckoo clock making at a charming workshop in the Black Forest. Watch a demonstration by a lively artisan, while you enjoy a glass of cherry wine.

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DAY 9 | Join Ralf, a passionate Black Forest ranger, for a fun and educational wildlife walk in the pristine biosphere. Stop along the way to forage aromatic herbs.

Insight Choice

Munich: Choose between a foodie walking tour in the heart of Munich and enjoy authentic Bavarian cuisine, or visit Munich's Residenz, the largest city palace in Germany, and see its Treasury.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel along the Rhine on a scenic cruise. Visit Heidelberg Castle | Neuschwanstein Castle | City Tours of Berlin, Dresden, Weimar, Rothenburg and Frankfurt, all with Local Experts | See the Reichstag Building, Berlin Wall, Berliner Dom and Brandenburg Gate in Berlin | Dresden | Marienplatz and Glockenspiel in Munich | Rothenburg | Heidelberg | Mainz.

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GLORIOUS SWITZERLAND

Sample rich cheese fondue before a 5-star stay in Geneva, tour Chillon Castle and breathe in the Alpine air of Mt Stanserhorn and Zermatt.

8 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E965

DAY 1 | GENEVA, CITY OF GARDENS

Prepare yourself for the majesty of Switzerland's snow-capped mountains, glaciers, sparkling lakes, flower-filled meadows and rich, green valleys. Transfers from Geneva airport to your hotel depart at 11:00, 13:00 and 16:00. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00 in the hotel lobby, for a short stroll to your Welcome Dinner. The evening is full of Swiss delight, as you enjoy the cozy decor while being served typical Swiss specialties including cheese fondue. Return to your immaculate boutique hotel, the award-winning Hotel d'Angleterre. Enjoy British charm and the finest Swiss hospitality, with each room individually designed to reflect its elegant style. (D)

Hotel d'Angleterre, Geneva.

DAY 2 | MONTREUX, CHILLON AND THE MATTERHORN VILLAGE OF ZERMATT

Start your day with highlights of Geneva, the City of Gardens. See the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Then relax and enjoy the enchanting scenery as we continue to the charming town of Montreux. Situated at the foot of the Alps and boasting beautiful lakeside walks, enjoy free time to explore this pretty town. On the western bay of Lake Geneva, join Maud, head of collections at Chillon Castle, for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalized by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' Keep a look out for where the writer is rumoured to have left his mark. Continue through the Rhone Valley, where high summer temperatures support vines and other fruits. The final stage of your journey is by cogwheel train to the traffic-free Alpine resort of Zermatt. During your orientation with your Travel Director, feast your eyes on the distinctive triangular silhouette of the Matterhorn. At night, enjoy a stroll in the fresh mountain air to your chosen restaurant for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

Resort Hotel Alex/Walliserhof Grand-Hotel & Spa.

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN ZERMATT

Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking, or spend a whole day relaxing in the fresh Alpine surroundings. Perhaps take an optional ride on Europe's highest cable car to the snow-capped roof of the world for a magnificent panorama of the highest peaks in Switzerland, Italy and France. This evening, take in your picturesque surrounds as you relax or explore at leisure. (B)

Resort Hotel Alex, Zermatt.

DAY 4 | ELEGANT BAVENO

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-meter summit. Continue along the gentle shores of Lake Maggiore. Perhaps take a delightful boat trip to see the stunning Isola Bella? (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 5 | GRISON ALPS TO CHIC ST. MORITZ

Head north back into the high mountain country of the Grisons Alps today. Ascend the San Bernardino and the Julier Passes to arrive in the sparkling Engadine Valley with an invigorating climate characterised by clear skies and its location high in the Alps. On arrival in the cosmopolitan resort of St. Moritz, a brief orientation with your Travel Director will show you the spa quarter and the brilliantly sparkling glacial lake, before there is time to explore further on your own, or perhaps step aboard the Bernina Express to experience one of Europe's most outstanding train journeys? (B) (D)
Crystal Hotel/Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

DAY 6 | SCENIC TRAIN RIDE, LIECHTENSTEIN AND LUCERNE

Start the day with a scenic train ride along part of the route of the Glacier Express, through unforgettable scenes of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. At Chur, reboard your coach and travel along the valley of the Upper Rhine to spend some time in Vaduz, the tiny capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, where you explore the area around the castle. Continue to Lucerne alongside the dramatic Walensee and Lake Zürich. On arrival, see the sorrowful sculpture of the wounded lion, commemorating the brave Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Your Travel Director will also show you the Jesuit Church and the Chapel Bridge. This evening, experience the local cuisine at your

leisure, or enjoy folklore music and a traditional dinner. (B)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 7 | THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN

Commence the day with a morning stroll along lakeside promenades or shopping for fine watches while enjoying the scenery. Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Celebrate new friends and enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn with magnificent views over Lake Lucerne at Restaurant Seeblick. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

In the morning, your departure transfer will arrive at Zürich airport at 08:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Geneva | Dine-Around options in Zermatt | Celebration Dinner in Lucerne.

Insightful Experiences

Lake Geneva: Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artifacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

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DAY 7 | Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway to Zermatt | Travel along part of the route of the Glacier Express | See Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock in Geneva | Lake Geneva and the Alps from Montreux | Matterhorn from Zermatt | Lake Maggiore | Baveno's cobbled streets | St. Moritz | Vaduz Castle | Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne.



See more experiences online

COUNTRY ROADS OF SWITZERLAND

Explore a former Duke's home on Lake Geneva's shore, wander Lucerne's wooden bridges and reach Stanserhorn's summit.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E728

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LUCERNE

Welcome to Switzerland. On arrival at Zürich airport, transfers leave for your hotel in Lucerne at 09:30 and 13:30. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00, followed by a pleasant Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (D) Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

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 take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Return to the 14th century city of Lucerne to see its storybook wooden bridges, baroque church and sorrowful Lion Monument. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B)

DAY 3 | BERN, GRUYÈRES AND MONTREUX

In Bern, your Local Expert, a local English teacher, shows you the Cathedral of St. Vincent, Federal Palace and floral displays. Gather at the clock tower to watch the mechanical procession of painted figures before viewing the Ogre Fountain. Continue to the fortified town of Gruyères, where there is time at leisure. From Montreux, travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to visit a winery. Admire the stunning panorama overlooking the lake and savor a tasting of tantalising, local wines. Delight in a delicious Farm-to-Table light dinner, made from locally sourced produce, and learn how the family is preserving the estate for future generations on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) (D) Grand Hôtel Suisse-Majestic, 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, immortalized by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' (B)

DAY 5 | GENEVA AND SCENIC LAKE CRUISE

Follow the shores of the lake to the international city of Geneva, seeing the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Next, relax in first-class comfort on the waters of Lake Geneva during a highlight cruise. This evening, enjoy time at leisure on the promenade of your lakeside resort. (B)

DAY 6 | MARTIGNY, SION AND ZERMATT

Journey to Martigny to view the Roman Amphitheater and continue to the town of Sion to see the cathedral and Old Town Hall. Complete your journey via cogwheel train to the traffic-free mountain resort of Zermatt. This evening, take your pick from a selection a local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. Perhaps you will delight in the typical Swiss dining experience of fondue? (B) (D) Resort Hotel Alex, Zermatt.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 7 | ZERMATT AT LEISURE

Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking or relaxing in your alpine surroundings. Perhaps take a trip to the Klein Matterhorn to view the magnificent snow-capped top of the world. (B)

DAY 8 | THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT TO BAVENO

Descend to Täsch for a scenic drive to Brig, where you'll commence your ascent of the Simplon Pass. The afternoon is at your leisure. Perhaps join an experience to the stunning Isola Bella? (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

DAY 9 | THE GLAMOR AND GLITZ OF ST. MORITZ

Journey along the shores of Lake Maggiore, heading north to the three fortifications at Bellinzona. Meet your Local Expert for a fascinating insight into this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue through the Grisons Region, following the Rhine River to the glamorous resort of St. Moritz. (B)

Crystal Hotel/Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

DAY 10 | LEISURE TIME IN ST. MORITZ

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)

DAY 11 | THE GLACIER EXPRESS

Step aboard the Glacier Express to experience one of the world's great railway journeys. Cross the Landwasser Viaduct and head down through the Oberalp Valley, rejoining the coach at Andermatt. Drive through the Schöllenen Gorge, along the Grindelwald Valley and follow the Lütschine River to Lauterbrunnen. See the Staubbach Falls plunge 300 meters from the plateau above. (B) (D)

Romantik Hotel Schweizerhof Grindelwald.

DAY 12 | GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE

Enjoy a day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald further. Perhaps take a cogwheel train ride to the summit of the Jungfrau mountain? (B)

DAY 13 | RURAL SWITZERLAND TO ZÜRICH

Journey to Brienz to visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving Center. On return to Zürich, see the Bahnhofstrasse, Grossmünster, River Limmat and Fraumünster.

Join your travel companions at a local restaurant.

Your Celebration Dinner is accompanied with wine - raise your glass to toast to your adventures. (B) (D)

Renaissance Zurich Tower Hotel/Opera Hotel.

DAY 14 | DEPART ZÜRICH

Your Swiss adventures come to and end this morning, with a transfer to Zürich airport arriving at 08:00. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Lucerne | Dine-Around options in Zermatt | Celebration Dinner in Zürich.

Insightful Experiences

Lake Geneva: Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artifacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

Bellinzona: Explore the stunning town of Bellinzona with your Local Expert | Julie will passionately share with you her insights into the three marvelous castles, and her personal stories about how she fell in love with this city and decided to move to the area.

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DAY 2 | Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora.

DAY 3 | Visit a winery. Enjoy a tasting, and learn how the family is preserving the estate for future generations.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the Glacier Express | Cruise on Lake Geneva | Ride the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway to Zermatt | Visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving | Center in Brienz | See Zürich | Lucerne's Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge | Travel in St. Moritz with your included pass | Lauterbrunnen | Staubbach Falls | the glacier village of Grindelwald.

See more experiences online



COUNTRY ROADS OF BAVARIA, SWITZERLAND & AUSTRIA

*Ride a funicular to a mountaintop Stanserhorn Dinner,
step aboard the Glacier Express for vistas of ice capped
mountains and visit Neuschwanstein Castle.*

12 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E727

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA

At Vienna airport, transfers to your hotel will leave at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30. At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and enjoy a pleasant Welcome Dinner served with wine at a local restaurant. (D) InterContinental Vienna.

DAY 2 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Join 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 recognizable due to its appearance in 'Sound of Music'. (B)

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, the immense cathedral in the Old Town. Visit Mozart's birthplace. 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 as you dine at a local organic farm. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | SALZBURG TO MUNICH

This morning, board a boat to explore the sites of picturesque Herrenchiemsee. Visit the palace and Fraueninsel convent. Enjoy time at leisure in the gardens over lunch before continuing by boat to Gstadt. Journey by coach to Munich, and see the world-famous Oktoberfest. This evening, revel in a truly Bavarian experience as you dine at a local beerhall. (B) (D)

Munich Marriott Hotel.

DAY 6 | EXPLORE MUNICH AND DACHAU

Journey to Munich for a city orientation of the university, Victory Arch and the Marienplatz, where crowds gather at the Town Hall to watch the antics of the Glockenspiel. After, explore with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert for a foodie walking tour in the city center. 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 remembrance. Reflect on the weighty history that marks the site and observe the importance of its preservation. (B)

DAY 7 | ON TO INNSBRUCK

Embark on an exciting visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, bristling with turrets and pinnacles and built as a retreat for the wildly eccentric King Ludwig

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

II. See the extravagantly decorated apartments, including the Throne Room and Lohengrin Grotto. Continue to Oberammergau, home of the Passion Play since 1634. See the immense theater and admire the colorful 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 guides 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 marvelous scenery, fresh air and maybe visit its many museums or shop for souvenirs. Perhaps step aboard the Bernina Express to experience one of Europe's most outstanding train journeys? (B) (D)

Crystal Hotel/Hotel 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, to Stans. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a seasonal juice tasting. Your Travel Director will show you the beautiful and poignant Lion Monument, which honors the Swiss Guards in Lucerne. (B)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

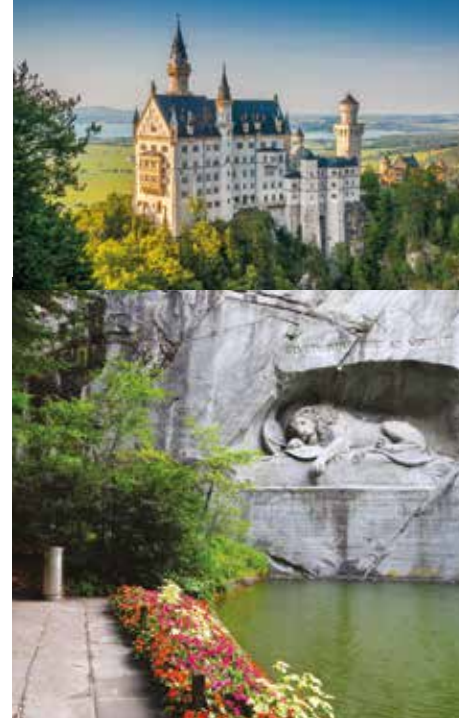
DAY 11 | DINNER AT THE 'ROOF OF EUROPE' IN STANSERHORN

Enjoy the morning at your leisure to explore the city's 14th century covered wooden bridge, painted gables, old walls and watchtower of the medieval fortifications. Stroll across the Chapel Bridge to the Jesuit Church, or use your free time to shop. Later, head to the town of Stans where you'll embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and cable car, to the summit of the stunning Stanserhorn. On a clear day, there are views as far as Alsace in France and the Black Forest in Germany.

Here amid true Alpine majesty, your journey literally peaks with an unforgettable Celebration Dinner, hosted in Drehrestaurant Rondorama, located atop the mountain. Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and admire the stunning panoramic views as the restaurant slowly rotates throughout the evening, ensuring you don't miss a thing. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

Your Alpine adventures end this morning, with a transfer to Zürich airport arriving at 08:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Enjoy expansive mountain views over Lake Lucerne for your special Celebration Dinner | Welcome Dinner in Vienna | Dine-Around options in Innsbruck | Highlight dinner in Munich | Farm to table dinner in Salzburg.

Insightful Experiences

Salzburg: Experience a Musical Demonstration at Mozart's Birthplace.

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DAY 10 | Taste a refreshing seasonal juice at a renovated Capuchin monastery producing sustainable crops from the alpine region.

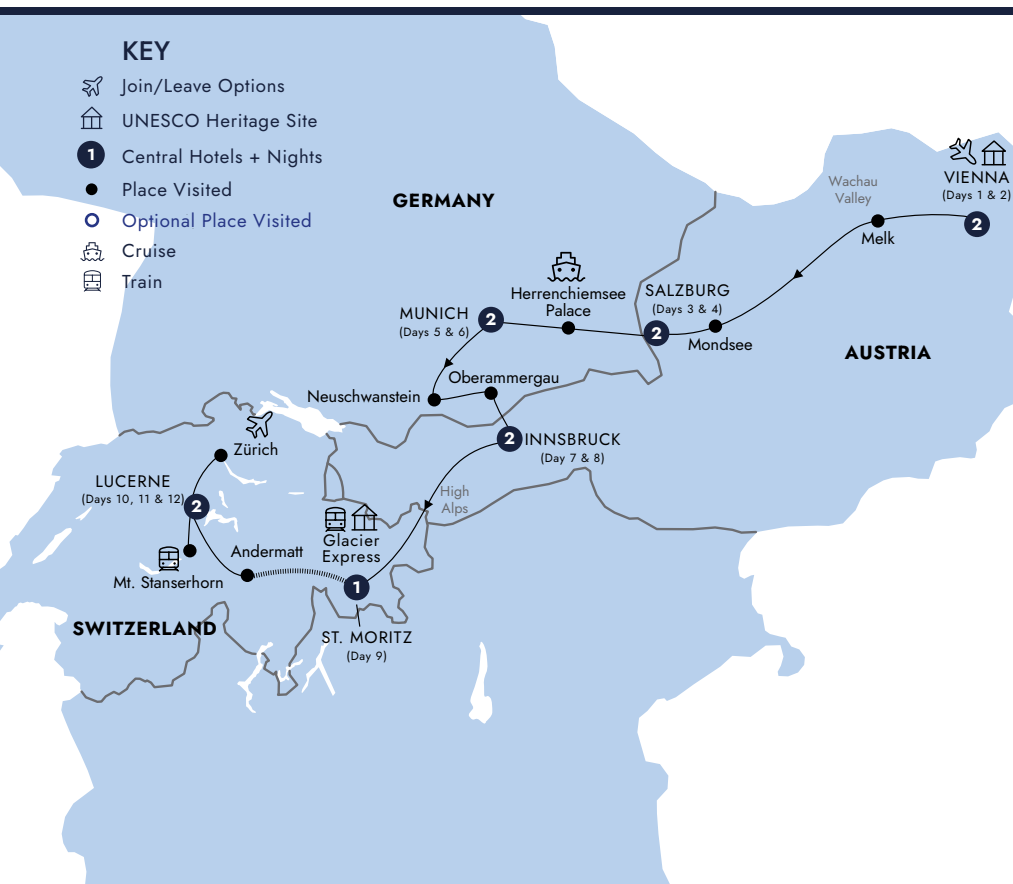
Insight Choice

Choose between a Foodie Walking Tour or a Visit to the Residenz and its Treasury.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the Glacier Express | Visit Neuschwanstein Castle | City tours of Innsbruck, both with Local Experts | See Feldherrnhalle in the Odeonsplatz, Palace of the Dukes of Wittelsbach, English Garden, Hofbräuhaus and Marienplatz in Munich | the church featured in 'The Sound of Music' in Mondsee | Hofburg Imperial Residence and Opera House in Vienna | Old Town, Imperial Palace and Golden Roof in Innsbruck | St. Moritz | Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne.

See more experiences online



CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF AUSTRIA & BAVARIA

Embrace your yuletide spirit. Warm up with Glühwein, browse Salzburg's 500-year-old market and view Munich's six-story tall Christmas tree.

8 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Transfers from Vienna airport to your hotel depart at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30. Vienna's rich history comes to life on a guided stroll through the imposing grounds and vast hallways Schönbrunn Palace. Visit Mozart's family home in Salzburg and explore the 500-year-old Christmas Market, where the air is filled with the sweet scent of mulled wine. Explore Innsbruck with Insight Choice. Choose to take a horse and carriage ride through the picturesque streets. Alternatively, visit the Swarovski Crystal Worlds, located in the Alpine Tyrol region.

As you arrive in Germany, visit Oberammergau, famous for its Passion Play, performed since 1634. Visit fairy tale Neuschwanstein Castle, perched on a spectacular Alpine mountainside. Make your way to fun-loving Munich. On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, delve into long lost Advent traditions with a Local Expert, and delve into the flavors of the traditional Christmas Market in the Marienplatz.

On the final day of your trip departure transfers arrive at Munich airport at 07:00 and 09:00.

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Christmas Markets



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Vienna | Dinner and Tyrolean entertainment in Innsbruck | Celebration Dinner in Munich.

Insightful Experiences

Experience a Musical Demonstration at Mozart's Birthplacet in Salzburg.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



DAY 7 | Join a unique exploration of Munich's old town, away from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas markets, to uncover Munich's forgotten advent traditions. Along the way, get a taste of delicious advent treats from small independent businesses.

Insight Choice

Choose between a horse drawn carriage ride in Innsbruck or a visit to Swarovski Crystal Worlds.

Top Rated Highlights

City tours of Vienna and Salzburg, both with Local Experts | Vienna Schönbrunn Palace Private Tour | Visit Neuschwanstein Castle.

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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W520

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Nov - Dec

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

ALPINE CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Celebrate Christmas among the Alps admiring Salzburg's spires, sampling gingerbread and visiting France's oldest Christmas market.

9 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 13 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets

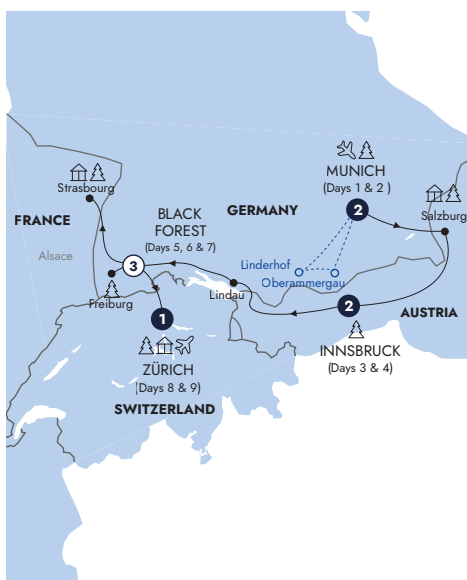
Transfers from Munich airport to your stylish hotel depart at 10:00 and 13:00. After your orientation, spend time at the traditional Christmas Market in Marienplatz, surrounded by the fragrance of Bavarian delicacies. In Munich, choose between a Foodie walking tour and Munich Residenz visit with a Local Expert.

Stop in baroque Salzburg, 'alive with the sound of music,' and visit Mozart's family home. Visit the quirky headquarters of Swarovski Crystal for a highlight dinner. Explore Innsbruck and enjoy a relaxed horse-drawn carriage ride.

Return to Germany and discover the old town of Lindau, located on a small island in Lake Constance. Visit the lively university town of Freiburg, the jewel of the Black Forest.

Cross the mighty Rhine river and visit Strasbourg in the Alsace region. Look out for local bite-sized 'bredele' biscuits at France's oldest Christmas market.

Travel to Zurich in Switzerland and taste sustainable chocolates on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. On your final day, transfers to the airport depart every 15 minutes.



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Munich | Dinner at Swarovski Crystal Worlds | Dinner in the Black Forest | Swiss Celebration Dinner in Zurich.

Insightful Experiences

Experience a musical demonstration at Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg.

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EXPERIENCE



DAY 8 | Taste delicious Fairtrade Swiss chocolates that have been sourced sustainably.

Insight Choice

Visit the Residenz and its treasury or embark on a Foodie walking tour.

Top Rated Highlights

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe | Departures explore Christmas markets in Munich, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Strasbourg, Freiburg and Zurich | City tour of Salzburg with a Local Expert | Enjoy Innsbruck Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride.

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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W550

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Nov - Dec

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

CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF GERMANY

Sip Glühwein at Germany's premier Christmas markets, dine on German delicacies in Berlin and experience Dresden's Christmas pyramids.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- 1** Central Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Christmas Markets

Transfers from Berlin's Brandenburg Airport to your hotel depart at 10:30, 13:00 & 16:00. Immerse yourself in the festive spirit as Berlin prepares for Christmas. Soak up the highlights of this once divided city and immerse yourself in the festive spirit, as it prepares for Christmas.

Visit Bach's St. Thomas Church and the medieval Market Square in Leipzig. In Dresden, delve into the delights of Germany's oldest Christmas market. With a local foodie, taste the local Christmas cake, 'Christstollen,' and delicious Glühwein. Nuremberg's market stalls are donned in red and white cloth, and offer glass Christmas baubles, handmade figurines and gingerbread.

Visit the charming old town of Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber on your way to Bavaria's capital. In Munich, stroll around Marienplatz, and discover the delicacies and souvenirs of their Christmas Market. Choose between a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience through Munich's lost Advent traditions or visit the Residenz and its Treasury.

On the last day of your trip, departure transfers arrive at Munich airport at 07:00 and 09:00.



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Berlin | Festive Celebration Dinner in Munich.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



DAY 7 | Join a unique exploration of Munich's old town, away from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas markets, to uncover Munich's forgotten advent traditions. Along the way, get a taste of delicious advent treats from small independent businesses.

Insight Choice

Enjoy Advent guided walking tour or visit the Residenz and its Treasury in Munich.

Top Rated Highlights

Select departures will explore Christmas markets in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber and Munich | Visit Thomaskirche in Leipzig | City tours of Berlin & Dresden with a Local Expert.

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Trip code: W500

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Nov - Dec

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

CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF POLAND, PRAGUE & GERMANY

Embrace the festive season in Europe. Indulge your taste buds with traditional treats in Prague and exploring the festive Krakow Christmas Market.

8 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 11 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Arrival transfers from Kraków airport to your central hotel depart at 12:30 and 15:00.

Stroll through the medieval streets of Kraków, from Wawel Royal Castle to the spectacular Market Square with your Local Expert. In Wrocław, the 13th century Town Hall watches over its inviting Christmas Market. Taste traditional gingerbread on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose a walk through the castle courtyards and a visit to the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert on an exploration of the Jewish Quarter, uncovering the history and traditions of the neighborhood. Sample a delicious mug of mulled wine, known as Svařák, and the popular Trdelník pastry at the Old Town Christmas Market.

Visit Dresden as you arrive in Germany and see the world's largest Christmas pyramid. Berlin awaits with its fascinating history, festive cheer and Christmas markets, dotted all around the city. Celebrate new friendships over a Celebration Dinner.

On the last day of your trip departure transfers arrive at Berlin airport at 07:00 and 10:00.

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited
- Christmas Markets



Superior Dining

Prague mulled wine and pastry tasting | Welcome Dinner in Kraków | Celebration Dinner in Berlin.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



DAY 3 | Get a taste of forgotten varieties of gingerbread, traditional from Lower Silesia region. Using only local ingredients, these treats are a true delight.

Insight Choice

Choose between a Castle Walking Tour with Local Expert or a Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert in Prague.

Top Rated Highlights

Embrace the magic of Christmas time in Europe | Select departures explore Christmas markets in Kraków, Wrocław, Prague, Dresden and Berlin | City tours of Krakow, Dresden and Berlin with a Local Expert.

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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W530

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Nov - Dec

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

THE BOHEMIAN

Sample the locals favorite spicy 'kielbasa' in Kraków, dance the waltz in Vienna and embrace the fairy tale town of Český Krumlov.

9 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 12 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E957

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA

At Vienna airport, transfers to your hotel will leave at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30. At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and enjoy a pleasant Welcome Dinner served with wine at a local restaurant. (D) Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 2 | STATELY VIENNA AND THE HABSBURG

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance, as you marvel at the intricacies of gilded Rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers. Explore Vienna by joining a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience, take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop and support the visually impaired community. Dancing in the dark, in a specially designed sensory studio, will be a unique experience for all your senses.

Then get your camera ready for a drive around the Ring Road, a grand boulevard built along the lines of the old city walls, showcasing many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. (B)

DAY 3 | CHARMING ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Once over the Czech border, head for picturesque Český Krumlov, where you'll start with a brief orientation tour of this fairy-tale town, straight out of the Middle Ages. Enjoy some free time to explore and appreciate views of the Vltava River. Wander through the cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colorful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Golden Prague. (B) Hotel Royal Prague.

DAY 4 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. Continue to Old Town Square where the mechanical antics of the Astronomical Clock's glockenspiel delight onlookers each hour. (B)

DAY 5 | REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ THEN ONTO KRAKÓW

Enjoy a gentle drive through the rolling Czech countryside before crossing into Poland where you will stop at Oświęcim, better known by its German name of Auschwitz. Join a guided tour of the memorial and museum and stop at Birkenau, which bore witness to the terrible atrocities of the Holocaust. (B) (D)

Vienna House Andel's Cracow, Kraków.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

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 travelers 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)

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. 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, passing spectacular

sights such as the illuminated Parliament Buildings. (B)
Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center.

DAY 8 | BUDAPEST, THE QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Explore Budapest with a Local Expert. Cross the Danube to the Pest district to visit Heroes' Square and drive down elegant Andrassy Boulevard. Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax by the Danube or browse the boutiques of Vaci Street. For your Celebration Dinner, you are treated to mouthwatering Hungarian specialties, accompanied by specially selected wines. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART BUDAPEST OR VIENNA

Your Bohemian journey concludes after breakfast with transfers arriving at Budapest airport at 07:00 and 11:00. The 07:00 transfer continues to Vienna airport, arriving at midday and offers a final stop at the hotel. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Vienna | Choice of Dine-Around options in Kraków | Celebration Dinner in Budapest.

Insightful Experiences

Budapest: Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875.

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DAY 2 | Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

Insight Choice

Prague: Choose between a Castle District Walking Tour with a Local Expert or a Jewish Quarter Walking Tour with Local Expert.

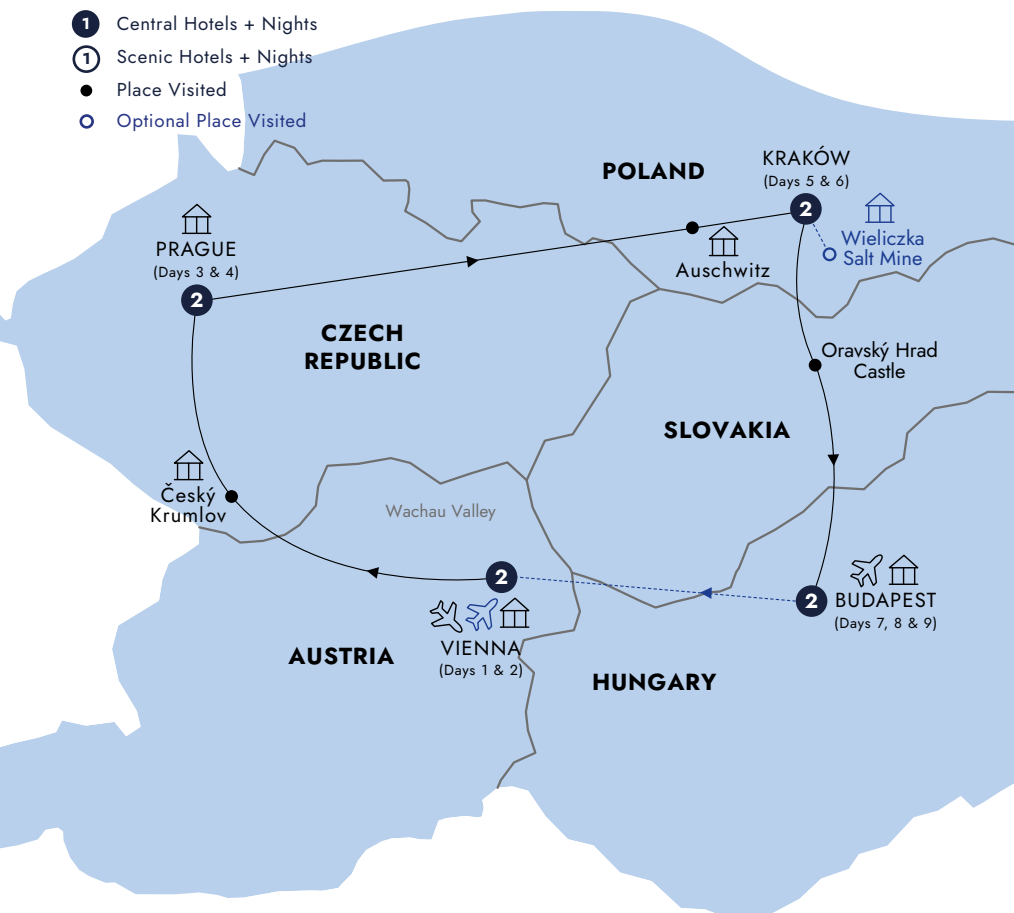
Top Rated Highlights

Visit Český Krumlov | Auschwitz | Wawel Cathedral and St. Mary's Basilica in Kraków | Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna | City tours of Prague, Kraków, Budapest and Vienna, all with Local Experts | See Prague Castle, Old Town Square and Astronomical Clock in Prague | Old Town and Sukiennice Cloth Hall in Kraków | Oravský Hrad Castle | Hungarian Parliament Building, Castle Hill District, Andrassy Boulevard and Váci Utca in Budapest | Hofburg Imperial Residence and Opera House in Vienna.

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- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Optional Place Visited



EASY PACE BUDAPEST, VIENNA & PRAGUE

Experience the capital cities' sights, savor local flavors during a strudel tasting and discover the grandeur of Schönbrunn Palace.

10 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 14 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E705

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, enjoy a complimentary transfer to your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 or 15:30. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00. Tonight you are in for a treat with your Welcome Dinner. Dine in elegance as you savor hearty, Hungarian delicacies accompanied with specially selected wines. (D)

Hotel Nemzeti Budapest - MGallery.

DAY 2 | BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Drive along the elegant boulevards en route to Heroes' Square. Across the river in Buda, walk with your Local Expert. Make your way to a traditional strudel house to see pastry chefs at work, as they prepare delicious sweet strudel by stretching the dough and readying fillings. Enjoy a delectable taste of this famous delicacy paired with a rich aromatic coffee.

Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. (B) (MT)

DAY 3 | FREE TIME IN BUDAPEST

The day is at leisure to immerse yourself in Budapest's history, culture and gastronomy. Perhaps, visit a thermal bath, spend time browsing the boutiques on Vaci Street or relax in a sidewalk café. This evening, enjoy a Dine-Around experience from your choice of specially selected restaurants. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | ALONG THE DANUBE TO ESZTERGOM AND ON TO STATELY VIENNA

Travel along the Danube to the picturesque city of Esztergom, home to the largest Catholic church in Hungary. Then, journey westward for a stop in the pretty town of Győr, located on the confluence of the Danube, Rába and Rábca rivers. Cross the border and continue to stately Vienna, known for its elegant coffee houses and lavish architecture steeped in history. In the evening, sit down to a meal of authentic Viennese cuisine, a perfect complement to this enchanting city. (B) (D)
Hotel Am Konzerthaus Vienna MGallery by Sofitel, Vienna.

DAY 5 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Much of Vienna's present-day charm is due to the long reign of the Habsburgs. Join a Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialties of coffee and Sachertorte. Alternatively, join a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience, take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop and support the visually impaired community. Dancing in the dark, in a specially designed sensory studio, will be a unique experience for all your senses.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Then ready your camera for a dazzling drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. The afternoon is at your leisure. (B)
Mercure Grand Hotel Biedermeier, Vienna.

DAY 6 | VIENNA AT LEISURE

Discover the regal grandeur of Vienna as you explore at your own pace. Perhaps start at St. Stephen's Cathedral - one of Europe's great Gothic structures - or browse the shops of the bustling Kärntnerstrasse? You may wish to add another capital to your travels with a visit across the Slovakian border to Bratislava. (B)

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 colorful 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. Prior to your arrival in "The Golden City" you are invited to a Dine-at-Home experience to savor a traditional meal with a local family. (B) (D)

K+K Hotel Central, Prague.

DAY 8 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

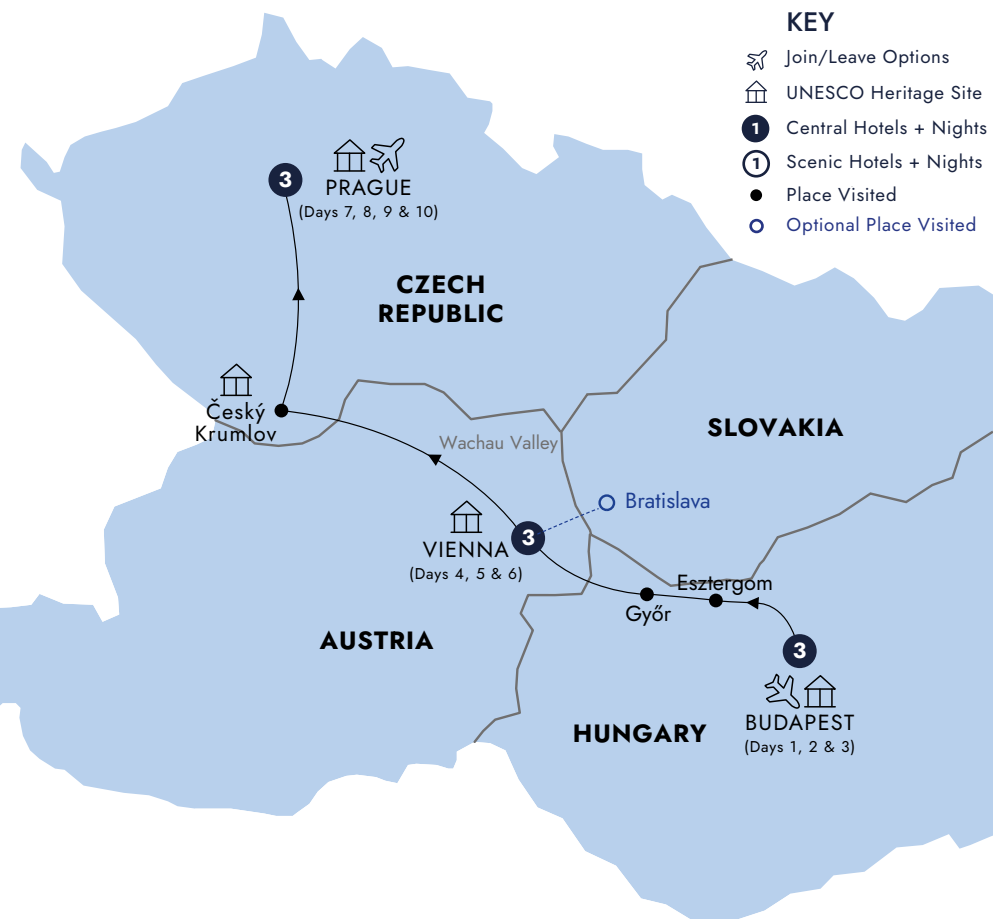
Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. The city is then yours to explore. Maybe take a river cruise through the heart of the city or walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route? Czechs are passionate about their beer, so be sure to try the local pilsners together with hearty Czech cuisine. (B)

DAY 9 | PRAGUE AT LEISURE

Wind along cobbled lanes and discover a treasure trove of hidden gems as you explore Prague at your own pace. Perhaps cross the border to Germany and explore Dresden? This evening, tantalise your taste buds with a rousing Celebration Dinner of local specialties at a restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | DEPART PRAGUE

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. Departure transfers arrive at Prague airport at 08:00 and 10:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Visit a traditional strudel house for a taste of sweet strudel and learn about the art of making this Hungarian delicacy | Welcome Dinner in Budapest | Restaurant Dinner in Vienna | Dine-Around options in Budapest | Dine at Home in Skvorec | Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Prague.

Insightful Experiences

Budapest: Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875.

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DAY 5 | Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community. Unique to Insight Guests.

Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Vienna and in Prague.

Top Rated Highlights

Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna | City tours of Budapest, Vienna and Prague, all with Local Experts | Visit Český Krumlov, Győr and Esztergom.

See more experiences online

HIGHLIGHTS OF POLAND

Shop for folklore fare in Krakow, sample traditional dumplings in Warsaw and explore Wawel Royal Castle.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E975

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KRAKÓW

Transfers to your hotel depart Kraków airport at 12:30 and 15:00. Meet your Travel Director at 17:00 for a walk around the Rynek Główny, Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the famous Sukiennice Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Basilica and the many historic townhouses, palaces and churches.

Enjoy getting to know your fellow guests over a fabulous Welcome Dinner. (D)

Vienna House Andel's Cracow, Kraków.

DAY 2 | THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

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. This afternoon, why not join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine? (B)

DAY 3 | ACROSS THE HIGH TATRA MOUNTAINS TO ZAKOPANE

Journey into the Tatras, the highest range of the Carpathian Mountains. Arrive in at the resort town of Zakopane, famous for its wooden houses and winter sports, and explore on a city orientation. Enjoy a rousing Highlight Dinner, accompanied by Goral Highlander folklore entertainment at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Radisson Blu Hotel & Residences, Zakopane.

DAY 4 | REFLECT ON AUSCHWITZ, THEN ON TO WROCLAW, THE VENICE OF POLAND

Traveling past the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, your first stop will be the city of Oświęcim, better known by its German name, Auschwitz. With a local historian, experience a moving visit to the memorial and museum and stop at Birkenau.

Travel along the Oder River to the city of Wrocław, and with your Local Expert see the brightly colored facades of noble mansions, the flower markets on the Plac Solny, the Baroque splendor 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) Radisson Blu Hotel, Wrocław.

DAY 5 | POZNAŃ, CRADLE OF THE POLISH NATION

In Poznań visit Ostrów Tumski, known as Cathedral Island, a fascinating place of legend, often overlooked by other visitors. Explore Poznań with Insight Choice. Choose to immerse yourself in the history of the city and enjoy a walking tour. Alternatively, learn the secrets behind the St. Martin's croissant, a local delicacy, and enjoy a tasting. (B) (D)

Sheraton Poznań Hotel.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Poland isn't usually associated with rugged mountains & ski resorts, but the moment you see the Tatras in Zakopane you'll see they're absolutely stunning.

— GREG, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 6 | TORUŃ, THE GOTHIC GLORY ON THE VISTULA AND GDAŃSK

Stop at Gniezno to visit the cathedral and see the famous winged bronze doors. Continue to Toruń, founded by the Teutonic Knights in 1233. Join a Local Expert to discover this outstanding example of medieval architecture, now a living museum and UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, meet an artisan baker for a taste of traditional gingerbread, baked following a traditional recipe and using only locally sourced ingredients. Spend time exploring at your own pace. Why not shop for traditional gingerbread?

Follow the Vistula River to the Baltic Sea and Gdańsk, with a lovingly restored historic district. (B)

Radisson Hotel & Suites Gdansk.

DAY 7 | THE BALTIC BELLES OF GDAŃSK

Spend the morning with a passionate Local Expert. Learn captivating and fun facts about the city and see the Westerplatte, the scene of

the first fighting between Polish and German troops in 1939, and the Gdańsk Shipyards where Lech Wałęsa formed the anti-Soviet Solidarność in 1980. Continue through the medieval city, where buildings date back to the time of the Hanseatic League. Enjoy a free afternoon and perhaps choose to visit the elegant seaside town of Sopot? (B)

Hilton Gdańsk.

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, why not join an Optional Experience to attend an evening concert of Poland's best-loved composer, Frédéric Chopin? (B)

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 Celebration Dinner, enjoy a fine selection of local dishes with wine at a cozy Warsaw restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | DEPART WARSAW

Your transfers will arrive at Warsaw airport at 07:30 and 10:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Kraków | Dinner with entertainment in Zakopane | Celebration Dinner in Warsaw.

Insightful Experiences

Craft beer at the Piwnica Świdnicka, the oldest restaurant/cellar in Poland and one of the oldest in Europe, founded in 1273.

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DAY 6 | Meet an artisan baker to uncover the secrets of the traditional Toruń gingerbread during a delicious tasting. Baked following a traditional recipe and using only local and natural ingredients, these colorful treats are a true delight.

Insight Choice

Poznan: Choose between a Poznan Historical Walking Tour or a Croissant Tasting.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Wawel Cathedral in Kraków | Auschwitz | Gniezno Cathedral | Malbork Castle | City tours of Kraków, Wrocław, Toruń, Gdansk and Warsaw, all with Local Experts | See Rynek Główny, Sukiennice Cloth Hall and St. Mary's Basilica in Kraków | Palace of Culture and Chopin Monument in Warsaw.

See more experiences online

HIGHLIGHTS OF EASTERN EUROPE

Meander through Berlin's Tiergarten, watch a chef make Polish dumplings and attend a Mozart & Strauss Concert dinner in Vienna.

14 DAYS | 6 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E958

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30. Join your Travel Director at 18:00 and travel to a local restaurant. Your Welcome Dinner is a treat of mouthwatering Hungarian specialties, accompanied by specially selected wine. (D)

Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest.

DAY 2 | DELVE INTO BUDAPEST

Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda with a Local Expert. Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. (B)

DAY 3 | THE MOUNTAINS TO KRAKÓW

Travel through Slovakia, passing the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains. Stop at scenic Donovaly. See Oravský Hrad Castle before continuing to historic Kraków. (B) (D)

Mercure Kraków Stare Miasto.

DAY 4 | THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

Join a Local Expert to explore Kraków and ascend Wawel Hill to visit the cathedral. Walk through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square and see the medieval Cloth Hall. Visit the 14th-century St. Mary's Basilica. Then enjoy free time to explore. Why not join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine? (B)

DAY 5 | AUSCHWITZ AND ON TO WARSAW

Join a Local Expert for a visit to Auschwitz, infamous for its role during the Holocaust. Spend reflective moments amid the remains of the concentration camp and the memorials. Continue across the Polish plains to the capital, Warsaw. Enjoy a dumpling demonstration and tasting. Afterward, you will be treated to a delicious Highlight Dinner of local dishes. (B) (D)

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. Perhaps attend a Chopin recital or delve into Warsaw's inspirational past? (B)

DAY 7 | WIELKOPOLSKA TO BERLIN

Your route leads westward, across the rolling farmlands of the central plains, over the Oder River to enter Germany. (B)

Hotel NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin.

DAY 8 | THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

Join a Local Expert for a drive through the leafy Tiergarten to the refurbished Reichstag building and see the Brandenburg Gate. On the eastern

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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side, take the Unter den Linden past the State Opera House to Museum Island. (B)

DAY 9 | DRESDEN AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

In Dresden, see the reconstructed Frauenkirche and the 'Procession of Princes' on the wall of the Royal Palace. Explore around the Catholic cathedral to view the tiered facades of the opera house and the Baroque Zwinger Palace. (B) (D) Hermitage Hotel Prague.

DAY 10 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. The city is then yours to explore. Perhaps walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route? (B)

DAY 11 | BOHEMIAN ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

At České Budějovice, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of a local brewery to sample the beer and discover the secrets of this golden vintage. Continue on to the medieval town of Český Krumlov to walk the narrow cobbled streets and arch-covered footpaths.

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 Highlight Dinner of local specialties. (B) (D)

Hotel Old Inn, 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) Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 13 | THE HABSBURGS OF VIENNA

Join your Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Take some great photos on a circuit of the Ring Road that showcases architectural masterpieces such as the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose between a visit to a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialties of coffee and Sachertorte or alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during an inclusive workshop and take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop designed to support the visually impaired community. Enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Austrian fare with drinks at a local restaurant, before sitting down to an extraordinary concert of Viennese classical music. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | DEPART VIENNA OR BUDAPEST

A transfer arrives at Vienna airport at 08:00 and continues to Budapest airport, arriving early afternoon. For those extending their stay, a stop is also made at the Corinthia Hotel Budapest. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Budapest | Cooking Demonstration and Dinner in Warsaw | Highlight Dinner in Český Krumlov | Strauss and Mozart concert with dinner in Vienna | Taste beer in České Budějovice.

Insightful Experiences

Budapest: Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875.

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DAY 13 | Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Vienna and in Prague.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Wawel Cathedral and St. Mary's Basilica in Kraków | Auschwitz | Schönbrunn Palace | City tours of Budapest, Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin, Prague and Vienna, all with Local Experts.

See more experiences 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 ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E860

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO THE DALMATIAN COAST

Your private transfer will collect you from Split airport and take you to Cornaro Hotel, located in the heart of the city. Your Local Host will greet you and be on hand to help you decide how to spend your time. Perhaps wander through the Old Town, situated minutes away from your hotel? Maybe enjoy a wine tasting at your hotel, or take in the views from the rooftop bar?

Cornaro Hotel, Split.

DAY 2 | YOUR ELEGANT CRUISE SHIP

After a relaxed morning at leisure, your Local Host will accompany you to Split harbor, where your deluxe cruiser awaits. After a warm welcome by your Cruise Manager, settle into your cabin. Join your Local Expert for a stroll through the ancient walkways of Diocletian's Palace, which now forms the historic center of Split. Walk through labyrinthine streets to see St. Dujice's, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum, and the Temple of Jupiter, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate. Continue your venture underground to explore the cellars. Return to your cruiser to enjoy a cocktail and Welcome Dinner with wine at your meet-and-greet party. (B) (D)

Avangard/Futura.

DAY 3 | CRUISE TO KORČULA

Early this morning, depart from Split and journey along the picturesque coast. From the comfort of your cabin window or the breakfast table upstairs, enjoy views of sun-dappled islands during your leisurely start to the day. Stop for lunch in one of the secluded bays before arriving in Korčula, on the island of the same name. The locals claim the celebrated globetrotter, Marco Polo was born here. Embark on a fascinating photography walk with Andrea, a passionate Local Expert who takes you through the herringbone maze of streets and flagstone plazas. Spend time looking for the cultural and natural treasures of the city. Then you are at leisure to indulge your taste buds in the evening at one of Korčula's many appealing restaurants and bars. (B) (L)

DAY 4 | MLJET AND DUBROVNIK

Voyage south to the Island of Mljet and join your Cruise Manager for a stroll to Veliko Jezero, the Big Lake of Mljet National Park. A gentle boat ride brings you to the Benedictine Monastery of St. Mary, which rises out of the saline waters on its own small island. After time to explore, return to your cruise ship for a traditional Croatian lunch. Set sail for the mighty bastions of Dubrovnik. As the receding sun casts autumnal hues across the endless sky, drift alongside the monumental city walls and enjoy a delicious buffet dinner served on deck. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 | DUBROVNIK, A 'PARADISE ON EARTH'

Transfer to the medieval Old Town of Dubrovnik, where the footsteps of endless travelers have buffed the marbled streets and squares to a smooth

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

patina. After your guided walking exploration, take the cable car to Srđ Mountain for scenic views over the famous fortifications and the Elaphiti Islands. Enjoy a free afternoon in the Pearl of the Adriatic - explore at your own pace, shop in the markets or stroll with friends along the ancient ramparts. (B)

You will enjoy the view of old town Dubrovnik hugged by the city walls, Elaphite archipelago and the horizon where the sky kisses the sea.

— AIDA, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 6 | THE PELJEŠAC PENINSULA

Start off your day cruising past the beautiful Elaphiti Islands, a summer playground for Dubrovnik's aristocracy during the 16th century. Continue to the Pelješac Peninsula, renowned for its excellent wines. Enjoy time to explore before returning to your cruise ship for an included four-course buffet lunch. After mooring at a small port on the peninsula, travel to Kuna to see the local church, monastery and a nearby farm. Meet the locals and treat your taste buds to a typical village feast with a Farm-to-Table dinner of

Croatian delicacies, freshly made with their own produce. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 7 | A VENETIAN DREAM ON HVAR

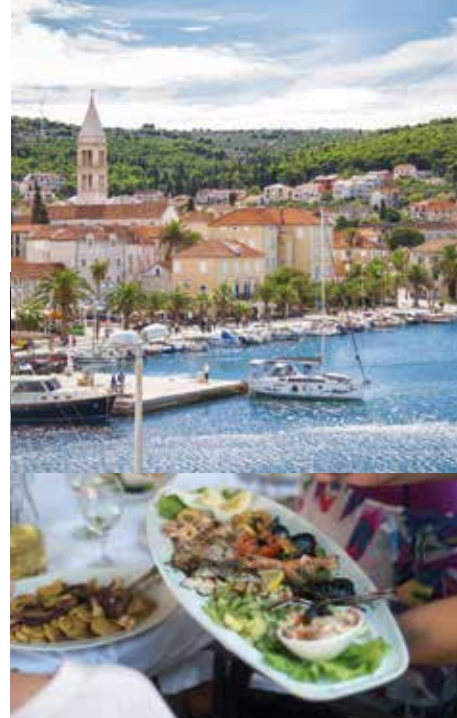
Enjoy a relaxed start this morning onboard your deluxe yacht. Drop anchor at the small island of Šćedro, with quiet coves and pristine beauty offering the most irresistible backdrop for lunch. Cruise west for a chance to swim in the crystal clear waters of the Pakleni Islands. Disembark at Hvar and wander to the town's magnificent main square with your Local Expert to view the yacht-filled harbor with the Renaissance cathedral forming a stunning backdrop. Spend time exploring the secluded beaches and tiny seafood restaurants, or visit the fortress for superb views over the town and island-studded bay. (B) (L)

DAY 8 | BOL'S FAMOUS BEACH ON THE ISLAND OF BRAČ

Set sail for Bol, the oldest town on the island of Brač. Walk along the promenade and swim at the picture-perfect Zlatni Rat, or Golden Cape, a shifting triangle of sandy beaches, protruding into the cobalt waters of the Adriatic. At a local winery, relax with some appetizers and taste some of the revered wines of the island. The evening is reserved for the Captain's Celebration Dinner with live entertainment. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART SPLIT

Early morning, cruise to Split port, where your trip comes to an end. Transfers are available to Split airport. Please do not schedule flights prior to 12:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Dinner while cruising in Dubrovnik | Captain's Celebration Dinner with entertainment onboard in Brač | Wine Tasting in Bol | Farm to Table heritage dinner with Croatian delicacies made from local own produce.

Insightful Experiences

Korčula: Join Andrea, a passionate local, for a photography walk across the maze of streets and flagstone plazas. Spend time looking for the cultural and natural treasures of the city.

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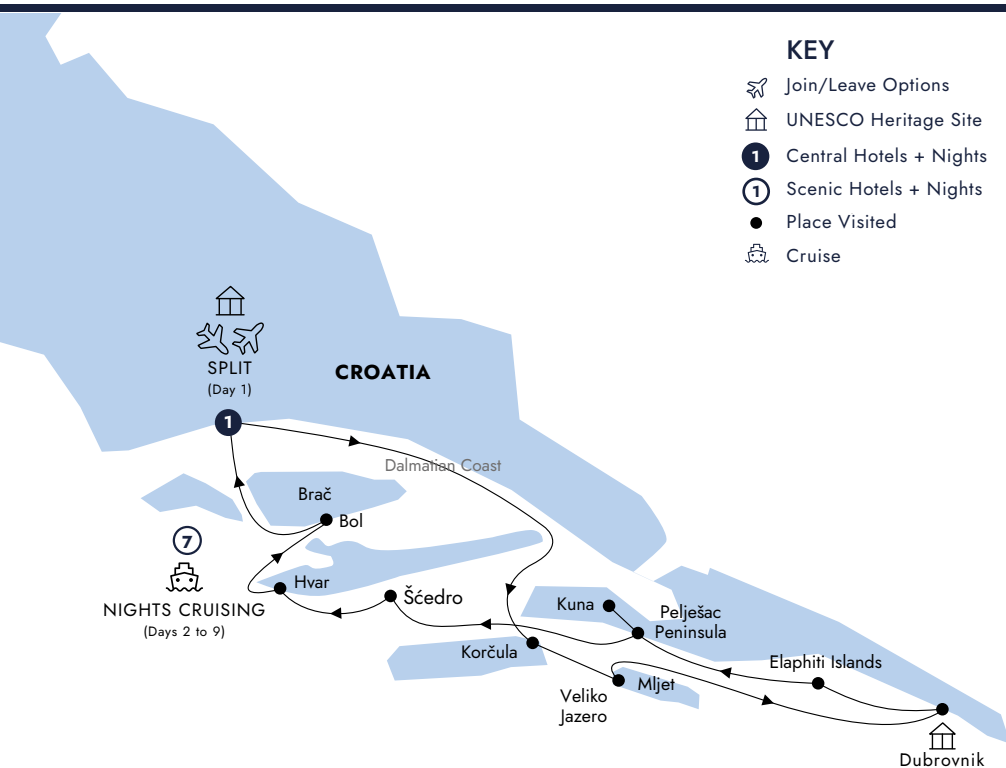


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Top Rated Highlights

Cruise to the Benedictine Monastery of St. Mary | Ride the cable car to the summit of Srđ Mountain | Visit Diocletian's Palace in Split | Mljet National Park | a local farm in Kuna | City tours of Split, Hvar and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts | See Veliko Jezero Church and monastery in Kuna Main square, yacht-filled harbor and Renaissance cathedral in Hvar | Learn about the purported birthplace of Marco Polo in Korčula | Swim at Zlatni Rat, also known as the Golden Cape.

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COUNTRY ROADS OF CROATIA

Enjoy fresh oysters in a quaint coastal village and stroll the boardwalks of Plitvice National Park.

14 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Trip code: E962

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Transfers to your hotel depart from Zagreb airport at 11:30 and 14:00. Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner, with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travelers over a pleasant evening with wine. (D)
Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Join your Local Expert to explore the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Drive through the squares of the Lower Town, Donji Grad and ride the funicular to the medieval Upper Town, Gornji Grad. (B)

DAY 3 | POSTOJNA CAVES AND OPATIJA

At the world-famous Postojna Caves, descend into a stunning subterranean world. Marvel at the five-meter tall Brilliant, the cave's most beautiful stalagmite. Return to Croatia, where your hotel is located in the Belle Époque seaside resort town of Opatija. (B) (D)
Hotel Ilici/Hotel Admiral.

DAY 4 | DISCOVER THE JEWELS OF ISTRIA

Explore the Jewels of Istria with your Local Expert. Visit the well-preserved first-century arena at Pula. Continue to the charming old town of Rovinj, rising directly from the sea. (B)

DAY 5 | PRISTINE PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the scenery of the Adriatic coast in the morning - journey past sparkling deep blue seas, studded with rocky islands, before heading inland to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Center, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community. (B) (D)

DAY 6 | THE DALMATIAN COAST TO SPLIT

The green forests of Plitvice Lakes National Park give way to pebble-dashed shores lapped by turquoise waters. Walk through the Roman Ruins and market to see the sea organ of Zadar. Witness the dramatic change in landscape, as you travel through Mediterranean olive groves on your way to Trogir, a city founded by the Greeks in 3rd Century B.C. Admire the cathedral and Renaissance Čipiko Palace before continuing to the historic port of Split. (B)
Hotel President Solin, Split.

DAY 7 | ISLAND HOPPING TO HVAR

In the morning, enjoy a walking tour of Split. 1,700 years ago, the Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace here and today it forms the nucleus of the Old Town. A Local Expert will lead you through the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares to see St. Dujes - originally Diocletian's Mausoleum - and the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Temple of Jupiter, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate.
Continue your venture underground, to explore the cellars. Your island-hopping adventure begins here. Cross the azure waters of the Adriatic to spend two nights on Hvar, famed for being the sunniest island in the country and boasting an interior dotted with lofty mountain peaks and aromatic fields of lavender. (B) (D)
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)

DAY 9 | ON THE TRAIL OF MARCO POLO TO KORČULA

Cruise back to the mainland and continue your journey to the island of Korčula. This evening, dinner will be at the hotel. (B) (D)
Hotel Liburna, Korcula.

DAY 10 | CAPTIVATING KORČULA

Join a knowledgeable Local Expert for a walking tour of the Old Town. Stroll towards the main square of Korcula where the Cathedral of St. Mark dominates the ancient skyline. (B)

DAY 11 | DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

Journey to the beautiful southern slopes of the Pelješac Peninsula. Weather permitting, cruise the tranquil waters of the bay of Mali Ston and admire the surrounding untouched natural beauty, as you enjoy a glass of traditional Croatian brandy.

Stop at a shellfish farm and meet Tomislav, a local oyster farmer, to learn about the cultivation and harvest of oysters. Enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of the fresh shellfish, accompanied with a glass of wine. Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik, to meet your Local Expert. Explore the Old Town, passing Onofrio's Fountain, the Old Jewish Quarter, the cathedral and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. (B) (MT)
Dubrovnik Palace [Dubrovnik, Croatia].

DAY 12 | OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

Spend the day at your leisure or enjoy an optional visit to Montenegro, traveling to Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a photographer's dream. (B)

DAY 13 | DUBROVNIK AT LEISURE

Make the most of a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit Cavtat? This evening, should weather permit, embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay. Gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic. Start your Celebration Dinner with a glass of grappa, before savoring authentic flavors of local specialties washed down with locally produced wine. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK

Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Zagreb | Celebration Dinner with wine and grappa in Dubrovnik | Oyster Tasting in Mali Ston.

Insightful Experiences

Ston: Meet a local oyster farmer and learn about the cultivation of oysters, before enjoying a delicious Sea-to-Table tasting of fresh shellfish and local wine.

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DAY 5 | Choose to join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species (pictured above). Alternatively, meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Center, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

Insight Choice

Plitvice: Choose between two experiences in Plitvice Lakes.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by funicular in Zagreb | Cruise through the islands to Hvar and Korčula, across the scenic bay of Mali Ston and in the bay of Dubrovnik | Visit Postojna Caves | Pula Arena | Diocletian's Palace in Split | Zadar | City tours of Zagreb, Opatija, Split, Korčula and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts.

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TREASURES OF THE BALKANS

Explore Romania, Croatia and Bulgaria's hand-picked sights from Roman ruins in Sofia to a private after-hours tour of Bran Castle.

16 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 25 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E966

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BUCHAREST

Transfers depart Henri Coandă International Airport at 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for your hotel.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for your Welcome Dinner, served with wine at a local restaurant. (D)

Radisson Blu Hotel Bucharest.

DAY 2 | BUCHAREST AND CASTLES OF TRANSYLVANIA

Join a Local Expert for sightseeing to view University Square and the former communist headquarters. Visit the immense Parliament Palace, one of the most impressive buildings in the world. This evening after the crowds have left enjoy a private visit to the iconic Bran Castle, said to be the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. Learn about Queen Maria of Romania, the last inhabitant of the castle, visit the torture rooms and relive the tales of the infamous Count Dracula. Finish with a delicious private dinner in the recently renovated Queen Mary's Tea House. (B) (D)

Aro Palace, Brasov.

DAY 3 | BRASOV AND SINAIA

With your Local Expert, walk around Town Hall Square, lined with beautiful red-roofed houses and dominated by the Black Church. Travel along the Prahova Valley to the elegant mountain resort of Sinaia to visit Peleş Castle. Led by a local historian, admire the lavish rooms filled with art, armor and tapestries. Return through the Carpathian Mountains to the charming medieval city of Braşov. (B)

DAY 4 | VELIKO TARNOVO

Continue to Veliko Tarnovo. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)

Yantra Hotel, Veliko Tarnovo.

DAY 5 | TO SOFIA

Meet your Local Expert to visit Tsarevets Fortress for stunning views. At the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Arbanasi, visit a traditional 17th century merchant's house and the Church of the Holy Nativity. Cross the Balkan Mountains to Sofia and join a Local Expert to explore. (B) (D)

Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia.

DAY 6 | SOFIA AT YOUR PACE

Enjoy the day at your leisure. Perhaps visit the Rila Monastery? (B)

InterContinental Sofia.

DAY 7 | SKOPJE

Cross the border and continue to Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia, for sightseeing with a Local Expert. (B) (D)

Bushi Resort & Spa, Skopje.

DAY 8 | LAKE OHRID AND TIRANA

Making your way to the border with a local expert, stop by the scenic Lake Ohrid. Cross into Albania and journey to Tirana. Continue to the landmark

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Skanderbeg Square for an insider's look at the Albanian capital with Local Expert. (B) (D)
MAK Albania Hotel Tirana.

DAY 9 | KOTOR AND DUBROVNIK

Journey to the Old Town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the fortified port of Dubrovnik.

At night, you may choose from a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)
Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik.

DAY 10 | 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. Visit the workshop of Deša during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This important educational center supports vulnerable communities and promotes local cultural heritage. (B)

DAY 11 | DUBROVNIK, PARADISE ON EARTH

Spend a day at leisure in the Pearl of the Adriatic. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to learn about olive oil traditions at an ancient mill, followed by a delightful home-cooked meal. (B)

DAY 12 | MOSTAR AND SARAJEVO

Journey to Mostar. With your Local Expert, see the famous Stari Most, the Old Bridge. Explore the cobbled streets of the Old Town, stretching on both sides of the bridge and filled with shops selling traditional handicrafts.

Follow the scenic route to Sarajevo. A unique and rewarding insight into the local way of life awaits, as you are invited into a Sarajevo family for dinner and wine. (B) (D)

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 just beyond the city, led by a conservation guide. (B)

DAY 14 | THE SERBIAN CAPITAL OF BELGRADE

Trace your way along the Drina River. Take in beautiful landscapes of lush, green mountains that create magical forest canyons, winding your way through deep valleys as you make your way to Belgrade. (B) (D)

Radisson Collection Hotel, 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 travelers for a Celebration Farewell Dinner this evening. (B) (D)

DAY 16 | FAREWELL BELGRADE

Our 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)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Bucharest | Dinner at Bran Castle | Dine-Around options in Dubrovnik | Home Hosted dinner in Sarajevo | Celebration Dinner in Belgrade. Taste Bosnian coffee in Sarajevo.

Insightful Experiences

Bran: Learn about the story of the infamous Count Dracula during a private after-hours visit of Bran Castle, followed by dinner. Sarajevo: Meet an expert on the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope and hear a first-hand account of when the city was under siege for 44 months.

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DAY 10 | Visit the workshop of Deša, an organization founded following the Siege of Dubrovnik to help refugees and women who were victims of violence. They have grown to be an important educational center, workshop and an advocate for women's rights.

Insight Choice

Sarajevo: Choose between two experiences in Sarajevo.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Palace of Parliament in Bucharest | Peleş Castle in Sinaia | Tsarevets Fortress in Veliko Tarnovo | Church of the Holy Nativity in Arbanasi | City tours of Bucharest, Brasov, Veliko Tarnovo, Skopje, Tirana, Dubrovnik, Mostar, Sarajevo, Sofia and Belgrade, all with Local Experts.

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EASTERN CAPITALS & THE DALMATIAN RIVIERA

Adventure in Plitvice National Park, explore the ancient town of Trogir and tour the ballrooms of Schönbrunn Palace with a Local Expert.

14 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E961

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VIENNA

On arrival at Vienna airport, your transfer will leave for your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 or 15:30.

Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant, for a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. (D)

Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING STATELY VIENNA

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Then enjoy a drive around the famous Ring Road, built along the lines of the old city walls. It showcases many of the capital's architectural highlights, including the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, the Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. (B)

DAY 3 | MARIBOR AND LJUBLJANA

In the morning, cross the border into Slovenia and journey to its second largest city, Maribor. After spending time in this charming location, head to Ljubljana. (B)

Hotel Lev Ljubljana.

DAY 4 | EXPLORING LOVABLE LJUBLJANA

Your Local Expert will reveal the Baroque elegance of the Slovenian capital. See the medieval castle, City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas and Triple Bridge. Spend time in the Central Market, rich with heady aromas. Your Local Expert shares insights into some of the Slovenian delicacies on display and treats you to a tasting. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Postojna Caves?

Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Journey to Croatia's capital, Zagreb. Meet your Local Expert for an exploration through Donji Grad, the Lower Town, devoted to art and spacious parks. See the Mimara Art Museum in Roosevelt Square and continue to Ban Josip Jelacic Square en route to the cathedral. Ride the funicular and continue to the medieval Upper Town, to view the former Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower. (B)

Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

DAY 6 | ZAGREB AT LEISURE

A free day to relax and enjoy a city that is bursting with culture. Perhaps spend time exploring one of the many museums or browsing the shops in Donji Grad? Or join an Optional Experience to the charming village of Kumrovec and meet a local to hear their perspective on the region's history? (B)

DAY 7 | ON TO PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK

Journey south to visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

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Hotel Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo.

DAY 8 | ALONG THE DALMATIAN COAST

Travel to Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site, a historic town founded by the Greeks more than 2,300 years ago, and admire the cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace. Continue to the historic port of Split, where your Local Expert leads you through the labyrinthine streets to the Diocletian's palace. See St. Dujе's and the Temple of Jupiter, as well as the Golden Gate. Your exploration then continues underground as you are guided through the cellars. (B)

Hotel President Solin, Split.

DAY 9 | EXPLORING SPLIT

Always buzzing, lively Split has just the right balance of tradition and modernity. See Dalmatian life as it's lived with a full day free to explore Split and its surroundings. Why not join an Optional Experience to the island of Hvar? (B) (D)

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 Sarajevo family home for a dinner with drinks. Savor the authentic cuisine as you hear inspirational stories and experience the local culture. (B) (D)

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 and see the historic Hapsburg center of the city. (B)

DAY 12 | ON TO DUBROVNIK

Cross the border into Croatia and journey to the walled town of Dubrovnik. On arrival, join your Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th century bastions of the old town. See Onofrio's Fountain and the Rector's Palace and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. (B)

Hotel Ariston.

DAY 13 | OPTIONAL MONTENEGRO EXPERIENCE

In the morning, why not visit Kotor in Montenegro? As the sun begins to set, and should the weather permit, join your fellow travel companions for a relaxing cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik. Enjoy a Celebration Dinner of typical Dalmatian Coast cuisine, accompanied by local wines. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | DEPART DUBROVNIK

Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik airport at 05:00, 09:00 and 11:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Vienna | Dine-Around options in Ljubljana | Dine-at-Home in Sarajevo | Dalmatian Celebration Dinner in Dubrovnik.

Insightful Experiences

Sarajevo: Meet an expert on the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's Tunnel of Hope and hear a first-hand account of when the city was under siege for 44 months.

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DAY 7 | Choose to join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively, meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Center, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

Insight Choice

Plitvice: Choose between two experiences in Plitvice Lakes.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by the funicular in Zagreb | Cruise the bay of Dubrovnik | Visit Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna | Diocletian's Palace in Split | City tours of Vienna, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Split, Mostar and Dubrovnik, all with Local Experts.

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THE EASTERN DISCOVERY WITH CRUISE OPTION

*Explore Dubrovnik's hidden markets, toast
with glasses of grappa and set sail to
Corfu's white domes and blue seas.*

17 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 19 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Trip code: E972

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ZAGREB

Transfers to your hotel depart from Zagreb airport at 11:30 and 14:00. Join your Travel Director at 17:30 for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travelers over a pleasant evening with wine. (D) Sheraton Zagreb Hotel.

DAY 2 | ZAGREB'S TWIN TOWNS

Join your Local Expert to explore the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Drive through the squares of the Lower Town, Donji Grad and ride the funicular to the medieval Upper Town, Gornji Grad. (B)

DAY 3 | THE CRYSTAL LAKES OF PLITVICE

Take this morning to relax and enjoy the hotel's facilities. In the afternoon depart for your next hotel, located inside the Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B) (D) Hotel Lyra, Ličko Petrovo Selo.

DAY 4 | PLITVICE LAKES, TROGIR AND SPLIT

Explore Plitvice with Insight Choice. Choose between two MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively researches to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Center, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community. Travel along the coast and visit Trogir, a UNESCO World Heritage site, renowned for its beautiful cathedral and Renaissance Cipiko Palace. Continue to the historic port of Split. (B) Hotel President Solin, Split.

DAY 5 | DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE

With your Local Expert explore St. Dujice's, originally Diocletian's Mausoleum. Discover the Temple of Jupiter and see the Golden Gate. This evening, should weather permit, embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay and gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic. Travel alongside sparkling deep blue seas and the rocky islands of the Dalmatian coast to Dubrovnik. (B) (D) Hotel Croatia, Cavtat/Hotel Kompas, Dubrovnik.

DAY 6 | DUBROVNIK, PEARL OF THE ADRIATIC

Join a Local Expert to explore the stone-paved streets inside the 16th century bastions. This evening, should weather permit, embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay and gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic. (B)

DAY 7 | MEDITERRANEAN MONTENEGRO

Stop to visit the old town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire the bay, with its azure waters lapping at the edges of the medieval towns which dot the coastline. Next, make your way along the Adriatic sea to Budva. Discover the medieval old town, home to religious sites such as the 9th century Church of Santa Maria in Punta. (B) Hotel TQ Plaza, Budva.

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

DAY 8 | SCENIC DRIVE TO TIRANA

Pass spectacular scenery, along ancient olive groves, citrus fields and medieval castles. On arrival in Tirana, join a Local Expert for sightseeing. (B) (D)

MAK Albania Hotel Tirana.

DAY 9 | ACROSS TO CORFU

Journey across southern Albania, past the Gjerë Mountains, to Greece where you set sail for the cobalt-blue waters of Corfu, renowned for its untamed beauty. (B) (D)

Divani Palace Hotel Corfu.

DAY 10 | RELAX IN CORFU

Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax and enjoy the beautiful island of Corfu. (B)

DAY 11 | DELPHI, CENTER OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

Set off from your island paradise for Delphi, which hosts a spectacular cliff-side amphitheater. (B)

Amalia Hotel Delphi.

DAY 12 | DELPHI SIGHTSEEING AND ON TO ATHENS

Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. (B)

Divani Palace Acropolis/New Hotel/Athens Marriott Hotel.

DAY 13 | THE GLORY OF ATHENS

For guests joining the cruise, you will be transferred to the port, in the morning, to board your ship. Those staying in Athens will join a Local Expert for sightseeing.

Enjoy the glory of ancient Greece from the Parthenon and Acropolis to the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of the Wingless Victory and Hadrian's Arch. (B) (D)

DAY 14-16 | CRUISING TO THE GREEK ISLES

Board your cruise ship and set sail for the lovely island of Mykonos, with its dazzling sugar cube houses and whitewashed windmills. Explore the Turkish port of Kusadasi and visit the ancient ruins of Ephesus.

Sail to the island of Patmos where St. John the Devine was exiled by Emperor Domitian. Dock at Heraklion in Crete, where you visit the site of the ruins of King Minos' Palace of Knossos with a Local Expert. Cruise beneath the sheer cliffs of Santorini and explore the capital of Thira, with its cliff-top restaurants and cafes, breathtaking views and amazing sunsets.

Disembark from your cruise in Athens and join a Local Expert for city sightseeing. Enjoy the glory of ancient Greece from the Acropolis with the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike and the Erechtheion. You will also see the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian. Enjoy a final afternoon at leisure in Athens.

The next day, your journey comes to an end with a transfer to Athens airport.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served on board daily. Your cruise includes a complimentary drinks package, featuring a selection of alcoholic, soft drinks and hot beverages.

DAY 17 | DEPART ATHENS

Your journey comes to an end with a transfer to Athens airport. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Zagreb | Local Restaurant Dinner in Dubrovnik | Local Restaurant Dinner in Corfu | Greek-style Celebration Dinner in Athens.

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DAY 4 | Choose to join a Local Expert to explore Plitvice National Park and learn how the site actively carries out research to monitor the natural habitat of species. Alternatively, meet the industrious women of the Tara Community Center, who produce handicrafts, enabling employment and engagement in the community.

Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Plitvice Lakes.

Scenic Drives

Enjoy the scenery of Drava River, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Dinaric Alps in Croatia and Montenegro, Albania and the Pindus Mountains and Gulf of Corinth in Greece.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by the funicular in Zagreb | Visit Plitvice National Park | Diocletian's Palace in Split | Sacred Way in Delphi | Parthenon in Athens | City tours of Zagreb, Split, Dubrovnik, Tirana, Delphi and Athens, all with Local Experts | See Trogir's Renaissance Cipiko Palace | Kotor | Corfu | Arch of Hadrian and ruins of the Temple of Olympian Zeus in Athens.

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Insightful Insights

The scientific name for the Northern Lights, 'aurora borealis', was derived from Roman goddess of dawn, Aurora, and the Greek name for the north wind, Boreas.

Europe's oldest national parks are in Sweden. In 1909 Sweden was the first country to establish national parks, with almost 30 existing today.

The Danish flag is the oldest in the world, first appearing in 1219 used during victory against Latvia in the Battle of Lyndanisse.

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SPECTACULAR SCANDINAVIA & ITS FJORDS

Traverse Denmark, Sweden and Norway's fjords and mountains touring Stockholm's Nobel Peace Prize halls and ascending the famous Flam railway.

15 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E941

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

On arrival at Copenhagen airport, your transfer will leave for your hotel at 09:00, 12:00 or 15:00.

At 18:00, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for your Welcome Dinner. In the evening, visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. (D)

Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

DAY 2 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

A Local Expert will reveal the charm of Denmark's capital. Meet Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid and see Christiansborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Amalienborg Palace, the Renaissance Stock Exchange and Copenhagen Cathedral. View the unusual Rundetaarn and enjoy an afternoon at your leisure, relaxing or exploring at your pace. (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. Perhaps choose to delve into the heritage of Volvo - one of Sweden's most recognisable exports. 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)

Elite Plaza Hotel, Gothenburg.

DAY 4 | SCENIC FARMLANDS OF SWEDEN

Enjoy views of the patchwork of fertile farmlands as you journey along the shores of Lake Vättern to the Swedish capital. Stop at Grännaberget café for a Swedish Fika, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience that helps preserving Sweden's cultural heritage. (B)

Hilton Stockholm Slussen.

DAY 5 | STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

See the charms of this fabulous city 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 and visit the Carl Linneaus Garden with Hans Odoo, a passionate local storyteller. See the Falun Copper Mine and the Great Pit, a vast crater created by an enormous mine collapse in 1687. In the evening, enjoy a delightful dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

First Grand Hotel Falun.

DAY 7 | LILLEHAMMER

Travel along Lake Siljan to Mora, home to the infamous 17th-century witch trials. 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. (B) (D)

Scandic Lillehammer Hotel.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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. For the next two nights you will stay in the scenic village of Geiranger. (B) (D)

Hotel Union Geiranger.

DAY 9 | GEIRANGER AT LEISURE

Enjoy a relaxed start and a day reserved for your leisure amongst breathtaking scenery. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | FJÆRLAND AND FJORDLAND

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 and hear about life between the fjord and the glacier. 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)

Leikanger Fjord Hotel.

DAY 11 | THE FLÅM RAILWAY TO BERGEN

Cross the magnificent Sognefjord and embark on a spectacularly scenic journey aboard the Flåm Railway. Visit a family-run farm on the Hardangerfjord to hear how eight generations have farmed the land. Sample their fresh apple juice and homemade cider and enjoy a walk through the orchard.

Travel on to your hotel in the historic port of Bergen. (B)

Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz, Bergen.

DAY 12 | THE HANSEATIC PORT OF BERGEN

A Local Expert introduces you to Bergen. See the lively Fish Market with its many stalls that also include fruits, vegetables, flowers, handicrafts and souvenirs, before continuing on to see the 13th century Haakon's Hall. (B)

DAY 13 | MOUNTAINS AND FJORDS TO OSLO

Travel along scenic and varied landscapes to Oslo, through some of Norway's most picturesque ski-resorts. Cross the Hardanger Plateau, Europe's greatest mountain plateau and the largest national park in the Nordic countries. (B)

Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Oslo.

DAY 14 | COSMOPOLITAN OSLO

With your Local Expert, see the Royal Palace and the Akershus Castle guarding the harbor. Explore the area around the Opera House and see the strikingly modern architecture of the Bjorvika neighborhood. Round off your Scandinavian adventure with a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. Over a glass of wine, toast to your travels with your newfound friends. (B) (D)

DAY 15 | OUT OF OSLO

Departure transfers arrive at Oslo airport at 07:15 and 10:15. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Copenhagen |
Celebration Dinner in Oslo | Taste apple
cider in Hardangerfjord.

Insightful Experiences

Uppsala: Meet Hans Odoo, a passionate Uppsala local and storyteller, who will share the fascinating history of the Carl Linneaus Garden on a guided tour. You'll learn about Sweden's first botanical garden and its 1300 species of flora and fauna.

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DAY 4 | Experience a traditional Swedish Fika of coffee and freshly baked pastries at a family-run café in a traditional 18th Century Swedish house. The café supports the village museum in preserving traditional memorabilia and artifacts (pictured above).

DAY 10 | Visit the interactive Norwegian Glacier Museum. Experience an incredible journey through time at this interactive museum surrounded by striking glacial landscapes. Hear more about climate change and the natural environment in this spectacular national park center.

Top Rated Highlights

Cruise Geirangerfjord | Travel on the Flåm Railway | Visit Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen | Stockholm's City Hall | Lom Stave Church | City tours of Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Stockholm, Bergen and Oslo, all with Local Experts.

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GRAND SCANDINAVIA

Toast the midnight sun with champagne and caviar and see Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid in Copenhagen.

20 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 30 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



4.5

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Guest Review Rating

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Aug

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN

On arrival at Copenhagen airport, your transfer shuttle service will leave for your hotel at 09:00, 12:00 and 15:00. Join your Travel Director at 17:30, for a warm and friendly Welcome Dinner. Visit the world-famous Tivoli Gardens. (D)
Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

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, Amalienborg Palace and the Renaissance Stock Exchange. Visit the cathedral. (B)

DAY 3 | ON TO STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

Travel from Denmark to Sweden, crossing the incredible Øresund Bridge. Journey along the shores of Lake Vättern to Stockholm. (B)
Hilton 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 dinner onboard from your sea-view cabin. (B) (D)
Serenade/Symphony—Tallink & Silja Line Ships.

DAY 5 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI

Disembark your Baltic cruise and meet your Local Expert. Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market and sample local produce, like liquorice or smoked reindeer. (B)
GLO Hotel Art, Helsinki.

DAY 6 | LAKES AND FORESTS TO KUOPIO

Journey through the Finnish Lake District to Kuopio and on arrival ascend Puijo Tower for stunning views. (B) (D)
Scandic Atlas, Kuopio.

DAY 7 | THE ROAD TO ROVANIEMI

Visit Oulu, northern Finland's oldest city. Travel to Lapland. (B) (D)
Santa's Hotel Santa Claus, Rovaniemi.

DAY 8 | ROVANIEMI AND LAPLAND

Cross the Arctic Circle today, a highlight for many travelers. With your Local Expert, see the Town Hall and visit Rovaniemi Church. Explore Rovaniemi with Insight Choice. Choose to meet Santa Claus and embrace the spirit of Christmas. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a nature walk in the forest. (B)

DAY 9 | ACROSS THE ARCTIC TO IVALO

Continue along the Four Winds Road, where you may see herds of reindeer as you journey to one of the oldest churches in Lapland. Travel through Europe's last great wilderness past the Urho Kekkonen National Park. (B) (D)
Hotel Ivalo.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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



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DAY 10 | THE NORTH CAPE

Cross the rolling tundra into Norway and stop at Karasjok for a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**. Visit a Sami National Museum, devoted to preserving the Sami history and culture, and see the Sami Parliament.

Continue through unique scenery en route to North Cape. Journey to the northernmost point of mainland Europe in search of the midnight sun and enjoy celebratory delicacies in one of the most special places on Earth. (B) (D)

Scandic Nordkapp.

DAY 11 | THROUGH FINNMARK TO ALTA

Enjoy a morning at leisure before continuing onwards to Alta. (B)

Scandic Alta.

DAY 12 | A WORLD OF ADVENTURE IN ALTA

Visit a working husky farm to meet the champion dog sledding Lyrek family. Learn about their Alaskan huskies and Arctic dog sled races. Meet husky puppies that may grow to be the best racing dogs in the country. Afterwards, delight in a wonderful oven-baked Highlight Lunch with seasonal specialties from the region, such as salmon or reindeer. (B) (L)

DAY 13 | NARVIK

Pass Kåfjord where the German battleship Tirpitz was stationed during World War II, before arriving into scenic Narvik. (B)

Scandic Narvik .

DAY 14 | ACROSS TYSEFJORD TO MOSJØEN

Board a ferry to cross Tysfjord, then continue past Rago National Park and bid farewell to the Arctic. (B) (D)

Fru Haugans Hotel, Mosjoen.

DAY 15 | LAKSFOSS FALLS TO TRONDHEIM

Continue past the village of Hell to Trondheim.

See the impressive Nidaros Cathedral, the world's northernmost medieval cathedral. (B)

Scandic Nidelven Hotel [Trondheim , Norway]

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)

DAY 18 | OSLO, THE CAPITAL

Travel through 'Peer Gynt' Country, inspiration for Edvard Grieg. Stop in Lillehammer and continue on to Oslo.

Round off your travels with a Celebration Dinner, and raise your glass to toast your adventures. (B)

Thon Hotel 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) (D)

DAY 20 | OUT OF OSLO

Departure transfers arrive at Oslo airport at 07:15 and 10:15. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Copenhagen | Celebration Dinner in Oslo | Taste local treats at Helsinki's Market Hall | Sparkling wine and local specialties in North Cape.

Insightful Experiences

Alta: Meet the Lyrek family and their huskies. Hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races while enjoying a hearty lunch.

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DAY 10 | Visit the Sami Museum, dedicated to preserving the culture of one of the world's oldest tribes. Admire over 5,000 objects in the cultural heritage collection on a visit that actively supports the community's efforts to conserve their heritage for future generations.

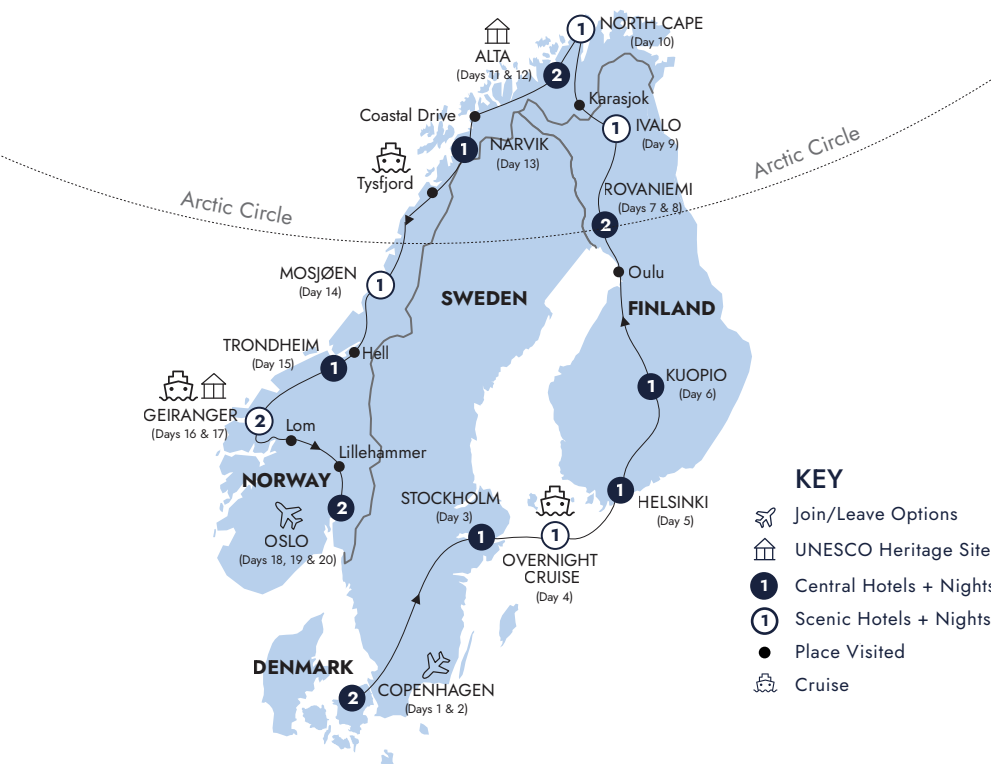
Top Rated Highlights

Travel the Baltic Sea by overnight cruise from Stockholm to Helsinki | Cruise Geirangerfjord | Visit Copenhagen Cathedral | Tivoli Gardens | City Hall Stockholm | Helsinki | Kuopio Viewing Tower | Rovaniemi | North Cape Visit Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Rovaniemi and Oslo with a Local Expert | Visit a Sami National Museum | Visit a working husky farm, meet the huskies and learn about Arctic dog sled races | View a 12th century stave church.

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise

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NORTHERN LIGHTS OF SCANDINAVIA

Embrace the Northern Lights. Sample caviar in Europe's northernmost point, meet racing huskies and feed reindeer in an Indigenous Sami community.

10 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W800A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan - Mar + Oct - Dec

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO HELSINKI.

Welcome to Helsinki, with its excellent museums and pretty seaside buildings. This beautiful city is set to be your home for the night. At Helsinki airport, transfers depart at 10:00, 14:00 and 16:00 for the grand GLO Hotel Art. Meet your Travel Director at 18:00 for a drinks reception. Decorated in a distinctive Art Nouveau style, this charming four-star hotel is the ideal place to sit back and get to know your fellow travelers, before your Scandinavian adventure begins.
GLO Hotel Art, Helsinki.

DAY 2 | THE GATEWAY TO LAPLAND

Today you'll take a flight to Ivalo, a small yet important center in Finnish Lapland, 250km above the Arctic Circle. The Gateway to the North, Ivalo is set on the Ivalo River, where the first Lapland Goldrush took place in the 19th century. You'll enjoy a Welcome Dinner at your boutique hotel, Aurora Village. Look out for the dancing northern lights, as you gaze through the glass ceiling from the comfort of your room. Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and therefore sightings cannot be guaranteed. (B) (D)
Aurora Village, Ivalo.

DAY 3 | IVALO TO HONNINGSVÅG

Today you'll be heading further North through the winter Lapland landscape. Cross the Finnish–Norwegian border as you make your way to Honningsvåg, the northernmost and smallest city in Norway. Your drive will take you along the mighty Porsangerfjord, the fourth largest fjord in Norway. Take the subsea Nordkapp Tunnel to the island of Magerøya, to reach your hotel in this small fishing community. Explore the quaint city by taking a stroll along the waterfront before dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)
Scandic Nordkapp.

DAY 4 | NORTHERN LIGHTS IN NORTH CAPE

You simply can't visit Norway without heading to North Cape (weather permitting). Dubbed the northernmost point in continental Europe, you'll go in search of the iconic Northern Lights as you sip on bubbles and delight in exquisite caviar with your fellow travelers. End your day back at your charming hotel, where you'll rest up ahead of tomorrow's adventures. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | NORTH CAPE TO ALTA

Enjoy a spectacular drive from North Cape to Alta, taking in the country's magnificent fjords and Arctic landscapes along the way. Head to an ice bar with your fellow travelers, for a chilled beverage as you discuss the day's events.

Home for the next couple of nights is Scandic Alta, a traditional and relaxing hotel, situated in the heart of Alta. With time at leisure, perhaps visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Rock Art Museum? (B)
Scandic Alta.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

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 Highlight Lunch, before meeting the dogs themselves. (B) (L)

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. Just a short walk from your hotel, you'll find a high concentration of old wooden houses and a great array of restaurants. (B)

Clarion Hotel The Edge, Tromsø.

DAY 8 | DELVE INTO SCANDINAVIAN HISTORY

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet members of the Indigenous Sami community of Scandinavia. Delve into the history of Arctic Norway and join a Sami guide for an immersive journey through their camp, with an invitation to help feed their reindeer herd.

You are invited into a lavuu (a traditional Sami tent) to hear stories of Sami life and folk songs around the fire, after enjoying a traditional Sami meal with hot drinks. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | A MERRY FINALE IN OSLO

In the morning, take a flight from Tromsø to Oslo, a modern city located on the shores of the Oslofjord. Surrounded by forested mountains, city dwellers and visitors alike have easy access to nature all year round. On your orientation, see the Oslo Opera House and the new Deichmann Library in the contemporary Bjørvika district. Join your fellow travelers at a local restaurant to make a toast to newfound friends and a wonderful journey, over a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo.

DAY 10 | FAREWELL OSLO

It's time to say farewell to your fellow travelers. Transfers arrive into Oslo airport at 07:15 or 10:15. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Drink in Helsinki | Welcome Dinner at the Aurora Village hotel | Drinks at an Ice Bar in Alta | Celebration Dinner in Oslo.

Insightful Experience

DAY 6 | Meet the Lyrek family and their huskies. Hear tales about their marathon Arctic dog sled races while enjoying a hearty lunch.

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DAY 8 | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet members of the Indigenous Sami community of Scandinavia. You are invited into a lavuu (a traditional Sami tent) to hear stories of Sami life and folk songs around the fire, after enjoying a traditional Sami meal with hot drinks.

Scenic Drives

Enjoy the scenery as you catch glimpses of shimmering winter wonderland forests and snow covered mountains, as you cross the border between Finland and Norway, chasing the northern lights. Watch dramatic coastlines rise from the seas by Alta, tracing your way past the Lyngen Alps down the coast to Tromsø.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit North Cape and search for the Northern Lights | See the Opera House and the new Deichmann Library in Oslo.

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KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- Included Flights
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited



NATURAL WONDERS OF ICELAND

Encounter iconic volcanic landscapes from relaxing in Vok's geothermal pools to exploring the Gullfoss Waterfall and the lava fields of Budir.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: E964

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Sep

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

DAY 1 | THE SMOKY BAY OF REYKJAVÍK

Welcome to Iceland. On arrival at Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Begin your journey along Iceland's stark coastline, through picturesque towns and to spectacular natural sites by joining your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Drink served with canapés. Fosshotel Reykjavík.

DAY 2 | HOT SPRINGS, WATERFALLS AND VÍK

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, heading east to visit Iceland's newest geothermal and electric power station at Hellisheiðavirkjun. Later, explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes. Continue to the hot springs at Geysir and the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls. In the afternoon, visit the majestic south coast waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss before continuing to your hotel in Vík. (B) (D) Hótel Kría, Vík.

DAY 3 | BY GLACIERS AND ICEBERGS TO HÖFN

Travel along the southern coast of Iceland, beside the black sand beaches and basalt rock formations. Continue through the National Park at Skaftafell and see the largest glacier in Europe, Vatnajökull. Travel on to the luminous blue icebergs of Lake Jökulsárlón, the highlight of the day. This dramatic setting was featured in two James Bond films. Arrive in the small harbor town of Höfn, an active lobster fishing hub. From here, your Travel Director will lead a short orientation. Dine at your hotel's restaurant tonight and experience what the local produce has to offer. (B) (D) Hótel Höfn.

DAY 4 | EASTERN FJORDS TO EGILSSTAÐIR

Explore yet another face of Iceland, as you drive through narrow fjords surrounded by steep cliffs and past small fishing villages. Catch a glimpse of Papey Island, once the home of Gaelic monks who settled here before the arrival of the Vikings. Continue to the lakeside town of Egilsstaðir where upon arrival relax in the untouched nature at Iceland's only geothermal floating pools. Vök Baths harnesses the natural geothermal power of the area to create a unique bathing experience with amazing views of the Lake Urriðavatn. The architecture of the hot springs are designed to complement the unspoiled beauty of the Icelandic environment. Continue onto your hotel for an included dinner. (B) (D) Icelandair Hotel Herad, Egilsstaðir.

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 and the concentrated geothermal activity produces

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

mud pools and spectacular-colored deposits. Continue to the charming fishing village of Husavik for free time to explore this whale watching capital of Iceland. Perhaps embark on an optional whale watching experience (available during whale season) or explore The Whale Walk in the Husavik whale museum. This evening is at your leisure in Akureyri to relax or explore. Perhaps stroll along the harbor and admire the imposing architecture of the Akureyrarkirkja, set against a sweeping mountainscape, and visit the Old Town for a glimpse into the town's early development. (B)

Hotel Kea, Akureyri.

DAY 6 | FROM THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH TO BORGARNES

Enjoy an orientation of Akureyri, the capital of northern Iceland, first established as a trading center in 1602. Travel past mountains, waterfalls, and green coastal regions. Later, continue on to the southwest coast of Borgarnes. This evening consider joining the optional experience to one of the oldest houses in Borgarnes and enjoy dinner at The Settlement Center restaurant which is home to an exhibition telling the story of The Settlement Era in Iceland. Enjoy authentic cuisine as you engage in the country's cultural heritage and gain insights into the events that have shaped the lives of the locals. (B)

Icelandair Hotel Hamar, Borgarnes.

DAY 7 | EXPLORING SNÆFELLSJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK

Travel along the Snæfellsnes Peninsula to Snæfellsjökull National Park, known as the Jewel of West Iceland and home to the country's

most famous volcano. See the magnificent Snæfellsjökull glacier surrounded by unspoiled natural beauty. En route, admire the impressive landscapes of Búðir, offering a mixture of sandy hills, black lava fields and a yellow beach. Next, take a stroll along the sea cliffs of Arnastapi with its unique column rock formations and take in the beautiful scenery. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | THINGVELLIR AND ON TO REYKJAVÍK

Journey south to Thingvellir. This remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates meet. Explore Reykjavik with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland one of a kind exhibition to experience Iceland's natural beauty. Alternatively, experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at FlyOver to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. This afternoon you may decide to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon on our optional experience. Round off your journey through one of the world's most naturally beautiful places with a delicious Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Fosshotel Reykjavik.

DAY 9 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

Your Icelandic adventure comes to an end, with a transfer to Reykjavik's Keflavik Airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Reception in Reykjavik | Dinner in Höfn | Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Reykjavik.

Insightful Experiences

Fridheimar: Explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes, all the while respecting the surrounding nature.

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DAY 2 | Visit Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station, the second largest of its kind in the world. Hear about how this plant has helped Iceland achieve 70% of the country's energy consumption through renewable energy sources.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Geysir | Vatnajökull National Park | Snæfellsjökull National Park | See Gullfoss waterfall | Skalholt's historic church | Vatnajökull Glacier in Skaftafell | Lake Jökulsárlón | lakeside Egilsstaðir | craters, boiling mud pots and geothermal hot springs at Lake Mývatn | Akureyri | the black lava fields and yellow beach of Búðir | Arnarstapi | Parliamentary Plains in Thingvellir | Reykjavik | Bathe in the geothermal pools at Vox Baths



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SCENIC ICELAND & THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

*Gasp in awe at the hot springs in Geysir,
the waterfalls of Skógafoss and the majesty
of the Hekla volcano.*

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: W864

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan - Mar + Sep - Dec

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

DAY 1 | THE VIKING CITY OF REYKJAVÍK

Welcome to Iceland. At Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport, you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel. Join your Travel Director and traveling companions at 18:15 for your Welcome Reception and enjoy the opportunity to get to know each other, over a pleasant evening of wine and canapés. Afterwards, search for the most spectacular show on Earth—the northern lights. See the breathtaking night sky filled with the aurora borealis and its vast spectrum of color.

Please note the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and therefore sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Fosshotel Reykjavík.

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. See the magnificent Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull volcanoes.

Arrive in the welcoming community of Vík. Later, perhaps enjoy another chance to go in search of the mystical northern lights? (B) (D)

Hótel Kría, Vík.

DAY 3 | THE GOLDEN CIRCLE TO FLÚÐIR

Embark on a day of discovery around Iceland's Golden Circle, taking in some of the famous landmarks this magical country has to offer. Experience the exploding hot springs at Geysir before continuing on to the mighty Gullfoss waterfalls, the Icelandic equivalent of Niagara Falls. In Friðheimar, learn about Icelandic greenhouse horticulture when you visit a family-run vegetable farm, specialising in tomatoes. Explore their greenhouses and sample the sweet, unique flavor of their lovingly grown crop. Continue on to your hotel in Flúðir for another chance to catch nature's theater unfolding in the night sky. (B) (D)

Flúðir Icelandair Hotel.

DAY 4 | THINGVELLIR, BORGARNES AND HÚSAFELL

First visit today will be Thingvellir National Park, this remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site lies on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge line, 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 and stop at Reykholt for an orientation with your Travel Director. In Borgarnes, learn about Iceland's history with a fascinating visit to the Icelandic Settlement Center. Enjoy views of the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls as you drive through glorious landscapes. Your travels continue to Deildartunguhver, Europe's

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

most powerful hot spring before a stop at a local family run Sturlu Reykir horse breeding farm. The farm has a natural hot spring, and the hot water is used to bake rye bread underground. Enjoy a taste of this freshly baked rye bread, a family recipe for over 100 years. (B) (D)
Hotel Húsafell.



With only a few light hours during winter, we make sure to fill this time visiting the waterfalls, glaciers, tectonic plates and one of the oldest parliament locations in the world.

— TARRYN, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

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 colorful harbor and the Hallgrímskirkja, a modern church and landmark that can be seen from almost anywhere in the city. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)
Fosshotel Reykjavík.

DAY 6 | CHOICE IN REYKJAVÍK

Explore Reykjavík with Insight Choice. Choose to experience the magic of Iceland on an exhilarating flight-ride at FlyOver to see incredible scenery from sweeping glaciers to stunning fjords. Alternatively, visit the Perlan Museum with the Wonders of Iceland, one of a kind exhibition to experience Iceland's natural beauty. This afternoon you may decide to visit the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon on our optional experience. Surrounded by lava fields and snow-capped mountains, the lagoon is a wonder of nature and offers a unique experience for both body and soul. With your newfound friends, toast to the culmination of your fascinating journey of discovery during a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | FAREWELL REYKJAVÍK

Your Icelandic adventure comes to an end, with a transfer to Reykjavík's Keflavík Airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Reception in Reykjavík |
 Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant
 in Reykjavík.

Insightful Experiences

Explore a local farm and sample their sweet-tasting, homegrown tomatoes. Meet the family to learn about Icelandic horticulture and growing the tastiest tomatoes. Meet the lovable horses of Iceland - the original Viking horses. Learn why they have two more gaits than most other breeds of horses, and how their double-layered coat enables them to withstand Iceland's tough winters.

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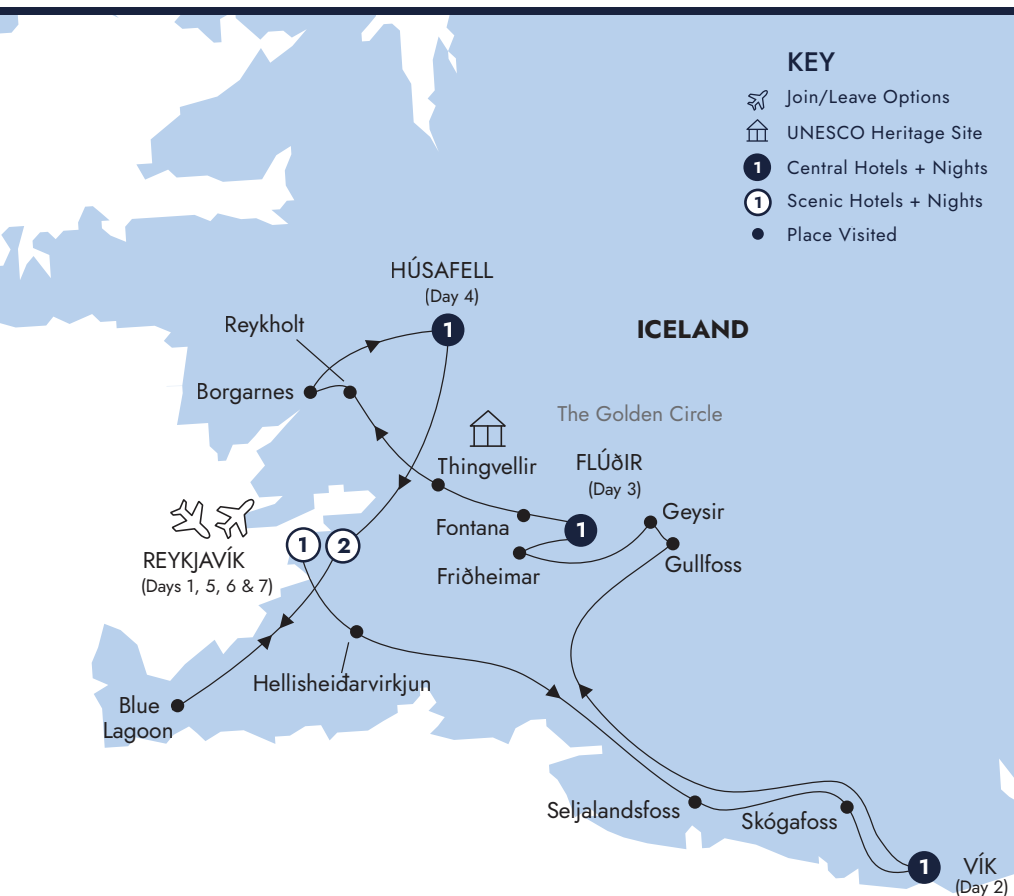


DAY 2 | Visit Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station, the second largest of its kind in the world. Hear about how this plant has helped Iceland achieve 70% of the country's energy consumption through renewable energy sources.

Top Rated Highlights

Seek out the northern lights in the skies above | Visit the Lava Center in Hvalsövellur | Geysir | Icelandic Settlement Centre in Borgarnes | City tour of Reykjavík, with a Local Expert | See Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls | Hekla and Eyjafjallajökull volcanoes | Gullfoss waterfall | Hraunfossar waterfall | Reykholt | Parliamentary Plains in Thingvellir.

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NORTHERN CAPITALS

*Explore Berlin's Brandenburg Gate,
Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens and
and Helsinki's food market.*

14 DAYS | 8 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E947A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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group size call your Travel Advisor or
see insightvacations.com/northerncapitals

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BERLIN

On arrival at Berlin Brandenburg Airport, transfers depart at 10:30, 13:00 & 16:00.

At 18:30, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Dinner with wine. (D)
Hotel NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin.

DAY 2 | THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

In the morning, sightseeing with a Local Expert takes you along the Unter den Linden, past the Humboldt University and Opera House. Stop a while on Museum Island before passing Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of the reunification. See Norman Foster's glass dome which crowns the Reichstag building before embarking on a journey through the Tiergarten. Spend the afternoon exploring at your leisure or relaxing at your hotel. (B)

DAY 3 | ACROSS THE SEA TO COPENHAGEN

Depart Berlin and continue through northern Germany to Rostock for the sea crossing to Denmark. A peaceful journey through the Danish countryside brings you to the capital, Copenhagen. In the evening, delight in the enchanting atmosphere of the famous Tivoli Gardens. (B)
Radisson Blu Scandinavia Hotel, Copenhagen.

DAY 4 | WONDERFUL COPENHAGEN

Visit Christiansborg Palace with a Local Expert. Journey past Copenhagen Cathedral and the university to see Rosenborg Castle, the Renaissance Stock Exchange and Amalienborg Palace, before admiring Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid. (B)

DAY 5 | TO STOCKHOLM, CITY OF ISLANDS

Enjoy a view of Kronborg Castle, reputedly the Elsinore home of Hamlet, during the short ferry crossing to Sweden. Your journey then continues along the shores of Lake Vättern and on to Stockholm. (B)

Clarion Hotel Amaranten.

DAY 6 | STOCKHOLM AND A BALTIC CRUISE

Visit City Hall with a Local Expert and cross the harbor to see the cathedral and Royal Palace. Board your cruise ship for the overnight voyage to Finland with a sea-view cabin. (B) (D)
Serenade/Symphony—Tallink & Silja Line Ships.

DAY 7 | FASHIONABLE HELSINKI

Disembark your Baltic cruise and 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. (B)

Klaus K Hotel, Helsinki.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 8 | FINNISH COUNTRYSIDE

Venture into the lush Finnish countryside and join a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience at Bosgård Organic Farm. Learn about their sustainable practices and try some authentic produce from the farm. Later, visit the picturesque town of Porvoo, one of the most photographed places in Finland. Spend the evening at leisure back in Helsinki. (B)

DAY 9 | SURRENDER TO THE MAGIC OF TALLINN

This morning cross the sea to Estonia. Choose between a stroll with your Local Expert through the cobbled streets of the Old Town, a scene straight out of a fairy-tale, and hear about Estonian arts and crafts. Or join your Local Expert to walk up Toompea Hill for panoramic views of the city and afterwards visit the market square with its old German weighing house, pharmacy and Town Hall. Enjoy free time this afternoon to browse Tallinn's shops, famous for fine amber and silver jewelry. (B)

Swissotel Tallinn.

DAY 10 | ON TO RIGA

Today you make your way to the Latvian capital of Riga. 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 colors and flavors when sampling some of the local delicacies as you wander through the maze of stalls. (B)

Radisson Blu Elizabete Hotel, Riga.

DAY 11 | EXPLORE VILNIUS

Cross into Lithuania and visit the Hill of Crosses before arriving in the capital city of Vilnius. Walk along the streets of bohemian Užupis, a Vilnius neighborhood that proclaimed itself a republic in 2002. A member of the government introduces you to its quirky history and artistic flair. Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva, Vilnius.

DAY 12 | REJUVENATED WARSAW

Pass lakeside Augustow during a scenic journey through Masuria, a region blessed with a plethora of lakes and forests. Your destination will be the Polish capital, faithfully rebuilt after the devastation of World War II. (B) (D)

The Westin Warsaw.

DAY 13 | EXPLORING WARSAW

Join a Local Expert to see the Palace of Culture and stroll through Łazienki Park to the Chopin Memorial. Take a moment to reflect at the Monument to Ghetto Heroes, then walk to Market Square in the Old Town. Join your newfound friends for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant and enjoy a fine selection of local dishes, with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 14 | DEPART WARSAW

Your transfers will arrive at Warsaw airport at 07:30 and 10:00. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Wander through the aromatic stalls of a traditional food market with your Local Expert and sample local produce, like liquorice or smoked reindeer | Welcome Dinner in Berlin | Dine Around in Vilnius | Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant in Warsaw.

Insightful Experiences

Vilnius: Visit Užupis, a quirky neighborhood of Vilnius, with a member of its government. Learn how a small community of artists created this self-proclaimed republic in order to revitalize post-communist Vilnius.

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DAY 1 | Savor the warm atmosphere of your delicious Welcome Dinner at Kreuzberger Himmel. This popular local restaurant actively supports refugees' integration into German society, providing apprenticeships.

DAY 8 | Venture into the lush Finnish countryside and visit Bosgård Organic Farm. Learn about their sustainable practices and try some authentic produce from the farm.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel across the Baltic Sea by ferry from Germany to Denmark | Cruise the Baltic Sea from Stockholm to Helsinki | Travel by ferry from Helsinki to Tallinn | Visit Tivoli Gardens and Christiansborg Palace in Copenhagen | Stockholm's City Hall | City tours of Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius and Warsaw, all with Local Experts.

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WARSAW & THE BALTIC STATES

Uncover insights of Poland, Lithuania, Latvia & Estonia. Explore Vilnius' Old Town and browse Riga's Central Market.

8 DAYS | 4 COUNTRIES | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: E979

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Sep

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE WARSAW

On arrival at Warsaw airport, your transfers depart for your hotel at 10:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at an authentic local restaurant full of Polish charm that serves delicious traditional meals, accompanied by wine. Rest up for your upcoming adventure at the Westin Warsaw. Centrally located in Warsaw's business district, your hotel is a convenient base to explore the city throughout your two-night stay. (D) The Westin Warsaw.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING THE PROUD POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

A Local Expert will show you how well the Polish capital was restored after almost complete obliteration during World War II. This incredible restoration can be credited to the amazing detail of Canaletto's paintings! Pass the tiered Palace of Culture and stroll through Łazienki Park to the Chopin Memorial. Take a moment to reflect at the Monument to Ghetto Heroes, built in 1948 to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943. Then walk to the Market Square in the Old Town. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the University Botanic Gardens with a biologist. The garden's main function is the protection of biological diversity and the conservation of endangered Polish wild species. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Don't miss the chance to visit Wilanow Palace, the residence of Polish King Sobieski, known as Victor of Vienna, or perhaps attend an exclusive private recital of Chopin music by a celebrated Polish pianist? (B)

DAY 3 | VILNIUS, VENERABLE CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA

Pass Augustów and Suwalki during your scenic journey through Masuria, a region rich in lakes and vast forests. Cross into Lithuania and continue to the capital city of Vilnius. See the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, the neoclassical cathedral and the charming Old Town. 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. This evening, perhaps stroll through Lithuania's capital and explore the iconic neighborhoods that display a wealth of architectural styles, from Gothic churches and Baroque chapels to Soviet-era residences and modern pavilions. (B) Radisson Collection Astorija Hotel, Vilnius.

DAY 4 | VILNIUS AND THE CASTLE OF TRAKAI

Walk along the streets of bohemian Užupis, a Vilnius neighborhood that proclaimed itself a republic in 2002. Get up close to the Jesuit University and the Gates of Dawn. A member of the government introduces you to its quirky history and artistic flair. A highlight of your travels will be a visit to the fortified island castle of Trakai. Originally built in the 15th century and now restored to all its glory, this red-brick castle is located on an island in

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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Lake Galvė. Take in the idyllic lake setting as you cross the wooden footbridge to the Gothic castle. Choose from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

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 Siauliai, the symbol of resistance against the Soviet occupation. Admire this impressive site as you stroll through pathways formed between over 100 000 crosses that have been placed at this renowned pilgrimage site. Tonight, our hotel is Hotel set in the most ideal location of the city, overlooking Riga's Vērmāne Garden and just a five-minute walk from the UNESCO World heritage Site of the city's Old Town. (B)

Radisson Blu Elizabete Hotel, Riga.

DAY 6 | RIGA SIGHTSEEING AND ONTO TALLINN

Explore Riga's Old Town with your Local Expert, including a visit to the Domkirk and seeing the city walls, the House of the Three Brothers and the castle of the Livonian Knights, the old aircraft hangars that now house the Riga Central Market, one of the largest in Eastern Europe. Enjoy the vibrant colors and flavors 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 colored architecture to its quirky art scenes, Tallinn is made for the curious and creative. Relax tonight and tomorrow night at the Swissotel Tallinn, a luxury, five-star hotel conveniently located in the city center in Tallinn's tallest building, boasting impressive views of the Old Town and the Baltic Sea. This evening, perhaps explore the facilities of the Tornimäe complex and surroundings. (B)

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 jewelry. Join your traveling companions at a local restaurant for your Celebration Dinner. Toast to your trip, as you savor a freshly prepared meal, rich with traditional flavors and accompanied with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | DEPART TALLINN

At the end of your journey through Warsaw and the Baltic states, departure transfers arrive at Tallinn airport at 05:00 and 10:00. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Warsaw | Dine-Around Evening in Vilnius | Estonian Celebration Dinner in Tallinn.

Insightful Experiences

Vilnius: Visit Užupis, a quirky neighborhood of Vilnius, with a member of its government. Learn how a small community of artists created this self-proclaimed republic in order to revitalize post-communist Vilnius.

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DAY 2 | 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 (pictured above).

Insight Choice

Tallinn: Choose a scenic walking tour of the city with your Local Expert, complete with panoramic views and a visit to Town Hall Square. Alternatively, take a stroll through the fairy-tale Old Town to discover Estonian artisans.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Vilnius | Votive Hill Crosses in Šiauliai | Trakai Castle | City tours of Warsaw, Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn, all with Local Experts.

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KEY

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- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited





Greece has a rich history of windmills dating back to the 16th century which have become icons on the Cycladic islands, however today Germany has the most windmills in Europe.

Eastern Mediterranean & Egypt

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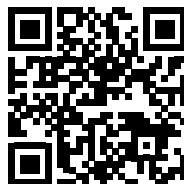
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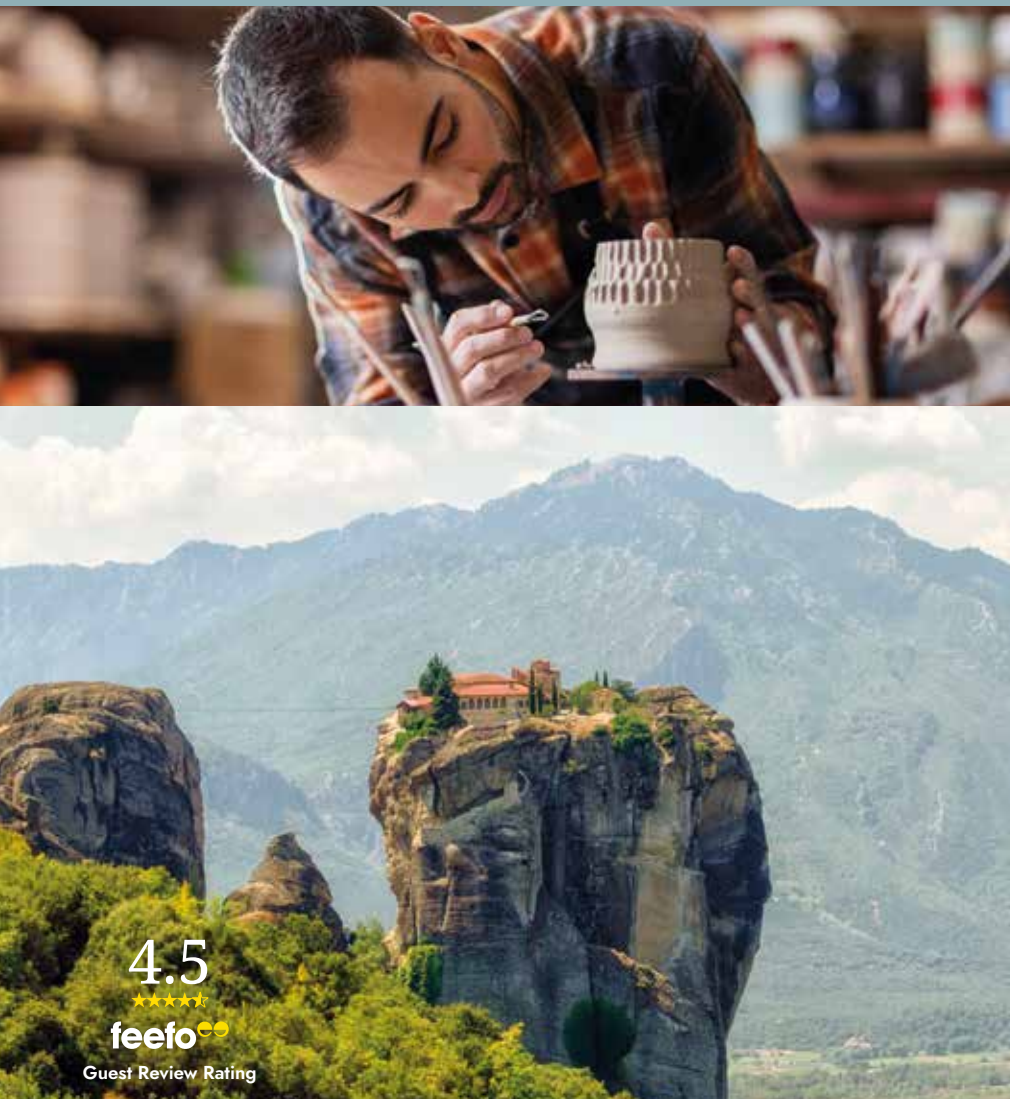


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GLORIES OF GREECE

*Experience ancient grandeur at the Acropolis.
Master local cuisine over a cooking demonstration
of moussaka and tzatziki.*

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS

Venture back to a time when great philosophers roamed the halls of the Agora and gods competed for mythical supremacy. Embark on an unforgettable exploration of ancient myths and legends in the vibrant capital of Athens, which you will have an opportunity to explore after your Insight host will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel where you may prefer to settle in and relax. At 19:00, Join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and a chance to get to know your fellow travel companions over a delightful evening of dinner and wine. (D)
Divani Palace Acropolis/New Hotel/Athens Marriott Hotel.

DAY 2 | ATHENS, CITY OF GODS

Today your mythical Grecian discovery encapsulates the intriguing history of ancient Greece. Begin with an exploration revealing the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Arch of Hadrian. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the Acropolis, one of the most important ancient sites in the Western world. Crowning the top is the Parthenon, visible from almost everywhere in the city. See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion. Continue to Thermopylae, famous as the mountain pass where King Leonidas led his Spartan army, along with fellow Greek soldiers, into battle against the Persians in 480 B.C. See the memorial dedicated to Leonidas and his courageous Spartans. Learn about this pivotal moment in the country's history as you gain insight into the immortal words inscribed on the memorial site. Then on to your hotel in Kalambaka for a delicious dinner from a fresh, seasonal menu. (B) (D)

Divani Meteora Hotel/Grand Meteora, Kalambaka.

DAY 3 | THE PINNACLES OF METEORA

With your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora, meaning 'in the air.' The massive pinnacles of smooth rock are ancient, yet could also be the setting for a science fiction tale. Visit one of the monasteries, that adds to the strange and beautiful landscape and enjoy stunning views over the Peneios Valley. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Why not explore with a relaxed walk on the nature trails? Alternatively, you may wish to visit the Natural History Museum, with a rich collection of birds and mammals as well as a comprehensive mushroom museum, the first of its kind in Greece. (B)

DAY 4 | THE SACRED WAY AND ONTO OLYMPIA

Travel south, stopping at the foothills of Mount Parnassus. Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi with your Local Expert. Pass the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall, with its interlocking stones still perfectly intact after thousands of years. You'll approach the Temple of Apollo, where for 14 centuries the mysterious

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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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 on Greece's Peloponnese peninsula. Dinner is served in your hotel and the evening is at leisure to admire the beautiful surroundings. (B) (D)

Amalia Hotel Olympia/Olympion Asty.

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 honor 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 local Chef Farije as she shares with you her passion for local ingredients and high quality products with an entertaining and immersive cooking demonstration, showcasing classic Greek cuisine. Experience authentic Greek regional flavors, as you savor dishes prepared for your Highlight Dinner. (B) (D)

Amalia Hotel/Olympion Asty.

DAY 6 | MYCENAE AND NAFPLIO

Today you leave the town of Olympia and begin your journey back to the Greek capital. Stop for a visit at the ruined city of Mycenae with a Local Expert. Walk through the Lion Gate,

visit the royal beehive-tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones, used to build the city walls. Later, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you meet the artisans at a family-run pottery studio who has been safeguarding the techniques and secrets of Ancient-Greece pottery. View their beautiful works of art and learn about the skills needed to execute such delicate pieces. Our visit helps to support an artistic studio that preserves important skills and ancient traditions. Travel to the elegant town of Nafplio known for its beautiful architecture, colorful shops and vibrant cafes. Your journey continues, following the shores of the Saronic Gulf to pass the Corinth Canal, dividing the Peloponnese and mainland Greece, before arriving in Athens. In the evening enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner in true Greek style, paired with fine wine and good company. (B) (D)

DAY 7 | DEPART ATHENS

This morning after breakfast, your Grecian odyssey comes to an end. Bid antio to the historic temples, legendary landscapes and delicious delights of Greece as you take a complimentary a transfer to Athens Airport for your onward journey. (B)



Superior Dining

Olympia Cooking Demonstration with Chef Farije / Savor regional specialties over a Highlight Dinner in Olympia / Celebration Dinner in Athens.

Insightful Experiences

Olympia: Chef Farije shares with you her passion for local ingredients and high quality products. Learn how to make tzatziki and other regional dishes during a fun and immersive cooking demonstration.

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DAY 6 | Discover ancestral pottery methods at an artist's studio that preserves important skills and ancient traditions.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Acropolis | Meteora monastery | The Sacred Way and Temple of Apollo in Delphi.

City tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi and Mycenae, all with Local Experts | The Sacred Way and Temple of Apollo | Explore the Ancient Olympic Site of Olympia with the Temple of Zeus | See the Leonidas Monument in Thermopylae. See the Arch of Hadrian in Athens |

Cross the amazing rock-cut channel dividing the Peloponnese from mainland Greece.



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TREASURES OF GREECE & THE ISLANDS

Soak in the Greek isles. See idyllic Santorini, white-washed Mykonos and Athens' Arch of Hadrian and the Acropolis.

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Your transfer from Athens airport takes you to your hotel. Explore the ancient history of the city with your Local Expert, as you stand atop the Acropolis.

See the memorial dedicated to legendary Leonidas and his courageous Spartans. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Meteora and explore one of the cliff-top monasteries.

Ascend the Sacred Way of Delphi to reach the Temple of Apollo. Learn about the Ancient Olympic Games.

Take a walk in the ruined city of Mycenae and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a family-run pottery studio. Take a walk in colorful Nafplio, before returning to Athens. Travel to Santorini and relax in cliff-top restaurants, laze on sun-soaked beaches and admire the famous sunset. The deep blue of the Aegean Sea and whitewashed houses of the Cyclades provide an idyllic backdrop for your time on the islands.

In lively Mykonos Town, explore the maze of charming alleyways lined with small shops and bars.

On your final day, a transfer will take you to Athens airport.

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited
- Cruise



Insightful Experiences

Olympia: Chef Farije shares with you her passion for local ingredients and high quality products. Learn how to make tzatziki and other regional dishes during a fun and immersive cooking demonstration.

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DAY 6 | Discover ancestral pottery methods at an artist's studio that preserves important skills and ancient traditions.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by high-speed ferry from Athens to Mykonos and Santorini | Visit the Acropolis | Meteora monastery | The Sacred Way and temple of Apollo in Delphi | City tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi and Mycenae, all with Local Experts.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct

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GRECIAN FABLES

Journey across the Aegean learning the history of the Temple of Artemis and Temple of Olympian Zeus from a Local Expert.

15 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 32 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Your transfer from Athens airport takes you to your hotel. Take in Athens' spectacular sites on a guided sightseeing tour and visit the Acropolis. In Mycenae, meet a family of potters and learn about their craft during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Join a local chef in Olympia for an entertaining cooking demonstration, followed by an authentic Greek dinner. Embark on a majestic seven-night cruise. While on board, enjoy a variety of Mediterranean dishes, unlimited soft drinks and alcoholic beverages.

Set sail for the ancient city of Thessaloniki. Journey to Crete for a full day, to embark on a tour to the capital city of Heraklion and visit King Minos' Palace in Knossos. Then, wander the famous white houses in Santorini and the lively Mykonos Town. Sail to Milos with its crystal waters and white cliffs.

On the final day of your trip, a transfer will take you to Athens airport.

KEY

- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited



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DAY 6 | Discover ancestral pottery methods at an artist's studio that preserves important skills and ancient traditions.

Top Rated Highlights

Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Mycenae, Ephesus, cross the Corinth Channel with Local Experts | Visit the Acropolis, Meteora Monastery, The Sacred Way, Temple of Apollo, Ancient site of Ephesus and Minoan Palace of Knossos | City Tours of Athens, Meteora, Delphi, Mycenae and Ephesus with Local Experts | Cross the Corinth Channel

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Trip code: I989

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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GREEK ISLAND HOPPER

Set sail from Athens to Santorini and Mykonos' narrow alleys followed by a private tasting of traditional Mykonian cuisine.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: I956A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ATHENS

Venture back to a time when great philosophers roamed the halls of the Agora and gods competed for mythical supremacy. Embark on an unforgettable exploration of ancient myths and legends in the vibrant capital of Athens, which you will have an opportunity to explore after your Insight host will meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel where you may prefer to settle in and relax. At 19:00, Join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner and a chance to get to know your fellow travel companions over a delightful evening of dinner and wine. (D) Divani Palace Acropolis/New Hotel/Athens Marriott Hotel.

DAY 2 | ATHENS SIGHTSEEING

Today your mythical Grecian discovery encapsulates the intriguing history of ancient Greece. Begin with an exploration revealing the Temple of Olympian Zeus - one of the largest temples in the ancient world, and the Arch of Hadrian, built to celebrate the arrival of the Roman Emperor Hadrian. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the Acropolis, one of the most important ancient sites in the Western world. Crowning the top is the Parthenon, visible from almost everywhere in the city. See the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion. The rest of your day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3 | DEPART FOR SANTORINI

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the port for the early ferry to Santorini. Famed for the scattered white Cycladic houses that rest upon its cliffs, Santorini is a dreamy getaway. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and take time to relax. Why not take a dip in the pool? In the evening join your fellow travelers for a refreshing cocktail as you watch the sunset over the caldera and the Aegean Sea. (B)

Nous Hotel/Orama Hotel/The Majestic Hotel.

DAY 4 | SANTORINI

Today you'll delve into the geological history of Santorini. In the morning a local geology expert will divulge secrets about this volcanic island and the caldera, revealing the details of its formation. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. Why not head out for a swim at Ammoudi Bay, to visit the Santorini Wine Museum or ask your Travel Director for some restaurant recommendations? (B)

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) Dinner (D)

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relax on-board a wooden Caique, setting sail for the sunset and the beautiful village of Oia high above the cliffside. (B)

Guests are curious about the evil eye, which can be spotted often in Greece. I enjoy telling them the history behind it and they often share superstitions from their own countries.

— MORAIG, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

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 Matoyinnia 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) Despotiko/Dorion Hotel/Porto Mykonos Hotel.

DAY 7 | MYKONOS AT LEISURE

Today you'll have free time to explore as you wish with many exciting adventures to choose from. Why not take a transfer to the picturesque

Mykonos Town and explore the beautiful port area. Or, visit Delos - once a Sacred Island, 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)

DAY 8 | MYKONOS

Board your kaiki for a real Insight Experience, a traditional boat and meet a Greek captain to cruise around the stunning, world-famous Little Venice of Mykonos while you learn more about life on the island. Sit back and relax as you enjoy views of the iconic windmills (weather permitting). (B)

DAY 9 | DEPART MYKONOS

After breakfast at your hotel you will be transferred to the port of Mykonos to board the ship to Piraeus in Athens. Once here you will be met at the port and transferred to your Athens hotel. There is time in the afternoon for you to do some last-minute sightseeing, souvenir shopping or just relax at your hotel. Enjoy your last night with your fellow travelers at a Celebration Dinner to toast your experiences. (B) (D)

Divani Palace Acropolis/New Hotel/Athens Marriott Hotel.

DAY 10 | DEPART ATHENS

Bid a fond adío to your Greek island vacation. Your journey comes to an end with a transfer to Athens airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Taste local delicacies in Mykonos | Celebration Dinner in Athens.

Insightful Experiences

Santorini: Learn from a local geology expert how the Santorini caldera, one of Earth's natural wonders, was formed 3,500 years ago | Mykonos: Meet a local captain and cruise Little Venice of Mykonos on a traditional boat and learn more about life on the island.

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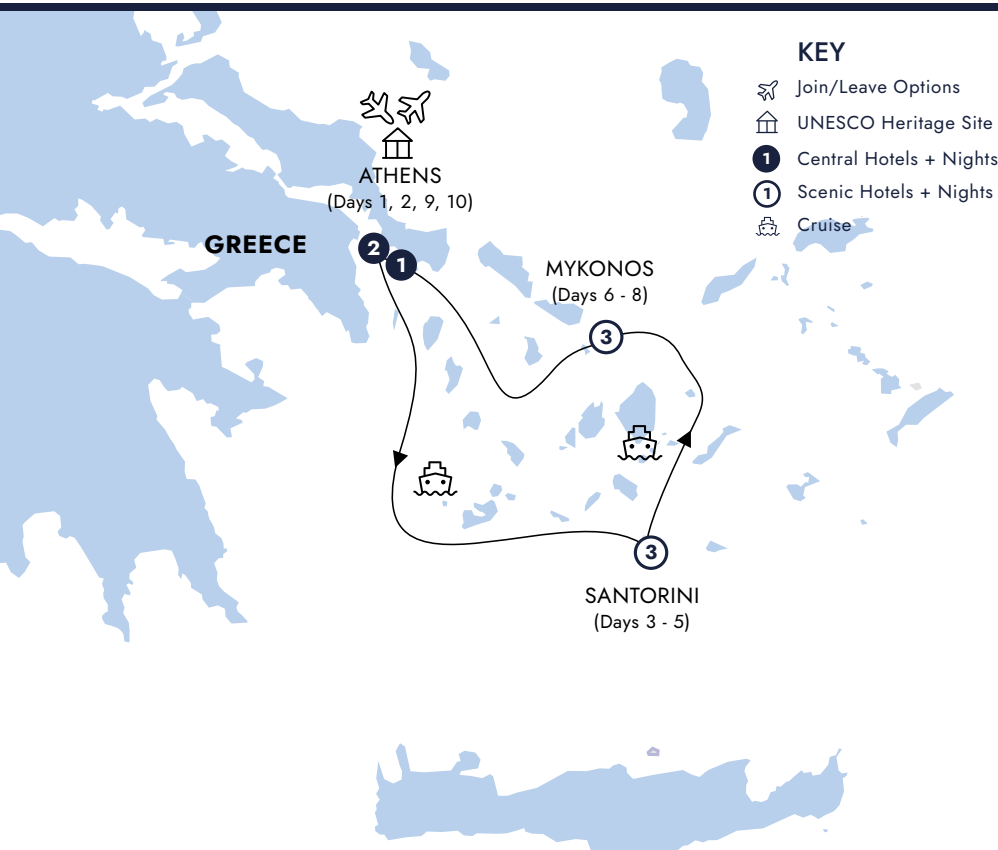
Scenic Cruise

Meet a Greek captain who will take you on a traditional caique to cruise the coast of Mykonos and tell you more about life on the island.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by ferry from Athens, to Santorini and Mykonos | Visit the Acropolis in Athens. Steps away you'll see the Temple of Athena Nike, also known as the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and the six stone-carved caryatids that make up the Porch of the Maidens on the Erechtheion | City tour of Mykonos with a Local Expert | See the Arch of Hadrian and Temple of Olympian Zeus in Athens.

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GREECE UNDISCOVERED

*Explore the Acropolis, meet a local beekeeper
on his family-run honey farm and
encounter archeological finds in Crete.*

15 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 21 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Dec

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DAYS 1 - 2 | ATHENS

With ancient civilisations dating back to 2700 BC, Greece has lured the most curious of travelers for centuries. Your Insight host meets you at the airport and transfers you to your hotel where you have time to settle in. Begin your time on Greece Undiscovered joining your Travel Director and fellow travelers over a delightful evening of Greek favorites and wine. (B) (D)

Divani Caravel Hotel Athens/Divani Acropolis.

DAY 3 | TRAVEL TO THESSALONIKI AND VISIT DION BELOW MOUNT OLYMPUS

Today depart from the Capital and travel north. Stop at Thermopylae and pay homage to Leonidas, the king of the Spartans at his mighty statue. Learn of the famous battle of Thermopylae between the Spartans and the Persians. Next stop is the archaeological park of Ancient Dion, located at the foot of Mount Olympus, the mythical home of the 12 Greek Gods. Visit the site with a local expert and hear the stories and myths of the fascinating site also called the city of Zeus. Arrive in the City of Thessaloniki - the 2nd largest city in Greece. After settling in, enjoy a sumptuous dinner in a local restaurant, with northern Greek cuisine and wine on the menu. (B) (D)

Electra Palace, Thessaloniki.

DAY 4 | THESSALONIKI - INSIGHT CHOICE DAY

Explore the city today with a local expert, walk the quaint narrow streets of the old town or "Ano Poli" and take in the stunning views of the city below. View the iconic landmark White Tower, the Rotunda Monument and visit the beautiful church of Saint Demetrius. Or, after a leisurely morning, set out to explore the city for a walking tour to discover Thessaloniki's markets while sampling local delicacies, such as sesame rings, fragrant cheeses, cured meats and the famous bougatsa - a creamy custard and filo pastry dessert. Later stroll along the harbor, and enjoy the sea breeze and views of the white tower. In the afternoon, choose an optional tour the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki. (B)

DAY 5 | TRAVEL TO IOANNINA VIA VERGINA AND MOUNTAIN VILLAGE OF METSOVO

Visit the fascinating Unesco world Heritage site of Vergina historically known as Aigai. Together with your local expert, explore the excavations and see the tomb where Alexander the Great's father Philippos is believed to be buried. Visit the recently opened Polycentric Museum of Aigaia, exhibiting artifacts of the life, culture and history of the Kingdom of Macedonia. Later discover the traditional mountain town of Metsovo, famous for its cheese and quaint stone architecture. Enjoy time at leisure to stroll through the town and perhaps sample some of the local fare. Settle into your hotel this evening in the beautiful lakeside town of Ioannina. (B) (D)

Dulac Hotel Ioannina.

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

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DAYS 6 - 8 | IOANNINA, GALAXIDI

Discover Ioannina: see the old town inside the historical castle walls, views of the beautiful lake Pomvotis. Hop on board a local boat for a trip to the island of Ioannina, stroll on the pedestrian streets, see the Filanthropinon Monastery. Choose to enjoy an optional experience. Next day, visit the exquisite Venetian town of Nafpaktos and arrive to Galaxidi where you will 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, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic words. MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® with a Beekeeping experience. (B)

Ganymede Hotel/Nostos/Epavlis Galaxidi.

DAY 9 | NAFPLIO

With the impressive Rio Andirio cable span bridge — one of the longest in Europe — guiding your journey, travel to the Peloponnese. The flavors of the wine making region of Nemea delight your palate over a winery tour and tasting with a light pairing lunch. Relaxed and ready for more sights and insights, arrive in Nafplio, the first capital of modern Greece. Your Travel Director reveals the sights of Nafplio on an orientation walk taking you past Neoclassical buildings with cascading bougainvillea, boutiques, restaurants and cafes, the first parliament of Modern Greece and the central square where locals and visitors gather. As the sun sets, the Venetian castle of Palamidi lights up the town. (B) (L)

Ippoliti Hotel/3 Sixty hotel, Nafplio.

DAY 10 | MYCENAE & EPIDAUROS

Classical Greek culture is revealed on your visit to the ruined city of Mycenae with a Local Expert. Gain insight into these ruins of the two of the

greatest cities of the Mycenaean civilization which defined and shaped classical Greek culture. Continue your exploration of the ancient world visiting the Ancient Theater of Epidauros, one of the best-preserved amphitheatres in Greece. Today, the theater is best known for its excellent acoustics due to the steps' "acoustic traps" and is still in use for theatrical performances. Before returning to Nafplion, stop at a local olive oil factory to learn about the olive oil making process while tasting extra virgin olive oil, a staple of the Mediterranean diet. (B)

DAY 11 | TAKE A FLIGHT TO HERAKLION (CRETE)

Travel back to Athens and catch a flight to Crete, where you will spend the next 4 nights. Arrive in Heraklion, enjoy an orientation walking tour. This evening try some of the local dishes, accompanied by the "fiery" drink raki! (B) (D) Megaron Hotel, Epidauros.

DAYS 12 - 14 | CRETE

Visit the Palace of Knossos and the Archaeological museum of Heraklion with a Local Expert. Next day, enjoy a walking tour of Rethymno town. Walk along the quaint old Venetian port, with its icon lighthouse, see the Fortress, the mosques and minarets. The following day, delve into the history and archaeology of Venetian and Ottoman Chania with a Local Expert. During summertime, choose an afternoon optional cruise of the Cretan coast. On day 14, join fellow travelers for a farewell dinner in a traditional Cretan restaurant. (B) (D) Samaria Hotel Chania, Chania.

DAY 15 | DEPARTURE

After breakfast be transferred to the Chania airport for onward flight. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Taste the local flavors, whilst experiencing the famous Cretan hospitality | Welcome Dinner in Athens.

Insightful Experiences

Nemea: The wine making region of Nemea will delight your palate, learn the local wine making process and enjoy a tasting with a sommelier, accompanied by a light pairing lunch of local dishes.

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DAY 2 | Visit the first Turtle sanctuary created in the Mediterranean, and learn about the wonderful work done to help injured turtles and to protect the species.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit the Ancient Theater of Epidauros | Explore the Acropolis, Polycentric Museum of Agia and Venetian town of Nafpaktos | Gain cultural insights at the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion | Travel to the Sacred Way and Temple of Apollo in Delphi | Visit the traditional mountain town of Metsovo | Explore the Minoan Palace of Knossos in Crete | See the Panathenaic Stadium, Hadrian's Arch, Temple of Zeus, Parliament building, the tomb of the unknown soldier and the trilogy of Athens | View the statue of Leonidas in Thermopylae | City tours of Athens, Ancient Dion, Vergina, Delphi, Epidauros, Mycenae, Heraklion and Chania with a Local Expert.

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JORDAN EXPERIENCE

WITH DEAD SEA OPTION

Explore the ruins of the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, ascend Mount Nebo, and traverse a gorge to Petra's Treasury.

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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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 changed very little in 2,000 years. On arrival to Amman International airport, you are transferred to your hotel where you can choose to relax and settle in or explore at your leisure. Later, join your Travel Director for drinks and a Welcome Dinner and the chance to meet your fellow travel companions. (D) Amman Marriott Hotel.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING AMMAN AND JERASH

After breakfast depart for Iraq Al-Amir for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Visit a women's cooperative involving women and girls from nearby Wadi Al Seer villages. The association is supported by Insight Vacations through The TreadRight Foundation and provides training and work opportunities for women in the region. Then, the journey to Jerash reveals the most beautifully preserved example of a Greco-Roman city still in existence. Enter through Hadrian's Arch, to explore the grand ruins of the Temples of Artemis and Zeus, where you can listen to the Whispering Column. Overlook the vast Oval Plaza and Cardo Maximus, the key Roman road. Enjoy an al fresco lunch of natural produce and family recipes at Beit Khairat Souf, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This women-owned café hosted in the home of the Bataresh family is combatting female unemployment and aims to build a strong community of women leaders who can become financially independent. Return to Amman where the rest of the day is at leisure. Why not ask your Travel Director for advice on local restaurant options this evening?. (B) (L)

DAY 3 | MADABA, MOUNT NEBO, SHOBAK AND ON TO PETRA

Continue to Mount Nebo, one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan, where Moses is said to have stood and seen before him the Promised Land. At Madaba, visit the famous Greek Orthodox Church of St. George with its amazing 6th century mosaic map depicting the entire Holy Land, stretching from Jordan and Palestine in the north, to Egypt in the south. Follow the King's Highway to visit Shobak, an authentic 12th century crusader fortress, perched on the side of a rocky mountain. Admire the towers and Arabic calligraphy on the external walls before stepping inside to discover the original Crusader chapel, palace complex, and even a set of secret passages! 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) (D) Petra Marriott Hotel.

DAY 4 | EXPLORING THE LOST CITY OF PETRA

This day is devoted to the beautiful 'rose-red city, half as old as time'. You enter this lost city through a narrow gorge, the Siq, with walls that rise up to 200 meters. Emerge from the path to see the magnificent Treasury, carved out of solid rock and

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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standing over 40 meters high. Wind your way through the canyon to explore the ancient tombs and the Roman Amphitheater, which once seated 3,000 spectators.

Tonight, taste authentic Jordanian flavors as you experience a traditional desert dinner with locals in a stunning backdrop at the Ammarin Bedouin camp. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | WADI RUM WITH THE BEDOUIN

Head to Wadi Rum. Enjoy beautiful vistas as you make your way on a jeep safari deep, into the heart of Wadi Rum's majestic desert with a spectacular Mars-like landscape. Enjoy authentic Bedouin hospitality tonight as you dine with locals under the stars for your Zarb dinner. Wadi Rum is known as one of the world's best place for stargazing. After dinner join an astronomer for a private stargazing session, and sweeping views of the night sky on your magical Insight Experience. Stay in elegant simplicity in a desert camp for the night. (B) (D)

Sun City Camp, Wadi Rum.

DAY 6 | AMMAN

If you wish, start the day with sunrise yoga at the Bedouin camp taking in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings, before returning to the liveliness of Amman. Today, explore Amman with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided sightseeing experience, highlighting the city's history, architecture and culture including visit the Citadel, and the grand Roman

Amphitheater. Alternatively, explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour. Later, check in at your hotel where the rest of your day is at leisure. Join in a lively dinner to celebrate the end of your Jordanian adventures as some of your fellow travelers will not continue to the Dead Sea. (B) (D)
Amman Marriott Hotel.

DAY 7 | ONWARDS TO THE DEAD SEA

Transfer to the Dead Sea for its warm, soothing and mineral-rich waters. Pamper yourself at your resort which offers a wide range of treatments to soothe the body and mind. The evening is at leisure, you may wish to relax and admire as the sun sets on the turquoise tides. Dinner is served in your hotel this evening. (B) (D)

Dead Sea Marriott Resort & Spa.

DAY 8 | DEAD SEA AT LEISURE

Enjoy the entire day at your leisure. Lying more than 400 meters below sea level, this is Earth's lowest point on dry land. Its famous hypersaline water makes floating easy. The surrounding desert offers many oases and historic sites to explore. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART AMMAN

After breakfast, you are transferred to Amman Airport for your onward flight. (B)



Superior Dining

Traditional Jordanian lunch in Jerash | Dine with local Bedouins at the Ammarin Camp in Petra | Traditional Jordanian barbecue dinner in Wadi Rum.

Insightful Experiences

Wadi Rum: Join an astronomer in one of the most magical places on earth for a private stargazing session, and sweeping views of the night sky.

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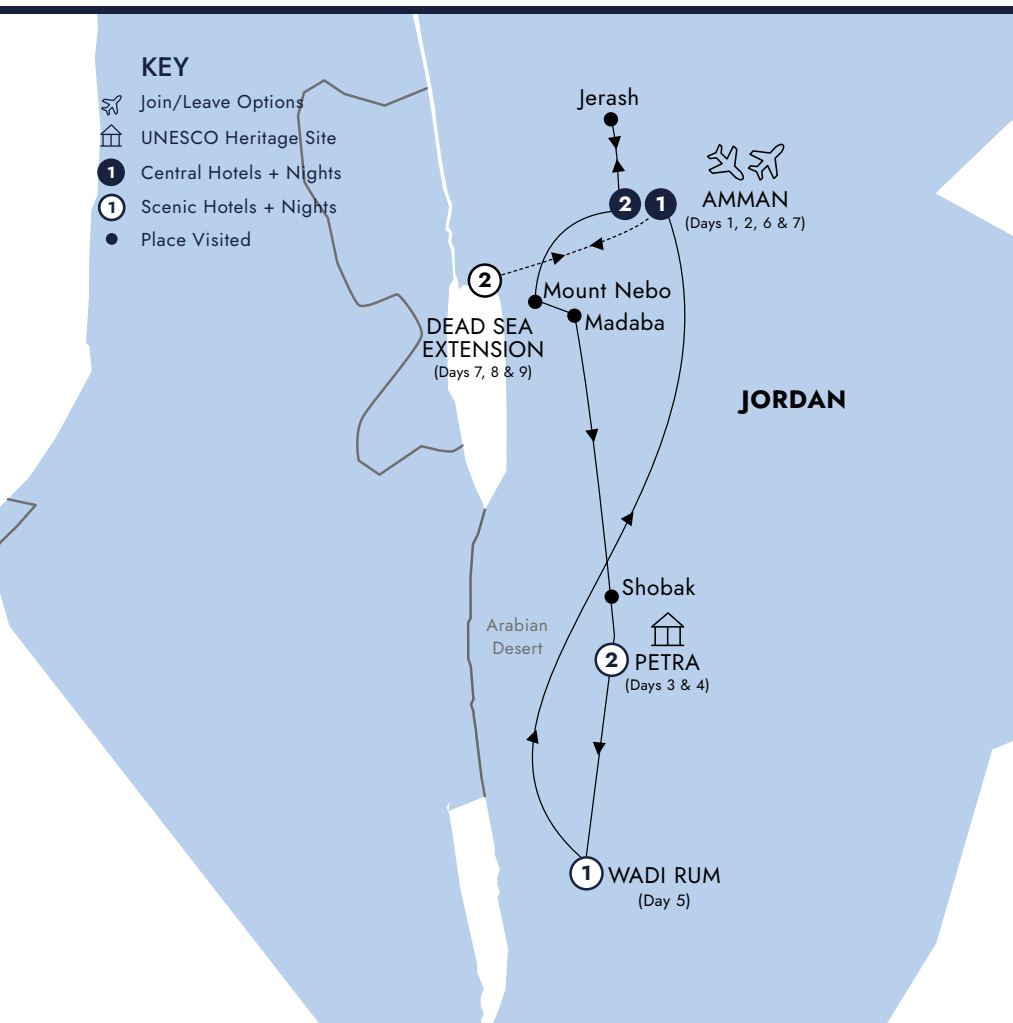


DAY 2 | Visit the Iraq-Al Amir Women's Cooperative supported by the TreadRight Foundation. Learn some skills behind these traditional handicraft activities from the ladies of the cooperative and admire their work, which helps boost their financial livelihoods.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by jeep safari in Wadi Rum | Visit Jerash Ruins | Crusader Fortress of Shobak | See the Ruins of Mount Nebo, Explore the Ancient City of Petra Enjoy Jerash and Madaba Orientations with your Travel Director, Take a dip in the famously mineral-rich waters of the Dead Sea | Visit the Citadel, the grand Roman Amphitheater and the Archaeological Museum in Amman | Explore Amman's street art scene on a guided graffiti walking tour.

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ISRAEL DISCOVERY

Walk through the ancient coastal city of Caesarea, float in the buoyant waters of the salty Dead Sea and break challah during traditional Shabbat dinner:

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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Trip code: I944/W944

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO TEL AVIV

You will be met at Ben Gurion Airport and driven to your hotel in Tel Aviv.

At 19:30 meet your travel companions for a Welcome Reception and a short introduction to your Israeli adventures.

Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING VIBRANT TEL AVIV

Morning sightseeing showcases the highlights of this vibrant city, including the Habimah National Theater, Rabin Square and Carmel Market.

Venture along the seashore to the ancient city of Jaffa to see the famous clock tower and the old harbor. Visit the artists' quarter with its galleries, boutiques and picturesque narrow lanes.

Walk along the seaside promenade at sunset for spectacular views, as local musicians and street artists take to the stage. Meet a local artist at their gallery for an insight into their work and inspiration. (B)

DAY 3 | CAESAREA TO GALILEE

Travel from Tel Aviv, along the coastal road to Caesarea, to visit the archeological park. The ancient city built by King Herod was once a major port and hub of activity in the Judea province. Explore the ancient Roman and Crusader ruins, including the huge amphitheater. Travel via Haifa to Acre, fought over for centuries and captured in turn by Saracens and Crusaders, including Richard the Lionheart. See the fortress, the old harbor area and a Crusader crypt. In Nazareth, visit one of Christianity's most sacred places, the Church of Annunciation, built on the site where the angel Gabriel is said to have appeared to Mary. Soon, ochre villages and seaside towns are replaced by green hills, rich crops and colorful groves, as you approach Tiberias, your home for the night. The day concludes with a brief introduction to life on a Kibbutz. This evening, break traditional challah bread with your travel companions over a cheerful Shabbat dinner. (B) (D)

Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Tiberias.

DAY 4 | HULA VALLEY

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and meet a ranger for a tour of the Agmon Hahula natural reserve. This nature reserve is home to endangered plant species native of the Hula Valley, and also hosts a bird park on one of the most important migration routes in the world. (B)

DAY 5 | TO THE DEAD SEA

Explore Galilee with Insight Choice. Choose to cruise the serene waters of lake Kinneret for glorious views of the Golan Heights. Alternatively, find out more about the remains of a first century fishing boat that was found embedded at the bottom of the lake. Visit Capernaum, where Jesus is said to have entered the synagogue to teach, before heading to the Mount of Beatitudes, where he preached the Sermon on the Mount.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Journey through ever-changing landscapes along the Jordan Valley, past ancient Jericho, to take a dip in the buoyant salt waters of the Dead Sea. (B) (D)

Herbert Samuel Hod Dead Sea Hotel, Ein Bokek.

DAY 6 | MASADA AND THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM

Take a cable car ride up to the fortress of Masada, where Jewish zealots held out for three years against King Herod's armies. Travel through the Judean Hills to Mount Scopus for breathtaking views of Jerusalem.

Visit King David's Tomb on Mount Zion, and the Room of the Last Supper. Enter the Old City and follow the winding cobbled alleyways to the magnificent Wailing Wall, the most sacred monument in Judaism. (B)

Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem.

DAY 7 | EXPLORING JERUSALEM

Today is dedicated to exploring the multiple facets of Jerusalem. Visit Yad Vashem, a memorial for those who perished in the Holocaust. Continue to the Israel Museum and retrace the history of the city. Visit the Shrine of the Book, home to ancient Dead Sea scrolls, and look out for the

most ancient one, the Isaiah scroll, dating from the third century B.C. (B)

DAY 8 | OPTIONAL BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a relaxed morning or alternatively choose to meet your Local Expert at the West Bank border and continue to the holy city of Bethlehem. The Optional Experience includes visiting the Church of the Nativity, one of the oldest continuously operating churches in the world. The structure is built over the cave that tradition marks as the birthplace of Christ, and is considered sacred by followers of both Christianity and Islam. In the afternoon, visit the Garden of Gethsemane and walk through the Old City to see the Temple Mount, one of Islam's holiest sites. Continue along the Via Dolorosa past the Stations of the Cross, Ecce Homo Arch, and the Pool of Bethesda, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

At night, toast your adventures over a hearty Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART JERUSALEM

Your journey comes to an end with transfers to the airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Friday Shabbat Highlight Dinner in Tiberias | Celebration Dinner in Jerusalem.

Insightful Experiences

Tel Aviv: Meet a local artist for a private tour of their studio in Jaffa's artists' quarter.

Sea of Galilee: Find out more about the ancient Galilee Boat and hear the story of its excavation.

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DAY 4 | Join a ranger for a safari tour of the Agmon Hahula nature reserve. Visit the ecological garden, protecting endangered plant species native to the region.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by cable car to the fortress of Masada | Swim in the Dead Sea | Visit the Roman and Crusader ruins of Caesarea | Church of Annunciation in Nazareth | Capernaum Synagogue | Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem | Yad Vashem Museum | Israel Museum | City tours of Tel Aviv, Caesarea, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem, all with Local Experts.

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- Join/Leave Options
- UNESCO Heritage Site
- Central Hotels + Nights
- Scenic Hotels + Nights
- Place Visited



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 | 17 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CAIRO

Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs. On arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE

In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next four nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artifacts. Get to know your Travel Director, a professionally trained Egyptologist, as well as fellow guests over a welcome drink. After that, enjoy dinner on the ship before relaxing in the ship lounge or in the comfort of your room. (B) (L) (D)

MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

DAY 3 | VALLEY OF THE KINGS TO EDFU

This morning, travel by coach to the west bank of the Nile. See the Colossi of Memnon and visit both the Temple of Hatshepsut and the Valley of the Kings, where many pharaohs were buried, including Hatshepsut, Amenhotep I and Tutankhamun.

Experience the renowned local hospitality of Egyptians during a visit to the village of Geziret Bahirat. Connect with the community and share bread with the Bahirat family, while they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life. Visit the massive Luxor Temple complex, which archeologists began excavating in the 1860s and didn't complete until the 1960s. Return to your cruise ship and sail via the Esna Lock to Edfu, for your overnight stay. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 4 | KOM OMBO TO ASWAN

In the early morning sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt dedicated to two gods, the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on board your ship. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 | ASWAN'S HIGH DAM AND NILE FELUCCA

In the morning, visit the Aswan High Dam and granite quarries, to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis. Rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae, it was the last temple built in the classical Egyptian style. Later, on a traditional Nile Felucca, meet a sailor and learn about traditional sailing practices. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel. The likes of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie stayed at this pretty venue, and Christie supposedly wrote "Death on the Nile" from the hotel itself. (B) (L) (AT) (D)

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

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

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)

Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 7 | THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM AND CITADEL

Begin your city sightseeing with your Egyptologist at the world-famous Egyptian Museum. Starring among its attractions is the amazing treasure recovered from Tutankhamun's tomb. Explore Cairo Citadel and see the Great Alabaster Mosque. Later, you will have free time to enjoy as you wish. In the evening, take your seats at the magical Sound and Light Show at the Great Pyramids which literally illuminates the history of Giza - an unforgettable introduction to the world of ancient Egypt. (B)

DAY 8 | THE GREAT PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Gain a deeper understanding of the last remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, during a visit to Giza with your Egyptologist. Meet the enigmatic Sphinx, crouching at the foot of the Chephren's Causeway and venture inside one of the magnificent Pyramids. Nearby lies Memphis, capital of the Old Kingdom, where you can see the colossal statue of Ramesses II and the great Alabaster Sphinx.

Continue to Sakkara to view the Step Pyramid of Zoser, which dates back 2686 B.C., making it the oldest pyramid in the world. Meet the skilled artisans at a local weaving school, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Enjoy free time in the afternoon. (B)

DAY 9 | DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)

"The insights into wildlife of our Local Expert, Araby, are nothing short of impressive. As you sail along the Nile in Aswan, he'll give you an even deeper understanding of the natural environment of Egypt."

— HAZEM, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

*Superior Dining*

Egyptian dinner and galabeya party on the Nile cruise | Follow in the footsteps of Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie as you enjoy high tea at Aswan's famous Old Cataract Hotel, while the sun begins to set.

Insightful Experiences

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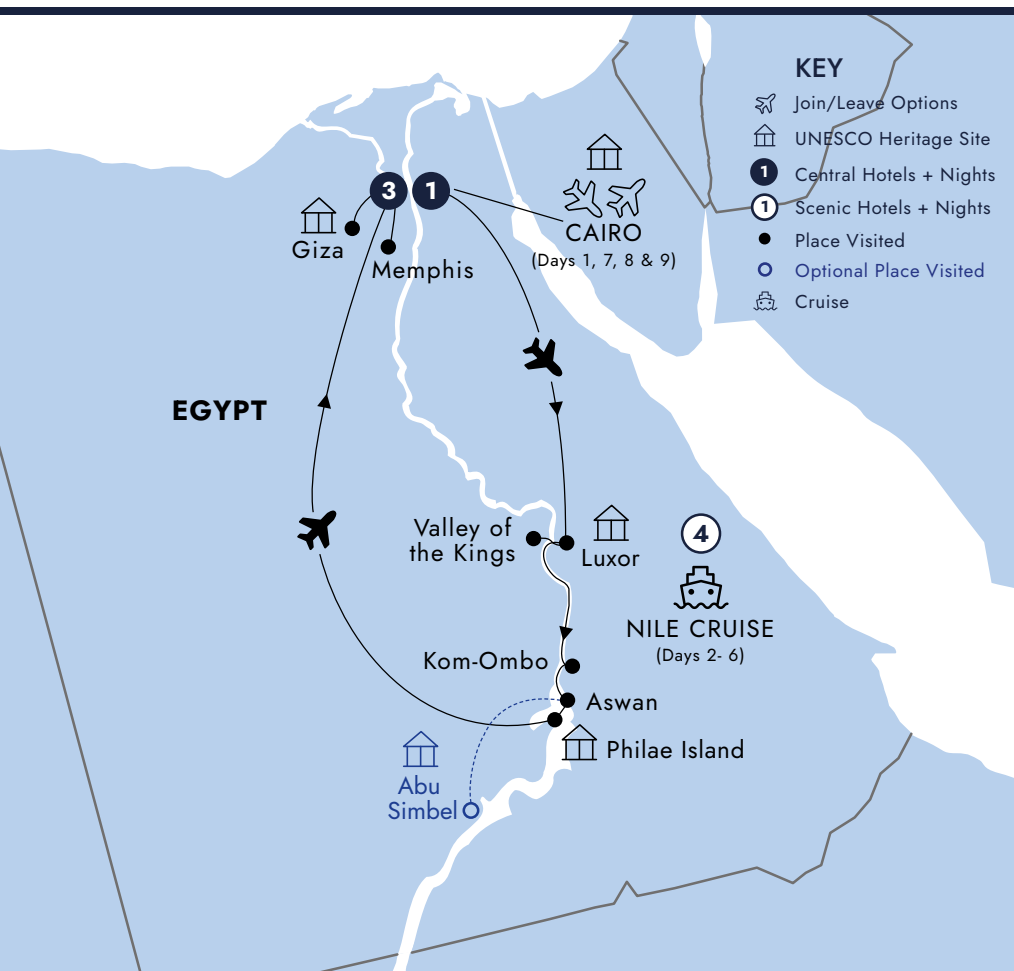


DAY 8 | Be mesmerized by the intricate art of Egyptian carpet weaving as you meet the skilled artisans of a local weaving school that has been safeguarding the traditional weaving methods on wooden looms, using silk, cotton and natural dyes.

Top Rated Highlights

Cruise the Nile for four-nights from Luxor to Aswan | Travel with return flights from Cairo | Ride a Nile felucca | Visit the Karnak Temple Complex | Luxor Museum | Valley of the Kings and Temple Hatshepsut on the West Bank | Luxor Temple | Temple of Kom Ombo | High Dam and Granite Quarries of Aswan | Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae | Egyptian Museum | Pyramids of Giza | the Sphinx and Sakkara Step Pyramid of Zoser | Giza Sound and Light Show.

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SPLENDORS OF EGYPT

Learn the insights behind the Pyramids, cruise the Nile and stop for high tea at the Old Cataract Hotel, where Winston Churchill once dined.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 26 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: B945/WB945

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN CAIRO

Welcome to the timeless land of the pharaohs. On arrival at Cairo International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 2 | FLY TO LUXOR, CRUISE THE NILE

In the morning, fly to Luxor and visit the huge temple complex of Karnak. Walk through the avenue of ram-headed sphinxes to stand among the columns of the Hypostyle Hall. Later, transfer to your cruise ship, your home for the next seven nights. After lunch on board, take a walk through the Luxor Museum, witness ancient artifacts. This evening, get to know your Travel Director, a professionally trained Egyptologist, as well as fellow guests over a Welcome Drink followed by dinner. The rest of the evening is at leisure. (B) (L) (D)

MS Medea or MS Miriam (or similar).

DAY 3 | EXPLORING DENDERA AND ON TO EDFU

In the morning, visit the Temple of Hathor in Dendera. One of the best-preserved temples in Egypt, it contains a rare depiction of Cleopatra and her son Caesarion. At lunchtime return to your ship and enjoy a scenic journey via the Esna Lock to Edfu. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 4 | EDFU TO ASWAN

Start the day with breakfast, as you cruise along the Nile to Kom Ombo before continuing on to the city of Aswan. Famous for its archaeological sites, such as the Philae temple complex and the Temple of Isis, Aswan is an agreeable mix of ancient and contemporary Egypt. In the evening, enjoy a fun-filled Egyptian dinner and galabeya party. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 | ASWAN'S HIGH DAM & TEMPLE OF ISIS

Today's sightseeing includes a visit to Aswan's High Dam and granite quarries, to see the enormous unfinished obelisk. Travel by motorboat to the Temple of Isis, rising from the waters of the Nile on the Island of Philae. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy the facilities on your cruise ship. Ask your Travel Director for recommendations on things to do onboard or perhaps ask for more insights into Egypt's fascinating history? (B) (L) (D)

DAY 6 | FELUCCAS AND HIGH TEA

Throughout your journey you'll have seen many feluccas sailing along the Nile. Now it's your time to explore one for yourself. On this traditional vessel, you'll meet a local sailor who will teach you about the ancient art of sailing. Later, meet the wonderful ladies of a local Women-owned co-operative on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. As the sun starts to fade, enjoy high tea at the historic Old Cataract Hotel, just like Winston Churchill and Agatha Christie once did before you. The hotel is renowned to be where Christie wrote her bestselling novel, "Death on the Nile." (B) (L) (AT) (D)

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

DAY 7 | FREE TIME AND ON TO KOM OMBO

With the morning free, perhaps join an Optional Experience to Abu Simbel? These temples overlook Lake Nasser and are made up of the Great Temple of Ramesses II and the Temple of Hathor. Later, sail to Kom Ombo to visit the only double temple of Egypt, dedicated to two gods: the crocodile-headed Sobek and the falcon-headed Horus the Elder. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 8 | CRUISING THE NILE TO LUXOR

Your cruise continues along the bustling waters of the Nile. Enjoy the facilities on board and have your cameras at the ready for the sights, as you leisurely make your way to Luxor. In the evening, visit Luxor Temple, where you dock for the night. (B) (L) (D)

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, while they regale guests with their fascinating stories of daily life.

Later, transfer to the airport for your return flight to Cairo. (B)

Cairo Marriott Hotel & Omar Khayyam Casino.

DAY 10 | CAIRO SIGHTSEEING

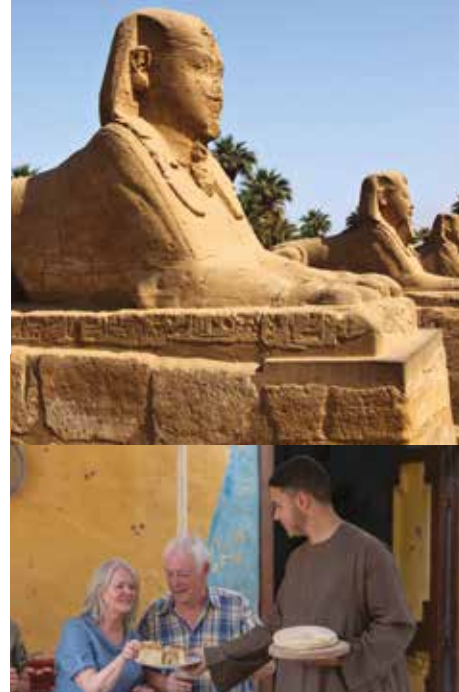
Ascend to the Citadel and visit the Alabaster Mosque, otherwise known as the Great Mosque of Muhammad Ali Pasha, regarded as the founder of modern Egypt. Continue to Tahrir Square and visit the Egyptian Museum with your Egyptologist. Later, see history come to life on the pyramids as you witness the magical Sound and Light Show. (B)

DAY 11 | CAIRO AND THE PYRAMIDS OF GIZA

Head to Memphis, the famous capital of the ancient world. See the colossal statue of Ramses II and the Great Alabaster Sphinx. Continue to Sakkara to see the Step Pyramid of King Zoser, the oldest pyramid in the world, dating back to 2700 B.C. In the afternoon, it's on to Giza to explore the magnificent pyramids. Here you'll come face-to-face with the enigmatic Sphinx. Venture inside one of these ancient wonders to see the chambers where the pharaohs were sent to meet their gods in the afterlife. (B)

DAY 12 | DEPART CAIRO

After breakfast, transfer to Cairo airport. (B)



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DAY 6 | Meet the women of a local women-owned co-operative whose mission is to support vulnerable women from the local villages to learn new skills and become financially independent.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel with return flights from Cairo | Ride a Nile felucca | Visit the Karnak Temple Complex | Dendera Temple | Valley of the Kings and Temple Hatshepsut on the West Bank | Luxor Temple | Temple of Kom Ombo | High Dam and Granite Quarries of Aswan | Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae | Egyptian Museum | Pyramids of Giza | See the Colossi of Memnon | Cairo Citadel | Great Alabaster Mosque | Giza's Sound and Light Show | Statue of Rameses II and the Alabaster Sphinx in Memphis | Sakkara's Step Pyramid of Zoser I.

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WONDERS OF TURKEY

Explore ancient Ephesus, see the the turquoise travertine pools of Pamukkale and visit a traditional Cappadocian cave home.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 18 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: 1983A

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Year-round

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO ISTANBUL

Welcome to Istanbul. On arrival, a representative will pick you up from the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Join your Travel Director at 18:30 for a Dinner with wine at a local restaurant, where you'll get to know your fellow travelers. (D)
Grand Wyndham Levent.

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 to 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)
DoubleTree by Hilton Canakkale, Canakkale.

DAY 3 | PERGAMON, IZMIR AND KUSADASI

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Copmadam, a women's co-op turning recycled materials into unique items, and addressing women's employment issues. Continue on to Pergamon, once a powerful ancient Greek city, you'll find the Asklepieion temple here. A famous shrine and healing center, it was built in honor of Asklepios, the god of medicine. After some time exploring, continue your journey to the coastal resort of Kusadasi. (B) (D)
Charisma De Luxe Hotel, Kusadasi.

DAY 4 | ANCIENT EPHESUS AND KUSADASI

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. 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 this famous site itself, before visiting the House of the Virgin Mary, situated above the Ephesus ruins. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | THE POOLS OF PAMUKKALE

This morning, head to a local organic farm and meet the agricultural director, who will take you on a walking tour of the eco-friendly lands. You'll have the satisfying task of picking fruits and vegetables from his fields. Delight in a mouth-watering Farm-to-Table lunch, prepared with fresh produce from the farm. Next, make your way to Pamukkale. Visit the ruins of the ancient Roman spa city of Hierapolis, founded in 190 B.C. You'll see the city's well-preserved theater and its turquoise travertine pools. (B) (L) (D)
Doğa Thermal Health & Spa, Pamukkale.

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

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

DAY 6 | THE UNDERGROUND CITIES OF CAPPADOCIA

Today your journey takes you to Urgup, an historic town in the heart of Cappadocia. Visit the 13th-century Sultanhanı Caravanserai before exploring the underground city of Sarlatli. You will recognise this famous area from the striking golden, volcanic landscapes that surround it. Your abode for the night is the unique Alfina Cave Hotel Cappadocia, built in old cave dwellings. Get some rest here before your travels continue in the morning. (B) (D)

DoubleTree by Hilton Avanos, Cappadocia.

DAY 7 | THE WHIRLING DERVISHES AND CAPPADOCIA

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. Later, visit the underground city of Özkönak, where you'll have time to explore its tunnels and caves with your Travel Director before joining a Cappadocian local who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house. Dinner tonight will be accompanied by a performance of Whirling Dervishes. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | ANKARA

One for art lovers, this morning, you'll learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos. A town based in Cappadocia, Avanos is famous for its earthenware pottery. Continue your journey to Ankara, where you'll visit the Hittite Museum and Anıtkabir, the Mausoleum of Atatürk, Turkey's greatest modern leader and the first President of

the Republic of Turkey. Perhaps relax in the spa and wellness center at your hotel this evening. (B) Ankara Hilton SA, Ankara.

DAY 9 | TO ISTANBUL

It's time to head to Istanbul. A glorious fusion of east and west, this popular city offers something for everyone, with history, culture, modernity, delicious cuisine and of course, the friendliest of faces. Board a cruise along the Bosphorus. As you make your way from Eminönü to the Black Sea, witness the area's beautiful Ottoman palaces and fortresses lining the waterfront. (B) Grand Hyatt Istanbul.

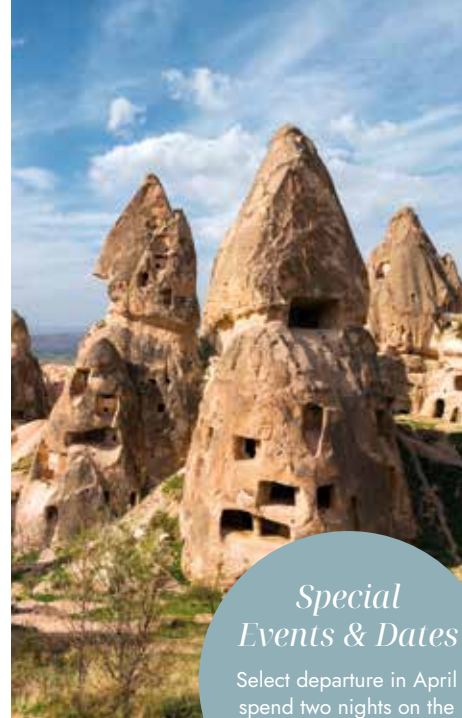
DAY 10 | ISTANBUL & THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Take in the sites of Istanbul. In the morning, visit the historic Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome, where Roman chariot races were held, before exploring Hagia Sophia. Built in A.D. 537, it is famous for its domed roof. Visit the Topkapi Palace, perched above the Bosphorus and the Golden Horn.

Enjoy the excitement of bargaining in the bustling Grand Bazaar. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a Celebration Dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | FAREWELL ISTANBUL

It's time to say goodbye to your new friends, as your trip comes to an end. A transfer will take you to the airport for your onward flights. (B)



Special Events & Dates

Select departure in April spend two nights on the Gallipoli Peninsula and attend the ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Istanbul | Sema performance in a stone house followed by dinner in Cappadocia | Celebration Dinner in Istanbul.

Insightful Experiences

Cappadocia: Join a Cappadocian local, who has lived in the city for decades and take a tour of their cave house to learn more about their unique way of life.

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DAY 3 | Visit the vibrant Copmadam workshop which produces one-of-a-kind items made from recycled packaging, creating employment opportunities for local women.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by ferry across the Dardanelles | Cruise along the Bosphorus | Visit Gallipoli Peninsula | Troy | Asklepiion in Pergamon | Ephesus | Seljuk Caravanserai in Anatolia | Mausoleum of Atatürk in Ankara | Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul | City tours of Pergamon, Göreme and Istanbul, all with Local Experts | See Anzac Cove at Gallipoli | the reconstructed Trojan Horse | the city of Izmir | Cotton Castle and ruins of Hierapolis in Pamukkale | Potters at work in Avanos.

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Insightful Insights

The Eiffel Tower was supposed to be a temporary installation, intended to stand for 20 years after being built for the 1889 World Fair.

Rome has more fountains than any other city on the planet, and the Pantheon in the city is the only ancient building in perfect condition existing today across the world.

The continent of Europe is home to more than 400 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, with Italy having the most sites on the list.

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ROAD TO ROME

Tour London's iconic West End and watch master craftsmen demonstrate the ancient art of glassblowing in Venice.

13 DAYS | 7 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | LEISURELY ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Oct + Dec

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



Trip code: E924

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy a city that is famous for its pomp and pageantry. Perhaps relax with a walk along the Serpentine in Hyde Park or window shop in the elegant boutiques of Knightsbridge. Alternatively, you may want to stroll along the Thames to the iconic Tower Bridge and Tower of London.

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

DAY 2 | LONDON TO PARIS BY EUROSTAR

Meet your Travel Director at 07:30 and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join in Paris. At 17:00 join your Travel Director for a fabulous Welcome Dinner at a local brasserie. (B) (D)

Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 3 | PARIS, THE 'CITY OF LIGHT'

Explore Paris with an avid foodie. Visit small shops and sample local treats and delicacies. (B)

DAY 4 | BURGUNDY AND LUCERNE

Travel through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wine. Later, arrive in glorious lakeside Lucerne. A range of enticing options are available for your Dine-Around Evening. Choose from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants. (B) (D)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

DAY 5 | LUCERNE & MOUNT STANSERHORN

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Upon return to Lucerne, see the Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge to the ornate Jesuit Church. (B)

DAY 6 | LUCERNE TO INNSBRUCK

Start the day with a journey to the heart of the Alps to visit the Principality of Liechtenstein. See its tiny capital, Vaduz. Continue through the Arlberg Tunnel to mountain-ringed Innsbruck. Your Travel Director will show you the impressive Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B)

AC Hotel Innsbruck.

DAY 7 | THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Leave Innsbruck to travel across the impressive Europa Bridge and through the Dolomites. Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savor a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini. Continue to the romantic city of Venice, Queen of the Adriatic. Long after the day-trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, enjoy the quiet

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

atmosphere of the islands with dinner at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Hotel Continental Venice.

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 center. (B)

DAY 9 | TUSCANY, PISA AND FLORENCE

Visit Il Poggio organic farm for a guided walk and learn about organic food and wine production. On the veranda, take in beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills, as you taste the farm's wines and freshly produced olive oil. Enjoy an authentic Italian meal prepared with locally sourced ingredients. Explore the nearby town of Pisa with a Local Expert and see the Leaning Tower. (B) (L) **Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.**

DAY 10 | FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING

Walk with your Local Expert to the marble-clad cathedral and baptistery to see the Gates of Paradise. Visit Piazza della Signoria, and the area around Santa Croce Basilica. (B)

DAY 11 | CHIANTI COUNTRY TO ASSISI AND ONTO ROME

Journey through the vineyards of the Chianti region passing Lake Trasimeno, and continue up

the foothills of the Apennine Mountains to reach delightful Assisi, a stone-built town spilling over the steep hillside. With a Local Expert, visit the tomb of St. Francis and see the beautiful frescoes by Giotto in the great basilica. Journey along the valley of the River Tiber towards the Eternal City of Rome. (B)

Kolbe Hotel Rome.

DAY 12 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

To avoid the crowds and maximise your time, Insight has arranged fast-track entry to the Vatican Museums. Your Local Expert will guide you through the halls of artwork and take you behind the scenes to view the Bramante Staircase, a marvel of Renaissance architecture normally closed to the public. Visit the Sistine Chapel to admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling and continue to St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and overlook Circus Maximus. Enjoy an elegant four-course Celebration Dinner with local wine at a Roman restaurant, with a private performance of some of Italy's best-loved operas. (B) (D)

DAY 13 | ARRIVEDERCI ROMA

Bid farewell to the glories of Italy. Departure transfers arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport at 07:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in the heart of Paris |
Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne
| Dinner at a local restaurant in Venice |
Tuscan lunch at Il Poggio | Celebration
Dinner with musicians in Rome.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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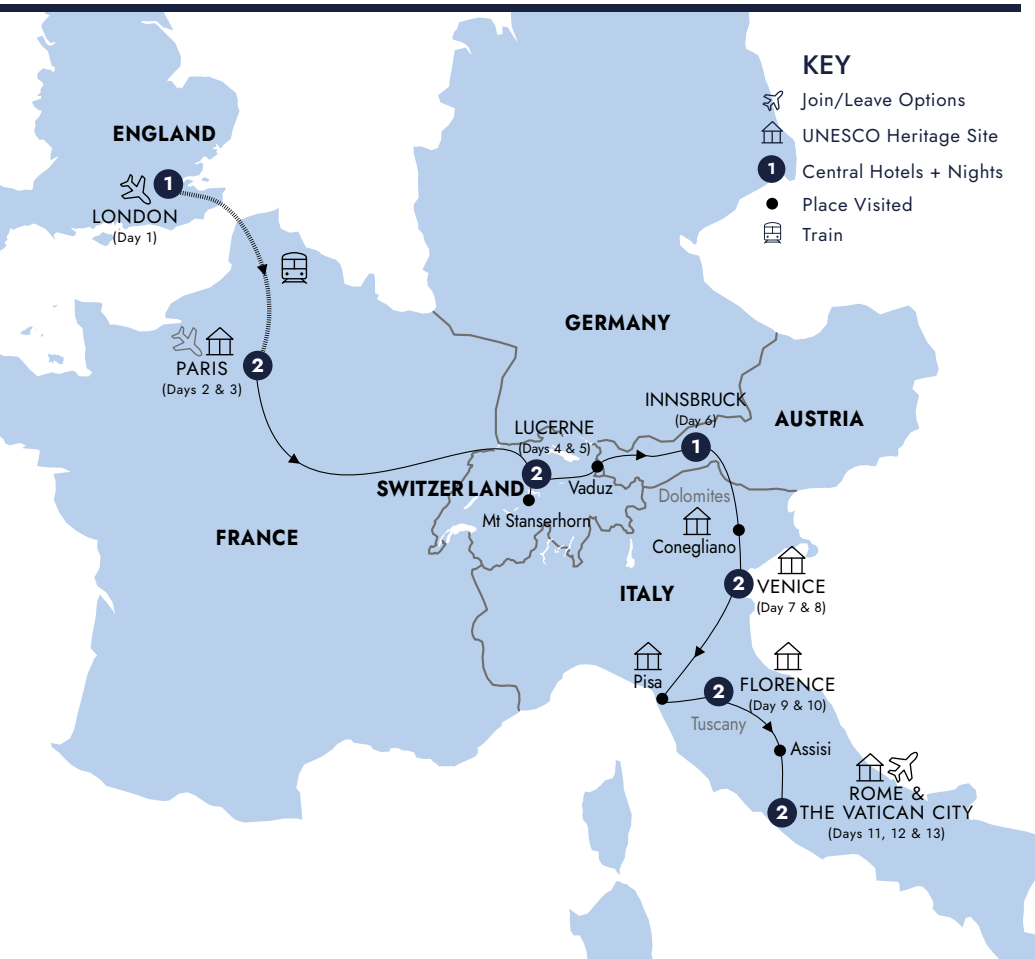


DAY 5 | Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn. With a chance to meet a Swiss ranger to learn about the local wildlife and flora over a conservation talk.

DAY 8 | Witness the ancient skill of glassblowing, now practised by precious few masters. Watch artisans create delicate pieces using rare traditional practices, and support the preservation of their art.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the high-speed Eurostar train | Private boat in Venice | City tours of Pisa and Florence, both with Local Experts.

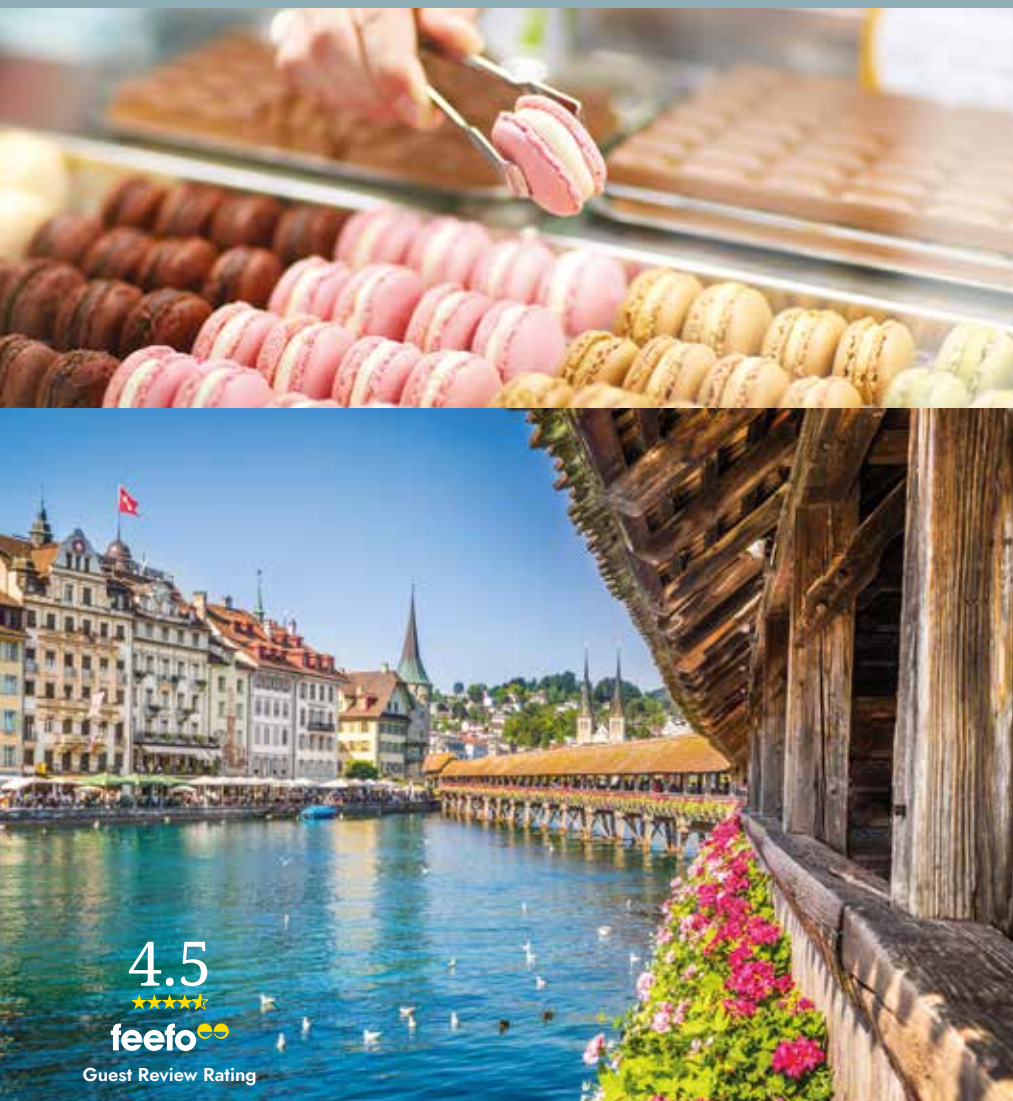


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Trip code: E933/W933

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Dec

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy a city that is famous for its pomp and pageantry. Perhaps relax with a walk along the Serpentine in Hyde Park or window shop in the elegant boutiques of Knightsbridge. Alternatively, you may want to stroll along the Thames to the iconic Tower Bridge and Tower of London.

Thistle Marble Arch, London.

DAY 2 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR AND ONTO AMSTERDAM

At 06:45, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar to Brussels where you will drive to Amsterdam. Alternatively, join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam. Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Bilderberg Garden Hotel Amsterdam.

DAY 3 | THE RHINE VALLEY AND HEIDELBERG

Take a scenic drive through the Rhine Valley to see quaint villages, hilltop castles and hear the legend of the Lorelei Rock. Follow the Neckar River to Heidelberg and visit Heidelberg Castle with a Local Expert. (B)

Marriott Hotel Heidelberg.

DAY 4 | MOUNTAIN-RINGED INNSBRUCK

Stop beneath the royal castles of Hohen Schwangau and King Ludwig's Neuschwanstein, rumoured to have inspired Walt Disney's iconic castle. In Innsbruck, tour the architectural jewels of the Old Town, seeing the Imperial Palace and the Golden Roof. (B)

AC Hotel Innsbruck.

DAY 5 | ACROSS THE DOLOMITES TO VENICE

Cross into Italy and stop at a local family winery in Veneto to discover the art of prosecco production. Savor a tasting of these luxurious sparkling wines and discover how to make the perfect Bellini.

Continue to the romantic city of Venice. (B) (D)

Hotel Indigo Venice - Sant'Elena.

DAY 6 | THE MAGIC OF LA SERENISSIMA

Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts center. Take a private cruise to St. Mark's Square and admire the richly decorated Basilica. (B)

DAY 7 | THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Pass through Tuscany and Umbria, to reach the Eternal City of Rome. You're invited into the home of a Roman local to experience Italian hospitality at its best, as you enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal with your host. (B) (D)

Golden Tulip Rome Piram.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 8 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

Join a Local Expert for a tour of the Vatican Museums and the frescoes of the Sistine Chapel. Your visit includes fast-track entry and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase. Then explore St. Peter's Basilica. Cross the River Tiber to see the Colosseum and Roman Forum and enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. (B)

DAY 9 | THE CHIANTI HILLS TO FLORENCE

On arrival in Florence, a Local Expert will accompany you to the Duomo. Continue to Piazza della Signoria. In your free time, perhaps visit the Accademia Gallery with an art historian and see Michelangelo's David? Savor an authentic meal at a local trattoria in the heart of Florence. (B) (D) **NH Firenze, Florence.**

DAY 10 | 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) **Hotel Simplon, Baveno.**

DAY 11 | THE ALPS AND ONTO LUCERNE

Cross the Swiss border before exploring Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. (B) **Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.**

DAY 12 | LAKESIDE LUCERNE

View the emotive Lion Monument, before strolling across the Chapel Bridge. (B)

DAY 13 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

Journey through the rural French country side of Alsace and Burgundy regions, famous for its vineyards and wines, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B) **Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.**

DAY 14 | THE FOOD AND FLAVORS 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. Enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the historic restaurant La Coupole. Delight in French cuisine and delicious wine. (B) (D)

DAY 15 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00. Alternatively, choose to continue to London via Gare du Nord, with the Return Eurostar option. (B)

DAY 16 | HOMEWARD BOUND

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

*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam | Dine-at-Home in Rome | Restaurant Dinner in Venice | Choice of Dine-Around options in Baveno | Restaurant Dinner in Florence | Celebration Dinner in the heart of Paris | Taste prosecco in Conegliano.

Insightful Experiences

Vatican: Gain Fast Track access into the Vatican Museums and admire the famous Bramante Staircase. Witness the genius of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel and view the splendid dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

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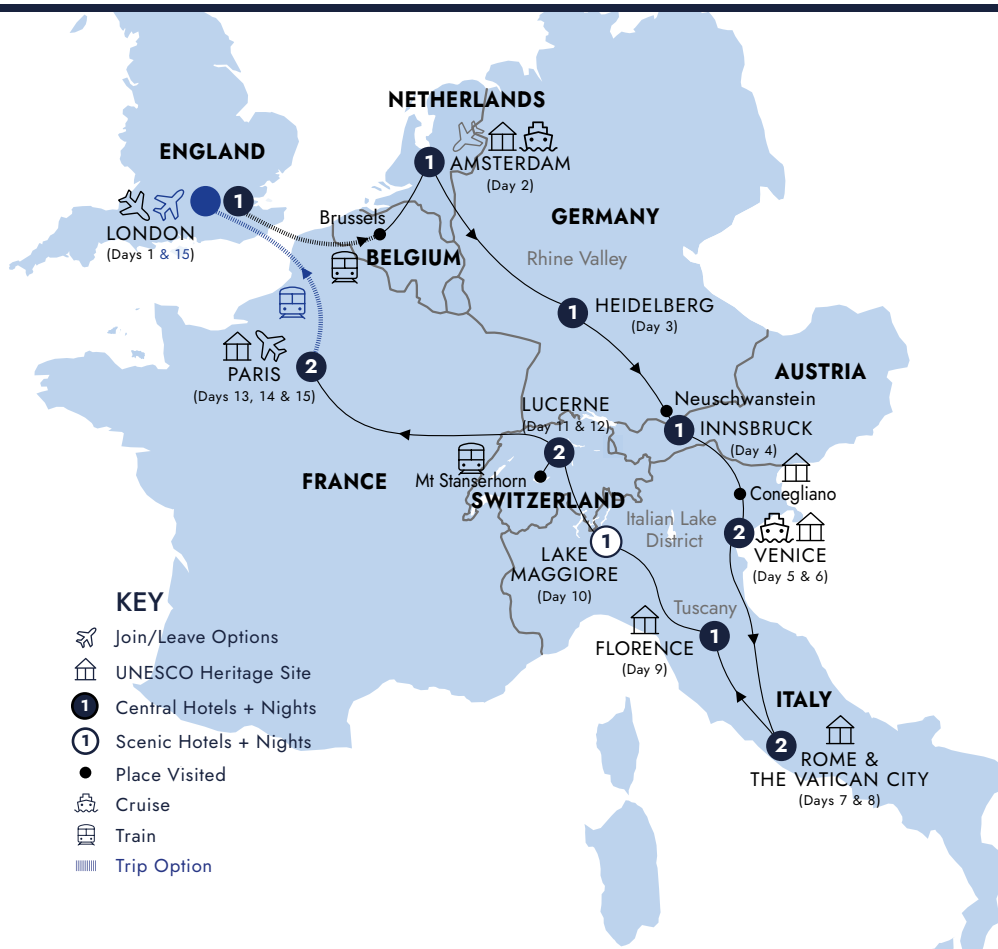
Insight Choice

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Top Rated Highlights

Visit Heidelberg Castle with a Local Expert | City tour of Florence with a Local Expert.

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EUROPEAN DREAM

*See the Best of Switzerland, Italy and France
with fast-track access to the Vatican and dining
at Paris' La Coupole.*

11 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep + Dec

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO VENICE

Welcome to the Queen of the Adriatic. Transfers by water taxi depart Venice Marco Polo Airport for the hotel at 11:00 and 13:00. What better way to start your dream vacation than in true Venetian style? Join your Travel Director at 18:00 for a Welcome Dinner at the magical Principessa restaurant. Savor a cocktail at twilight while being serenaded, and admire the tranquillity of St. Mark's Square long after the day-trippers have gone to their mainland hotels. (D)

Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

DAY 2 | THE MAGIC OF 'LA SERENISSIMA'

See St. Mark's Basilica and its immense Campanile and Doge's Palace, connected to the ancient prisons by the Bridge of Sighs. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you witness the skill of glassblowers on a visit to a traditional arts center. (B)

DAY 3 | TO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Journey through the lush Tuscan countryside. Meet your Local Host for a guided tour through the house of the Italian Renaissance diplomat and writer, Nicolo Machiavelli. Savor 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)
room 007 Select, Rome.

DAY 4 | PAPAL AND IMPERIAL ROME

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides fast-track entry to avoid the crowds and gives you behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling, before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. (B)

DAY 5 | UMBRIA AND ONTO FLORENCE

Meet chef Lorenzo at his family farm in Umbria. Join an entertaining pasta demonstration and delicious Highlight Lunch accompanied by Orvieto Classico wine. (B) (L)
Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

DAY 6 | RENAISSANCE FLORENCE

With your Local Expert, view the multi-colored marble cathedral, bell tower and baptistery adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. You also visit the open-air gallery of Renaissance masterpieces in Piazza della Signoria and see the area around Santa Croce Basilica, famous for the quality of its luxury goods. In the afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the Renaissance capital. Perhaps take the opportunity to visit the Tuscan town of Pisa and see the Leaning Tower. (B)

DAY 7 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

Head north towards the Italian Lake District and continue into the heart of the Swiss Alps, before traveling alongside towering mountains and past rushing torrents, down to scenic Lake Lucerne.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

Upon arrival in Lucerne, see the town's proud Lion Monument, the covered Chapel Bridge and the baroque Jesuit Church. (B)
Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

Guests are always amazed by the glorious Alpine panorama from Mount Stanserhorn. The striking views are unforgettable.

— PHILIP, TRAVEL DIRECTOR

DAY 8 | LUCERNE AND MT. STANSERHORN

Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. At night, you are offered a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

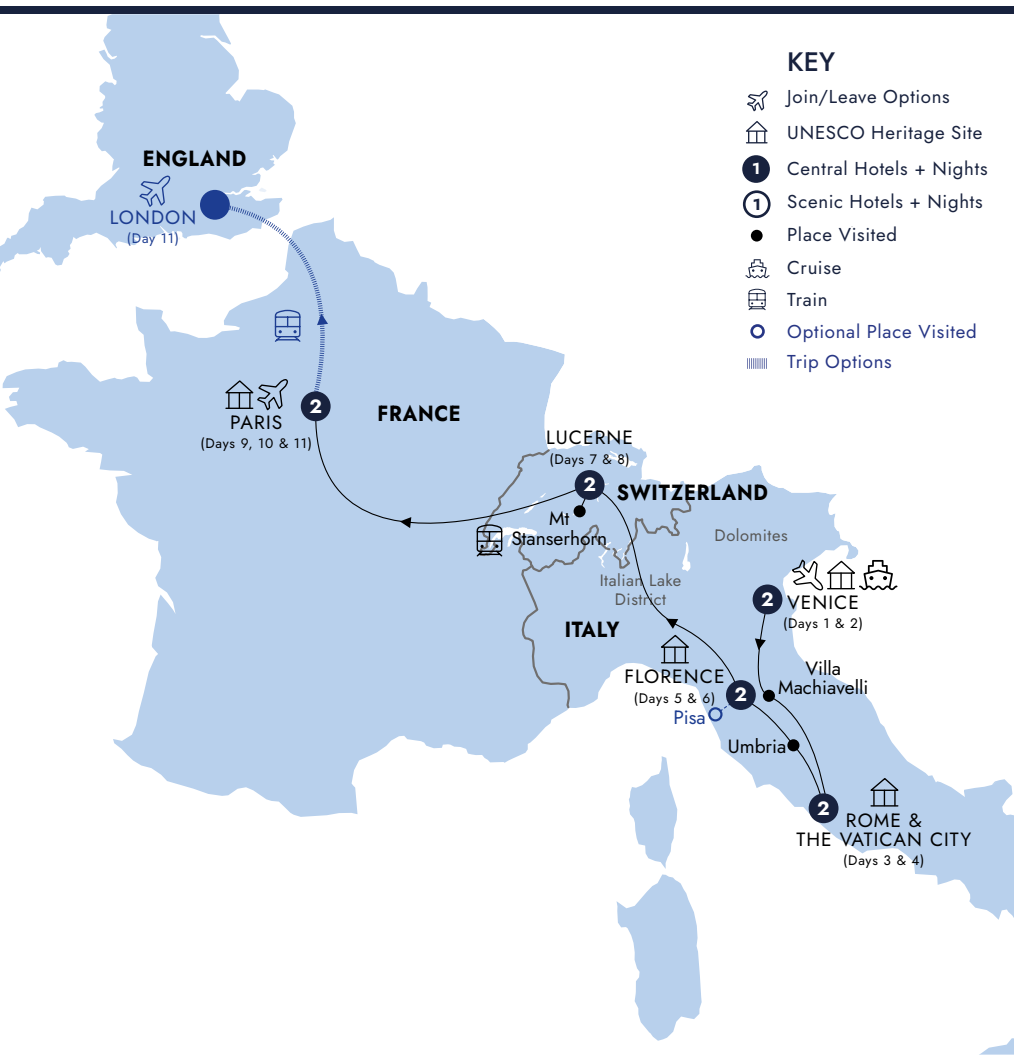
Journey through the rural French countryside of Burgundy, famous for its vineyards and wines, to arrive in the vibrant City of Light. During your time in Paris, see the Eiffel Tower, facades of the Louvre and banks of the Seine, with its many romantic bridges. See the Place de la Concorde, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe. (B)
Le Méridien Etoile, Paris.

DAY 10 | THE FOOD AND FLAVORS OF PARIS

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DAY 11 | AU REVOIR PARIS

Bid farewell to your traveling companions as your journey comes to an end. Transfers arrive at Charles de Gaulle Airport at 08:00 and 11:00. Alternatively, you may depart for London via Gare du Nord with the return Eurostar option. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner at La Fenice in Venice | Savor dinner and a cocktail in Venice | Truffle hunting and lunch in Umbria | Wine tasting and light lunch at Machiavelli's house in Tuscany | Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne | Celebration Dinner at La Coupole in Paris.

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Insight Choice

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Top Rated Highlights

Travel by private boat in Venice. City tours of Florence and Rome, both with Local Experts | See St. Mark's Square and Doge's Palace in Venice | Machiavelli's house with a Local Expert | Duomo and Piazza della Signoria in Florence | Colosseum | Orvieto | Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne | Notre-Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, Louvre, Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

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EUROPEAN DISCOVERY

*Tour castles in Prague, glide through the
canals of Venice and visit the UNESCO
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17 DAYS | 9 COUNTRIES | 23 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Apr - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

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

DAY 2 | DEPART FROM LONDON BY EUROSTAR AND ONTO AMSTERDAM

At 06:30, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar. Alternatively, join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam. Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (B) (D)
Hilton Amsterdam.

DAY 3 | LEGENDS ALONG THE RHINE

Continue on to Würzburg. With a Local Expert, visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B) (D)
Maritim Hotel Würzburg.

DAY 4 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

In the morning, venture to Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber. Continue onto Prague. (B)
NH Collection Prague City.

DAY 5 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert through the Jewish Quarter and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry. (B)

DAY 6 | SALZBURG, CITY OF MOZART

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 flavors of homemade dishes. (B) (D)
ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg.

DAY 7 | THE TAUERN MOUNTAINS TO VENICE

Continue to Venice and to your hotel, located in one of the city's authentic Venetian districts. (B)
Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

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 center. (B)

DAY 9 | ONTO THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME

Your journey continues to the Eternal City of Rome. (B) (D)
Hotel Mediterraneo, Rome.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 10 | ROME WITH THE LOCALS

Your morning walking tour with a Local Expert will show you what Rome is all about. Toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain and see the Pantheon. (B)

DAY 11 | THE VATICAN AND FLORENCE

With your Local Expert, visit the Vatican Museums. Insight provides fast track entry to avoid the crowds and behind-the-scenes access to the Bramante Staircase, normally off-limits to the public. Inside the Sistine Chapel, admire Michelangelo's famous ceiling before visiting St. Peter's Basilica. Then continue to Florence, where a local expert will accompany you to the Duomo, before continuing to Piazza della Signoria. (B) Hotel Adler Cavalieri, Florence.

DAY 12 | THE CINQUE TERRE

With a Local Expert, visit the stunning coastline of the world-famous Cinque Terre. Approach one of the fishing villages by boat (weather permitting). Savor authentic Italian cuisine with a delicious a Sea-to-Table lunch. (B) (L) Grand Hotel Bristol Resort & Spa, Rapallo.

DAY 13 | ACROSS THE ALPS TO LUCERNE

Pass the Italian Lake District en route to scenic Lake Lucerne. (B) Astoria Lucerne.

DAY 14 | LUCERNE'S LAKES AND MOUNTAINS

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an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Enjoy a fine selection of restaurants to choose from for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (D) Renaissance Lucerne Hotel.

DAY 15 | SIGHTS AND DELIGHTS OF PARIS

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DAY 16 | THE FOOD AND FLAVORS OF PARIS

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DAY 17 | AU REVOIR PARIS

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*Superior Dining*

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam | Farm-to-Table dining in Salzburg | Sea-to-Table lunch in Cinque Terre | Choice of Dine-Around options in Lucerne | Celebration Dinner in Paris.

Insightful Experiences

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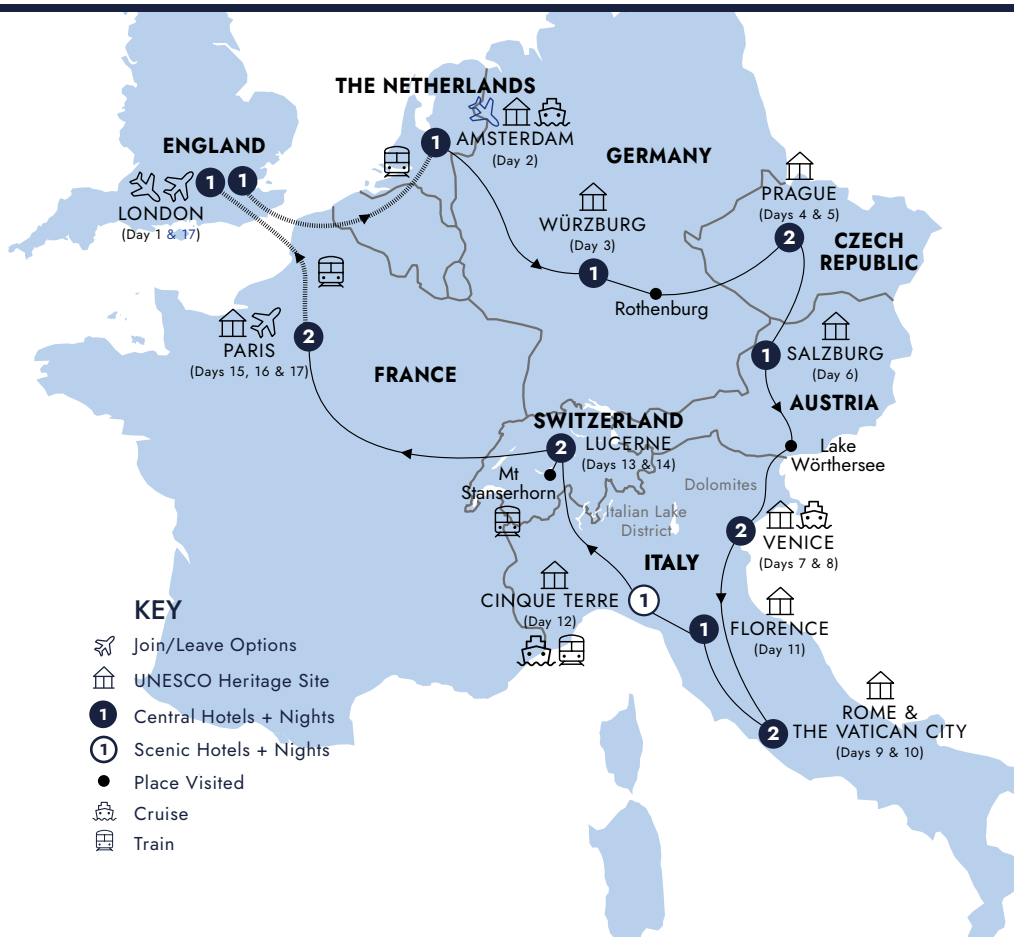
Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Prague.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel by funicular railway and cable car on Mount Stanserhorn | Cruise the canals of Amsterdam | Private boat in Venice. Visit Würzburg Residence with a Local Expert | City tours of Prague, Salzburg, Rome, Florence and Cinque Terre, all with Local Experts | See Amsterdam | Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber | Prague | Salzburg | St. Mark's Square and Doge's Palace in Venice | Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona in Rome | Duomo and Piazza della Signoria in Florence | Lucerne | Paris.

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Revel in the history of Austria, Italy and Germany from meeting locals at a café in Vienna to a fine dining dinner cruise in Budapest.

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO LONDON

Welcome to London. After checking into your hotel, the afternoon is free to enjoy the city. Stroll along the Thames, venture into one of London's renowned museums or perhaps relax in a sprawling park as you settle in.

Park Plaza Victoria, London.

DAY 2 | LONDON TO AMSTERDAM

At 07:00, meet your Travel Director and transfer to London's St. Pancras Station to board the high-speed Eurostar to Brussels. Board the coach and continue to Amsterdam. Alternatively, meet and join your Travel Director in the evening for your Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam. Embark on a canal cruise to explore the heart of the city, before enjoying dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (B) (D)

Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam.

DAY 3 | RHINE VALLEY TO WÜRZBURG

Relax with a scenic drive along the Rhine Valley to Würzburg. On arrival, visit the imposing Würzburg Residenz, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a Local Expert. Marvel at intricate decorations and lavish staterooms. (B) (D)

Maritim Hotel Würzburg.

DAY 4 | ROTHENBURG AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

Venture to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, the most well-preserved town on the Romantic Road. Continue east to the Czech border, to reach the Golden City of Prague. (B)

Hotel Royal Prague.

DAY 5 | PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Join a Local Expert in the morning for guided sightseeing of one of the most beautiful and intact historic centers in Europe. Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the Castle District. Alternatively, walk through the Jewish Quarter and taste delicious Trdelník. (B)

DAY 6 | THROUGH BOHEMIA TO BUDAPEST

Start the day with a journey through the beautiful forested countryside of Bohemia. Travel to Hungary, following the River Danube to Budapest. In the evening, join a Local Expert to enjoy a scenic dinner cruise, gliding past UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The city's spectacular nighttime beauty earns it the nickname 'Pearl of the Danube'. (B) (D)

Hilton Garden Inn, Budapest.

DAY 7 | BUDAPEST AT LEISURE

Drive along the beautiful Andrássy Avenue to Heroes' Square. Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda and admire sweeping views from the Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert. Stand atop Gellért Hill where the colossal Liberty Statue stands in front of the Citadella watching over the city. Marvel at extensive panoramic views as you look

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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out over the famous river dividing Buda and Pest - the two sides linked by the mighty Chain Bridge and the elegant, newer Elizabeth Bridge. (B)

DAY 8 | THE FLAVORS OF BUDAPEST

This morning, visit Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. Continue your travels to the Austrian border and through pleasant farming country to Vienna. (B)

Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 9 | VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

In the morning, there is the option to join a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and formal gardens. Later, join your Local Expert for a walk through Innere Stadt, the first district and historic core of Vienna. Get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence and Parliament building. Sit down for traditional coffee and delicious treats and mingle with locals at a cozy café. (B)

DAY 10 | LAKE WÖRTHERSEE TO VENICE

Travel into the Carinthian Lake District, passing the Wörthersee, to cross into Italy. Then follow mountain valleys and cascading streams on your

way to the unique city of Venice. This evening is truly a special experience, starting with a private boat to arrive at your hotel. Sip a cocktail at Cafe Florian, while you are serenaded by an ensemble of talented musicians. Afterwards, stroll past the Doges Palace and the famous 'Bridge of Sighs' to dinner at a local restaurant. Indulge in traditional Venetian dishes that are enriched with inspiration from seasonal produce. Admire the tranquility of St. Mark's Square long after the day-trippers have gone to their mainland hotels before returning to your hotel. (B) (D)

Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice.

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DAY 12 | ARRIVEDERCI VENICE

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Say arrivederci to your traveling companions and Travel Director as you take in a last look at the "Queen of the Adriatic". Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Amsterdam | Scenic dinner cruise in Budapest | Savor dinner and a cocktail in Venice.

Insightful Experiences

Vienna: Be pampered by locals with traditional coffee and cake. An experience like no other, this cozy café provides companionship, and promotes well-being and support for the community, in addition to crafting delicious treats.

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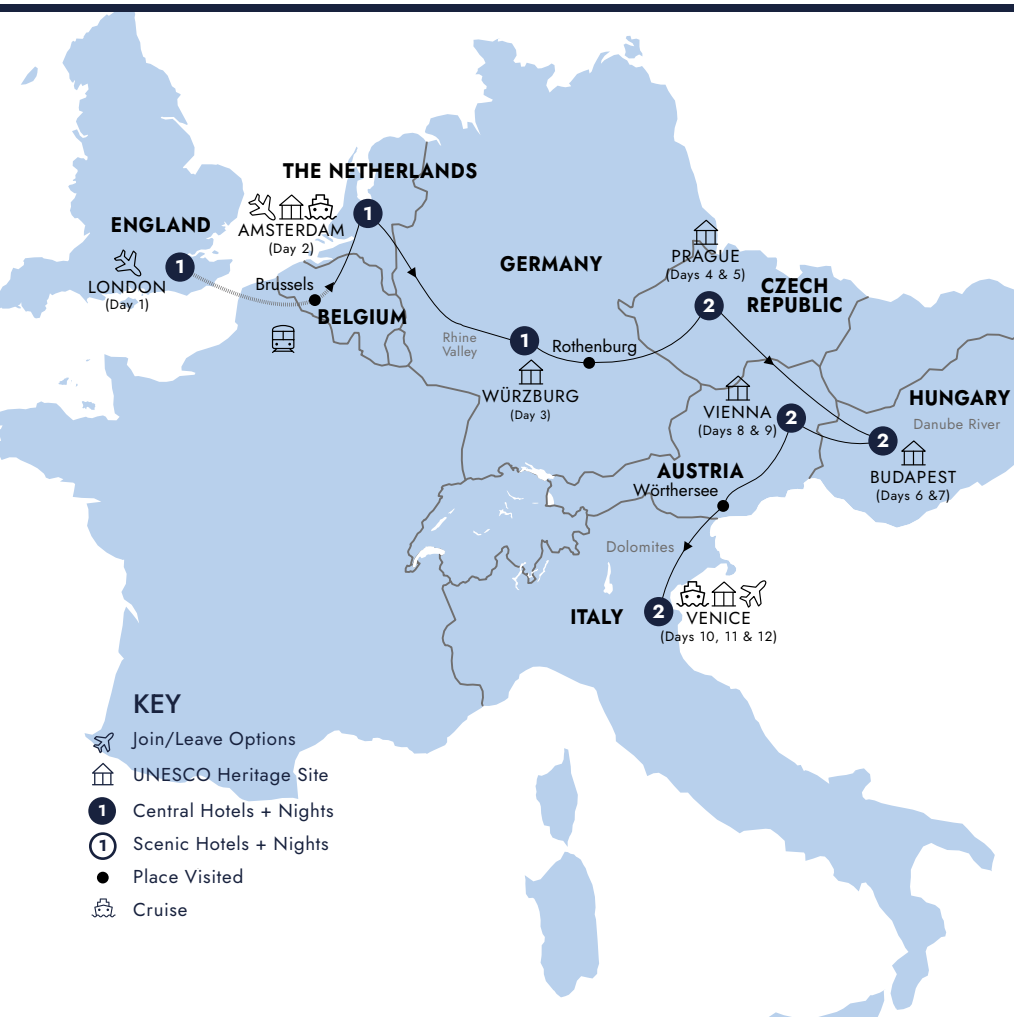
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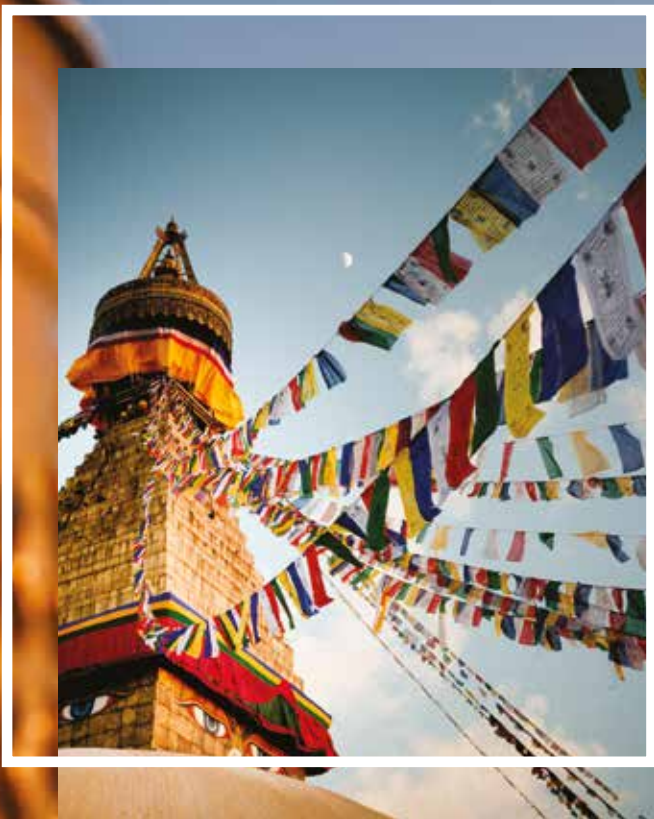
Prague: Choose to join a Local Expert to explore the courtyards of the Prague Castle and to visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert to hear how the Jewish community has shaped the history of Prague, and taste Trdelník, a traditional Czech pastry.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel on the high-speed Eurostar train | Travel by private boat in Venice | Visit Würzburg Residence with a Local Expert | Fisherman's Bastion with a Local Expert | City tours of Prague, Budapest and Vienna, all with Local Experts.

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The world's highest peak, Mount Everest (8848m) is located at Nepal. The mountain can even be seen from the capital of Kathmandu despite being hundreds of kilometers away.

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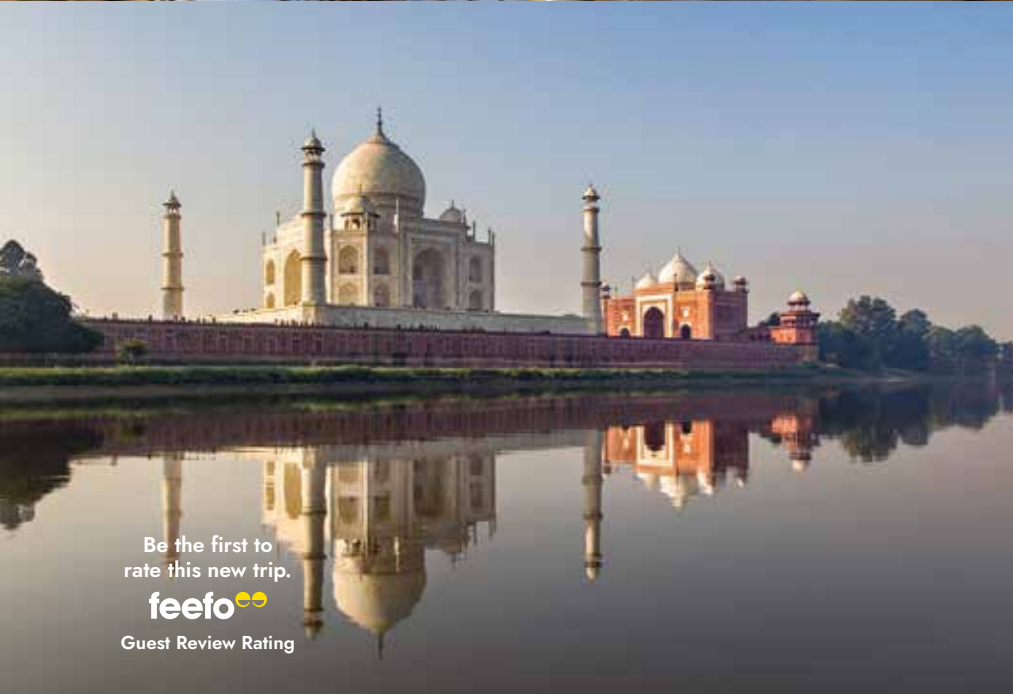


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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO KATHMANDU

Welcome to Nepal! On arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport you will be greeted by a representative and transferred to your hotel. At 17:00 meet your Travel Director and venture out in Thamel on a rickshaw ride. Later, head to a local restaurant for a Welcome Reception, drinks and dinner. (D)

Hyatt Regency, Kathmandu.

DAY 2 | KATHMANDU THE CITY OF BEAUTY

Start with a morning visit to the city of Kathmandu and see the tranquil Swayambhunath temple. Later, stop in Patan, the third largest city in Nepal, for lunch. In the afternoon, explore the city's stunning architecture with a Local Expert. Highlights include the Golden Temple, Durbar Square and Mul Chowk. Enjoy the flavors of the region in the evening with an indulgent dinner. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 3 | KATHMANDU'S SPIRITUAL HISTORY

Delve into Kathmandu's spiritual history with a morning visit to the Pashupatinath Temple on the banks of the Bagmati River and take in the impressive Boudhanath Stupa. Next you'll head to the city of Bhadgaon, before visiting a local pottery workshop, where a local craftsman will provide a demonstration. In the evening, head to an inspirational talk by a woman who summited the Earth's highest mountain above sea level, Mount Everest. (B)

DAY 4 | ON TO VIBRANT DELHI

Head to the airport for your flight to Delhi, India. On arrival, you'll be taken to your modern hotel. Later, join your group and Travel Director for a trip to the Akshardham Temple. Also known as Swaminarayan Akshardham, this Hindu temple is a spiritual and cultural campus dedicated to devotion, learning and harmony. (B)

Hyatt Regency Delhi.

DAY 5 | EXPLORING NEW AND OLD DELHI

This morning, head on an exciting sightseeing tour of Old Delhi and New Delhi. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the Chandni Chowk bazaar in Old Delhi and drive past the Red Fort, the main residence of the Mughal dynasty until 1856. In the afternoon, visit a Sikh temple and its community kitchen, a place preparing and serving free vegetarian meals to those in need. Later, drive past the President Palace, India Gate and Parliament House, before ending the day with a tour of Humayun's Tomb. (B)

DAY 6 | THE PINK CITY

Move on to Jaipur, more affectionately known as the Pink City. Before lunch, enjoy a visit to the Heritage Transport Museum in Haryana, a fascinating showcase of the evolution of transport in India. Later, join your Travel Director for an evening visit to a flower and spice market. Dine at the esteemed Dera Amer. Situated in the wilderness close to Jaipur, this outdoor dining experience truly connects you to nature. With elephants roaming

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

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free on its land, the venue's primary purpose is to maintain an area of natural beauty. (B) (L) (D)
Hotel ITC Rajputana, Jaipur.

DAY 7 | DELVE INTO JAIPUR

Ascend by jeep to Amber Fort. Built in 1592 by Raja Man Singh, its royal halls mesmerise with their ivory, mirrors, glass and exquisite paintings. Experience India's spiritual majesty, with a special blessing ceremony. In the afternoon, take a city tour of Jaipur and see the Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, and visit the City Palace Museum. Explore Jaipur with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the royal observatory and see Jantar Mantar, featuring the world's largest stone sun dial. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the city's old lanes and see artisans working with age-old techniques. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | JAIPUR TO AGRA

In the morning depart for Agra, home to the spectacular Taj Mahal. Along the way stop for lunch at the beautiful Laxmi Niwas Palace in Bharatpur. When you arrive in Agra, the evening is yours at leisure. Why not make the most of the amenities at your hotel, Jaypee Palace? (B) (L) Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra.

DAY 9 | THE TAJ MAHAL

Wake early for a visit to the Taj Mahal in its best light, and continue on to Agra Fort. Explore Agra with Insight Choice. Choose to join a guided walk through Kachhpura to discover the life of local farmers. Enjoy tea and pakora on a rooftop with views of the Taj Mahal. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit

the 'Sheroes' Café. This local business supports female victims of acid attacks who refuse to give up and instead fight for a better life. Catch up with your fellow travelers over dinner at your hotel this evening. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | ON TO VARANASI

Take a flight to Varanasi, one of the holiest cities in Hinduism. In the evening, participate in an Aarti on the ghats, where you'll offer prayers to the River Ganges. This spiritual ceremony is performed daily to honor the River Goddess Ganga. (B)

Taj Ganges, Varanasi.

DAY 11 | THE HOLY CITY OF VARANASI

Wake early for a sunrise boat cruise on River Ganges, followed by a visit to an Akhara. Return to your hotel for breakfast before heading on a tour of Varanasi. See the Sarnath, a sacred deer park where Gautama Buddha first taught the Dharma and the Buddhist Sangha first came into existence through Kondanna's enlightenment. Later, enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | LEAVE VARANASI FOR DELHI

End your trip with a relaxing early morning yoga session at your hotel, before breakfast. Transfer to the airport and head back to Delhi before your onward flights. Please do not schedule flights before 9pm. (B)



Special Events & Dates

In October, select departures will experience Diwali with a local family.

Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Kathmandu | Lunch at Laxmi Vilas Palace in Bharatpur | Celebration Dinner in Varanasi.

Insightful Experiences

Kathmandu: Hear an inspirational talk led by women who summited Mount Everest, the highest point above sea level on Earth. Varanasi: Join an expert in India's religious rituals to learn more about the colorful candlelit tradition of Aarti chanting music. Kathmandu: Visit a pottery workshop in Kathmandu | Join an Aarti chanting ceremony on the Ganges River.

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DAY 9 | Visit the 'Sheroes Café', a local business run by women survivors of acid attacks.

Insight Choice

Jaipur: Choose to visit the royal observatory. Alternatively, walk through the city's old lanes | Choose between two experiences in Agra.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Sacred Swayambhunath and Dubar Square in Kathmandu | Tomb of the Emperor Humayun in Delhi | Flower Market, Spice Market and Amber Fort in Jaipur | Taj Mahal and Agra Fort | Sarnath in Varanasi.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jan - Apr + Aug - Dec

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO SRI LANKA

Welcome to Sri Lanka. On arrival, you'll be picked up and transferred to your luxury hotel, the Taj Samudra, Colombo. A contemporary building situated on the seafront, it provides an idyllic ambience at sunset. Unwind and rejuvenate before meeting your fellow travelers and Travel Director at 19:00, for a Welcome Dinner with drinks. (D)
Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo.

DAY 2 | EXPLORE COLOMBO

In the morning, head on a leisurely walking tour of Colombo with Mark Forbes, a photographer and wildlife enthusiast, and discover the city's hidden treasures. Journey through a myriad of buildings that date back from 17th century and were erected mostly during Dutch and British rule. Visit Pettah Market, where locals head to pick up fresh fruit and vegetables, garments and jewelry. This market place is older than the buildings around it and an area best explored with a local. Later, head out to explore old Colombo's oldest neighborhoods by tuk-tuk. Cruise the city streets as the sun descends over the Indian Ocean and the city lights spring to life around a pulse of evening activity. (B)

DAY 3 | WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

After breakfast, begin your journey to Wilpattu National Park. On arrival, check into your luxury safari camp located on the border of the park, a quintessential glamping experience and a satisfying blend of comfort and nature. Enjoy relaxing in your spacious living room, with views of the lush, green jungle just steps away. In the evening, explore the park by jeep safari in search for Sri Lanka's big four—leopards, elephants, sloth bears and deer. (B) (L) (D)

Mahoor Safari Camp, Wilpattu National Park.

DAY 4 | JUNGLE SAFARI

Enjoy journeying through the jungle on your morning and afternoon safaris. Keep your eyes peeled for crocodiles, buffalos, mongooses and turtles. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 5 | WILPATTU TO SIGIRIYA

In the morning head south, making your way to Sigiriya. Visit Anuradhapura with Insight Choice. Choose to explore the temple complex, sprawling with a rich collection of archeological wonders. Alternatively, visit the small community of Puranagama, to experience traditional village life. Meet a practicing Buddhist and embark on a guided walking tour of the Ritigala jungle's enveloped paths. Hear the tales and secrets of the forest dwelling monks, a community that once inhabited the monastic reserve and today devote their lives to simple living in the forest. (B) (D)
Hotel Aliya Resort & Spa, Sigiriya.

DAY 6 | EXPLORING SIGIRIYA'S ANCIENT KINGDOM

Explore Sigiriya with Insight Choice. Choose to climb Sigiriya Rock. Alternatively, visit Sigiriya Water Gardens. Later, visit the historic city of

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Polonnaruwa, the second most ancient of Sri Lanka's kingdoms. During a tuk-tuk ride, explore the ancient remains of temples and tombs. Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site before heading back to your hotel. (B)

DAY 7 | COLORFUL CAVES AND RAINFORESTS

Today you'll visit the colorful Dambulla Caves. Also known as the Golden Temple caves, this World Heritage Site is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. Stop at Tamarind Gardens for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This local farm has been working to supply community members with access to clean water, nutritional food, and supports the village towards a sustainable future. Later, arrive in Kandy. Once here you'll enjoy a cultural evening of drums and a dance performance. (B)

Mahaweli Reach Hotel, Kandy.

DAY 8 | TEA COUNTRY HILLS

Visit the Sacred Tooth Relic. Located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, it is home to Sri Lanka's most important Buddhist relic, a tooth of Buddha. Later meet Rahju, a local artist, at his contemporary art gallery. Enjoy a private viewing of his magnificent paintings and discuss his unique perspectives on life over a cup of tea.

Continue to Nuwara Eliya, a green haven of tea plantations and tea gardens. In the evening, participate in a cooking demonstration. Learn to cook Sri Lankan and South Indian cuisine with a local chef, before indulging in the fruits of your hard work. (B) (D)

Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya.

DAY 9 | EXPLORING NUWARA ELIYA

Discover Horton Plains on a hike to World's End, where a stunning escarpment plunges 880 meters down to the jungle floor. Stand in awe and capture incredible views of the expansive plateau, before mist and cloud obscure the scene. In the afternoon, learn everything there is to know about Ceylon tea during a visit to a tea plantation and garden. Walk through the plantation during plucking time and spend time with a tea plucker to learn about their life, before enjoying a tasting session hosted by an expert. In the evening, toast to your travels with your new friends over a Celebration Dinner at your hotel. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | GOODBYE COLOMBO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers, as your journey comes to an end. You'll be driven back to Colombo airport for your onward flight. A stop will be made in Colombo for those extending their stay. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Colombo |
Celebration Dinner in Nuwara Eliya |
Sample some of the freshest tea possible during a Tea Plantation visit in Nuwara Eliya.

Insightful Experiences

Kandy: Meet a practising Buddhist and embark on a guided walking tour through Ritigala Jungle and hear tales of the forest dwelling monks, a monastic community, who once inhabited the monastic reserve, devoting their lives to living simply in the forest.

Kandy: Visit Rahju's Contemporary Art Gallery, enjoy a private viewing of his magnificent paintings and discuss his unique perspectives on life over a cup of tea.

Colombo: Visit Colombo with a photographer and wildlife enthusiast.

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DAY 7 | Meet members of the Digana community during a tour of Tamarind Gardens, a project supporting the villagers with access to water, food, and creates a sustainable future for the families.

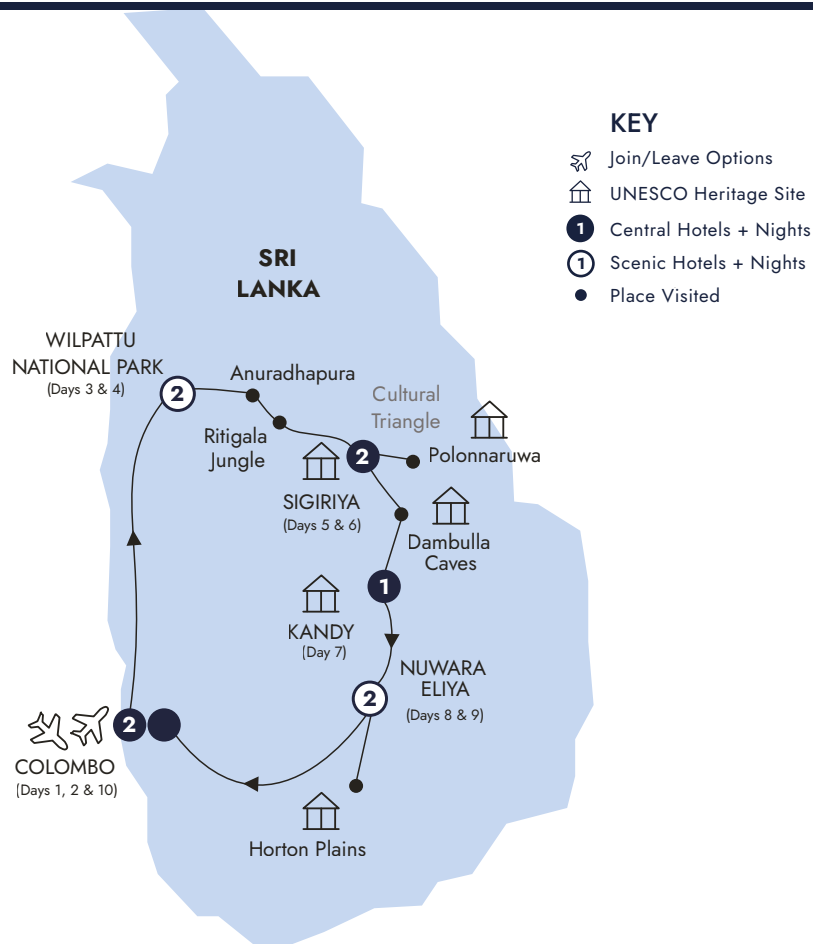
Insight Choice

Choose between two experiences in Anuradhapura.

Top Rated Highlights

Travel through Colombo streets in a tuk-tuk | Visit Wilpattu National Park | Colombo | Sigiriya Fortress Visit | Kandy Traditional Dance Performance | Dambulla Cave Temple | Polonnaruwa Archaeological Park | Sacred Tooth Relic Temple | Tea plantations and garden in Nuwara Eliya.

See more experiences online





Despite scenes of nature, Latin America is the most urbanized continent in the world with almost 80% of its citizens living in cities. In the lush nature and jungles of Machu Picchu you will find llamas, which are domesticated animals in the area. The llamas were very important to the ancient Incas, and they would have lived there as their domesticated animals back in their day too.

Latin America

Peru with Machu Picchu & the Nazca Lines

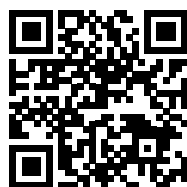
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PERU WITH MACHU PICCHU & THE NAZCA LINES

Fly above the Nazca Lines, tour the ancient Korikancha temple and adventure through Machu Picchu's Ollantaytambo ruins.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

March - May, September - November

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE LIMA

Arrive in Lima for the first day of your Nazca excursion. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers at the hotel bar for a welcome drink.
MGallery Manto Lima

DAY 2 | COASTAL PARACAS

In the morning, head on a leisurely coastal drive to the beach town of Paracas. Fly over the mysterious Nazca Lines and see this UNESCO World Heritage Site from above. (B) (D)
Hotel Paracas, a Luxury Collection Resort

DAY 3 | BALLESTAS ISLANDS AND PERUVIAN WILDLIFE

Head on a scenic cruise to the Ballestas Islands, famous for its rock formations and marine life. Explore this beautiful area before heading to the nearby city of Ica for lunch and a pisco distillery for a tasting. After visiting a local museum, your evening is free. (B) (L)

DAY 4 | COASTAL PERU AND LIMA

The final day of your Nazca lines experience will introduce you to coastal living with a local fisherman, followed by lunch and a tour of a historic hacienda where you will learn about history of slavery in the cotton business, a dark chapter of Peruvian history. If you are joining the Peru with Machu Picchu journey today, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Unwind at your luxury abode, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travelers in the evening for a Welcome Dinner with drinks. (B) (D)
MGallery Manto Lima

DAY 5 | EXPLORE LIMA

Join a Local Expert this morning to explore the best of Lima, including the Cathedral of Lima, the Government Palace, the Archbishop's Palace and City Hall. Visit Casa Aliaga, an impressive mansion the Aliaga family calls home now for the 17th generation. One for those with an appreciation for art, head to Museo Larco, a private museum located in Lima's Pueblo Libre District. After lunch, meet a local guide who will take you around the museum's private collection for an in depth viewing. (B) (L)

DAY 6 | LIMA TO SACRED VALLEY

Arrive in Cusco this morning for another day of Peruvian exploration. Starting with a tour of the Sacred Valley whilst taking in impressive views on your scenic drive. Enjoy lunch at Altar Inca, surrounded by some of the most stunning sights of the region. Arrive at your hotel for a leisurely evening where you can rest and adjust to the altitude in total comfort. (B) (L)
Aranwa Sacred Valley Hotel & Wellness

DAY 7 | 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 archeological site close to Cusco. Then join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit a local traditional Quechua

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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 Highlight Lunch of Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast. In the evening, transfer to Hacienda Huayocari, a gem of the Sacred Valley. Explore its grounds and sit down for a special Peruvian Dinner. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 8 | 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 significance, as well as the importance of their location. End your day with a relaxing dinner and drinks at your hotel. (B) (D) **Inkaterra Forest, Machu Picchu**

DAY 9 | MACHU PICCHU AT LEISURE

Take in the beauty and history of Machu Picchu for a second time, spending your morning exploring at your own pace. The afternoon is yours at leisure to continue your explorations. Then in the evening head to a fantastic Highlight Dinner with your fellow travelers. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | ON TO CUSCO

After breakfast, return by train to Ollantaytambo, where you will transfer to the ancient city of Cusco. Once you arrive, head out on a walking tour

with a Local Expert. Visit its cathedral and the Korikancha temple, the most important temple in the Inca Empire. The evening is yours at leisure. (B)

JW Marriott El Convento Cusco

DAY 11 | EXPLORING CUSCO

Start your day with a walking tour of Cusco, before heading to Sacsayhuaman. Afterwards, choose to join a local expert on a guided hike of the Inca ruins at Puca Pucara. Alternatively you can explore the artisan bohemian neighborhood of San Blas and visit the prestigious art galleries. Enjoy lunch at Pachapapa. Visit San Blas Church and the surrounding streets, before making your way to San Pedro Market. Later, make your way to the city's planetarium for a private, after-hours tour, sample some local delicacies and hot wine as you gaze at the night sky. (B) (L)

DAY 12 | LEISURE TIME IN CUSCO

Today, explore Cusco at your own pace. Perhaps head out on an optional visit to the ChocoMuseo to learn about chocolate making. Another active option is a hike to the Rainbow Mountain. Or maybe relax and unwind at your hotel, set in a beautiful 16th century building. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a memorable Celebration Dinner at Calle del Medio, where you will toast to your adventures. (B) (D)

DAY 13 | DEPART CUSCO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers as your trip comes to an end. Take a private transfer to Alejandro Velasco Astete International Airport. (B)



Superior Dining

Sacred Valley: Make your way to the small lagoon of Laguna Piuray where you'll enjoy your Highlight Lunch of Pachamanca, a traditional Peruvian feast.

Insightful Experiences

Machu Picchu: Enjoy your first guided visit to Machu Picchu with Local Experts where you'll explore the sophisticated 15th century Incan citadel set high in the Andes Mountains.

Cusco: Visit Cusco's planetarium to learn more on how the Incas interpreted the stars. After a reception with hot wine (or tea) and appetizers, local experts will explain and share stories about the influence the stars had on Andean culture. You'll then be led to a room specially accommodated to view the ancient night skies, weather permitting.

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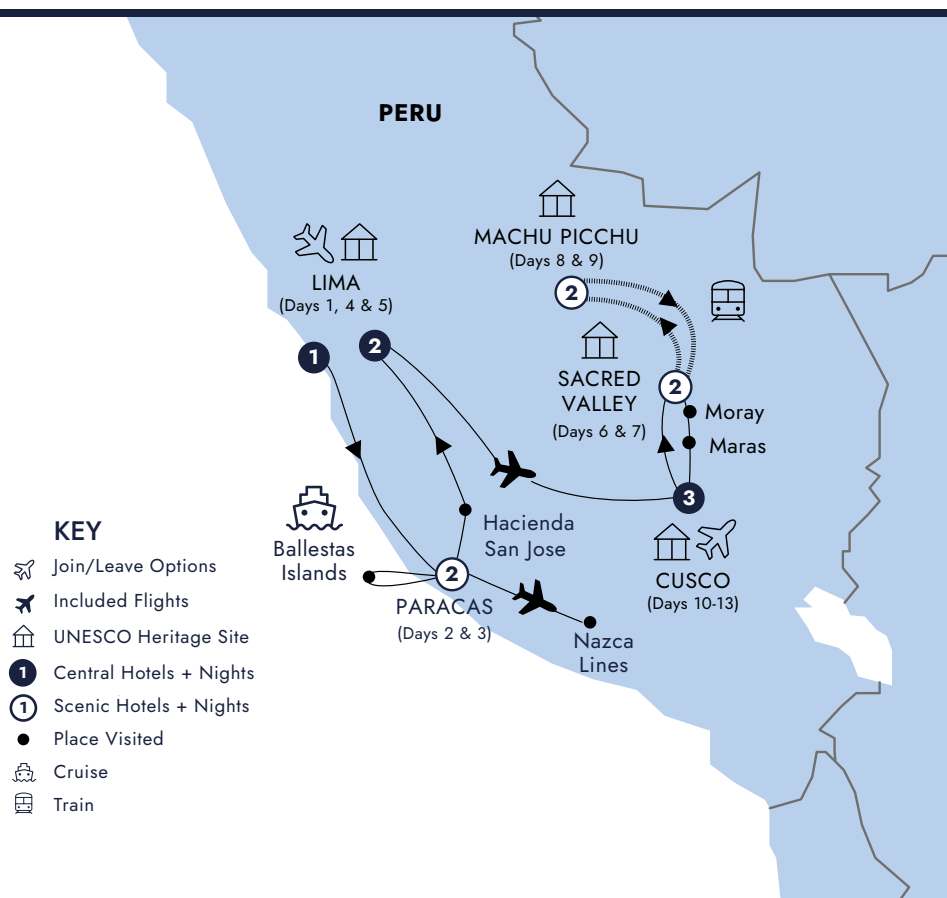


DAY 7 | Visit a local traditional Quechua weaver in the Sacred Valley for a private textile presentation.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Casa Aliaga and Museo Larco in Lima | Maras Salt Pans and Moray Ruins | Ollantaytambo Ruins | San Pedro Market in Cusco | City tours of Lima, Cusco and Sacsayhuaman, all with Local Experts | Machu Picchu: Scenic Inca Rail 360° train ride.

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BEST OF CHILE FROM ATACAMA TO PATAGONIA

Explore the Atacama Salt Flats, llama farms of Torres del Paine, and enjoy a private tasting at a family-run winery in Casablanca.

11 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 20 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



Trip code: ZCHL

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Feb + Apr + Oct + Nov

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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO

Welcome to Santiago. A picturesque city set against the spectacular, snowcapped Andes, it offers a metropolitan world of museums, top restaurants and historic finds. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. In the evening meet your Travel Director and fellow guests at the hotel as you enjoy a Welcome Dinner. (D)

The Singular Santiago Lastarria Hotel

DAY 2 | VALPARAISO AND THE CASABLANCA WINE COUNTRY

Begin your day with a visit to the coastal city of Valparaiso. Explore the UNESCO protected site with a Local Expert as you discover its church-dotted hillsides and unique amphitheater-like layout. After lunch, visit the Kingston Family Vineyard for a private wine tasting in the Casablanca Valley. Recognised as one of the best wineries in Chile, its varieties have been featured on the wine lists of top restaurants including Aureole in New York. The evening is yours at leisure to relax or have a night out on the town. (B) (L)

DAY 3 | ON TO ATACAMA

Take a transfer to the airport for your flight to Calama, a city based in the Atacama Desert. On arrival you'll head to San Pedro. You'll then be driven to the Moon Valley for a guided visit. A nod to its name, this moon-like area is made up of dunes, caves and caverns. Learn more about its history and the land formations from a Local Expert. (B)

Hotel Cumbres San Pedro de Atacama

DAY 4 | EXPLORE ATACAMA

This morning, take a guided visit to the Atacama Geysers known as El Tatio Geysers, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. Located in the Andes Mountains, you'll be 14,170 feet (4,230 meters) above sea level. Enjoy a visit to the Puritama Hot Springs before taking a scenic drive back to your hotel. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | ATACAMA SALT FLATS

Explore the Atacama Salt Flats, the largest in Chile. One of the driest parts of the world, the area stretches for over 40,000 square miles (103,600 kilometers). Keep your eyes open for species of wild birds including the Andean and James flamingos on the shores of the Chaxa, Miscanti and Minque Lagoons. This afternoon, make your way to Toconao, a traditional colonial village known for its volcanic rock architecture. (B)

DAY 6 | ATACAMA TO SANTIAGO

Wake up for your transfer and flight back to Santiago. Enjoy lunch at El Galeon restaurant, located in the heart of the Central Market. Continue to the Plaza de Armas and the cathedral, traveling to the heart of the city along the famous Alameda, Santiago's vibrant main avenue. Continue your tour by crossing the Mapocho River to reach the bohemian Bellavista district on your way to the San Cristobal Hill. (B) (L)

The Singular Santiago Lastarria Hotel

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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DAY 7 | ON TO PUERTO NATALES

Fly to Punta Arenas where you'll then drive to Puerto Natales, a port city, the gateway to Torres del Paine National Park and starting point for explorers in search of the Patagonian fjords. This afternoon, you'll have leisure time in the day to rest and rejuvenate before heading to dinner. Famous for its spiced meat and seafood dishes, tonight's meal will have you savoring typical Patagonian dishes. (B) (D)

Hotel Remota, Puerto Natales.

DAY 8 | BALMACEDA AND SERRANO GLACIERS EXCURSION

Wake for a scenic breakfast before starting your day. Head out on a Balmaceda & Serrano Glacier Cruise to view these majestic ice formations. On return, the rest of your day is at leisure. (B) (L)

DAY 9 | TORRES DEL PAINE NATIONAL PARK

Join your local expert on an excursion of the Torres del Paine National Park. Situated in Chile's Patagonia region, this park is famous for its glaciers, grasslands, imposing mountains and the three granite towers it is named after. This afternoon, explore Torres del Paine with Insight Choice. Choose to join a Local Expert, the area is known for its rivers, lakes, mountains, and glaciers that are worth exploring. Alternatively, choose to join a tour of the region's oldest

gardens at Reserva Cerro Paine which produces seasonal fruits and vegetables using bio-intensive sustainable methods. Tonight, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you enjoy the exquisite local flavors of Torres Del Paine National Park as you dine at Hotel Las Torres. Every meal features fresh, in-season ingredients grown onsite at the regions oldest gardens that utilizes bio-intensive sustainable techniques (B) (L) (D) **Hotel Las Torres Patagonia.**

DAY 10 | SIGHTSEEING IN TORRES DEL PAINE

Today you'll spend the day sightseeing in Torres del Paine as you keep a look out for the park's guanacos, a rare creature similar to the llama, as well as Andean condors. Witness the sharp peaks of Cuernos del Paine and marvel at the emerald waters of the park's lakes. After a day exploring, join your Travel Director and new friends as you toast to your travels at a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (L) (D)

DAY 11 | BACK TO SANTIAGO

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers as your trip comes to an end. Head to Punta Arenas where you'll fly to Santiago International Airport for your flight home. (B)

*Insightful Experiences*

San Pedro de Atacama: Explore the Atacama Salt Flats, the largest in Chile. One of the driest parts of the world, the area stretches for over 40,000 square miles (103,600 square kilometers). View the nearby volcanoes, and keep your eyes open for species of wild birds including the Andean and James flamingos on the shores of the Chaxa, Miscanti and Minque Lagoons.

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DAY 9 | Enjoy the exquisite local flavors of Torres Del Paine National Park as you dine at Hotel Las Torres. Every meal features fresh, in-season ingredients grown onsite at the regions oldest gardens that utilizes bio-intensive sustainable techniques.

Top Rated Highlights

Torres del Paine National Park: Torres del Paine National Park boasts jaw-dropping landscapes filled with turquoise lagoons, glaciers, and towering granite horns. Become one with nature as you immerse yourself completely into its beauty on a trekking adventure, the best way to explore the UNESCO Reserve | Visit Kingston Family Boutique Winery | Moon Valley | Puritama Hot Springs | Atacama Salt Lake | City tours of Valparaiso and Santiago, all with Local Experts

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11 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES

Nicknamed the "Paris of South America", this glamorous destination really does live up to its European counterpart. Neoclassical, Art Nouveau and Art Deco buildings line its streets, attracting equally as sophisticated travelers. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your luxury hotel, the Alvear Icon. Located on the banks of the Río de la Plata in Puerto Madero. Relax and unwind before meeting your Travel Director and fellow guests for a three-course Welcome Dinner with wine. (D)
Alvear Icon Hotel, Buenos Aires

DAY 2 | EXPLORE BUENOS AIRES

Start your first full day in Buenos Aires with a city tour. Take in the capital's key sights including the Metropolitan Cathedral, Casa Rosada and Plaza de Mayo. Later, visit the historic Mercado San Telmo. Built in 1897, this indoor market is situated in the Tango District, in the heart of the San Telmo neighborhood. Witness a private demonstration and performance by professional tango dancers at an authentic "conventillo" in La Boca, where you will be introduced to this passionate dance and upbeat music. In the evening, enjoy an authentic Asado Porteno (Argentinian barbecue) with a local chef. (B) (D)

DAY 3 | ON TO COLONIA DEL SACRAMENTO

Travel by ferry across the Río de la Plata, otherwise known as the River Plate. Visit Colonia del Sacramento. Now a UNESCO World heritage site, this colorful destination was originally founded by the Portuguese in the 1600s. Enjoy lunch with wine at a local olive farm, Viñedos y Olivares del Quintón, known for their characteristic terrain and thermal air, the perfect setting for vineyards and olive groves. Take a guided walking tour of the protected old city's 16th century buildings before arriving in Uruguay in the capital of Montevideo. (B) (L)

Hotel Costanero MGallery, Montevideo.

DAY 4 | VISIT JUANICÓ WINERY

Just north of Montevideo sits Juanicó winery, one of the leading wineries of the country. You'll be welcomed with a tour of the vineyards, state-of-the-art facilities, and the wine cellar built in 1840. After learning how past and present blend to create wines that receive gold medals and international recognition, sit down to a leisurely lunch. A sip of one of their Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Riesling and Sauvignon Gris or flagship full-bodied red will leave you with a new appreciation for Uruguayan wines. (B) (L)

DAY 5 | RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES

Take a ferry back to Buenos Aires for an afternoon of Insight Choice. Take in the city from the water on a boat tour displaying the city's fascinating neighborhoods. Or, tour the bustling San Telmo Market's many stalls of local goods from fragrant coffee and spices to rare antiques. With another evening in this vibrant city, seize the opportunity to watch a tango performance or ask your Travel Director where to enjoy a relaxing dinner of the region's famous steak. (B)

Alvear Icon Hotel, Buenos Aires

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DAY 6 | BUENOS AIRES TO IGUASSU FALLS

With over 270 waterfalls, rare flora and fauna, and lush rainforest, your destination really is as impressive as the photos suggest. Meaning “big water” in the Guaraní language, the stunning falls land in both Argentina and Brazil. With two outdoor pools, a modern spa and a stylish interior, you’ll be able to relax and rejuvenate in a fitting manner. Have a night at leisure within the National Park as you take in your beautiful surroundings. (B)

Gran Melia, Iguassu Falls

DAY 7 | SIGHTSEEING AT IGUASSU FALLS

Take in breathtaking views of the jungle and falls, before heading out with a Local Expert to explore the Argentinian side of the park. This u-shaped waterfall contains 14 falls in total and is more than 262 feet (80 meters) high. Take an optional boat ride to Devil’s Throat, the largest and perhaps most famous water cascade in the park. Your Highlight Dinner will be served at The Argentine Experience where you’ll learn how to prepare your own wine based cocktail, and your own empanadas. Afterwards, savor an Argentinian picada and sample mate and Alfajores, Argentina’s famous national sweet. To enhance your dining experience, your dishes will be complemented by Argentinian wines. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | THE BRAZILIAN SIDE

Wake up and enjoy breakfast with a tropical view. Today you’ll take a guided visit to the Brazilian side of Iguassu Falls. While the walk around the Brazilian side is shorter, its no less impressive. Your Local Expert will show you panoramic views of San Martin Island, before you head to the airport for your flight to Rio. On arrival to the capital of samba, the rest of the

evening will be at leisure. Either relax at your hotel or head out and explore the area’s local nightlife. (B)

Fairmont Rio de Janeiro Copacabana

DAY 9 | EXPLORE RIO DE JANEIRO

With spectacular rooms, you’ll start the day at the idyllic Fairmont hotel. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with a local botanist for a special guided visit to Rio’s Botanical Garden, a preservation site for a rare collection of bromeliads and orchids, as well as old trees and exotic plants. Enjoy a Highlight Lunch with a caipirinha at Casa Camolese, a contemporary restaurant situated next to the garden. Conclude your day with a cable car ride up to Sugarloaf Mountain. (B) (L)

DAY 10 | LEISURE TIME IN RIO DE JANEIRO

In the morning, take a tour of Tijuca Forest National Park, where you’ll find Mount Corcovado, home to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue. Spend the afternoon at leisure. Why not soak up the sun on Copacabana Beach or ask your Travel Director for the best spot to grab a Brazilian coffee? In the evening, commemorate your vacation as you join your new friends for a memorable Celebration Dinner at a traditional Brazilian churrascaria, offering views of the Sugarloaf Mountain. (B) (D)

DAY 11 | DEPART RIO DE JANEIRO

It’s time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers as your trip comes to an end. Take our organized transfer to Rio de Janeiro-Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport. (B)

*Superior Dining*

Enjoy a traditional Brazilian “Churrascaria” Steakhouse | Asado Porteno Dinner Experience

Insightful Experiences

Buenos Aires: Witness a private demonstration and performance by professional tango dancers and musicians at an authentic “conventillo” in La Boca, where you will be introduced to this passionate dance and upbeat music. Colonia Del Sacramento: Learn all about wine & olive oil in Uruguay.

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DAY 9 | Join a local botanist for an exclusive guided visit to Rio’s Botanical Garden, a research and preservation site for a rare collection of bromeliads and orchids, as well as old trees and exotic plants (pictured above).

Top Rated Highlights

City tour of Buenos Aires with a Local Expert | Visit Colonia del Sacramento UNESCO Heritage Site | Iguassu Falls on the Argentinean & Brazilian Side | Sugarloaf Mountain by cable car | Corcovado Mountain inside the Tijuca National Park | Christ the Redeemer | Copacabana Beach

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There is a sunrise in Hawaii that you have to pay to see. Haleakala National Park in Maui charges an entrance fee for cars entering the park between 3am and 7am.

The Golden Gate Bridge, when constructed in 1937, set the world records for the longest bridge span, the distance between supports and also the tallest towers. It was named one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World in 1994 by the American Society of Civil Engineers.



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YELLOWSTONE DISCOVERY

Explore Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks' mountains and geysers over guided hikes, picnics and visiting the Museum of the Rockies.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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Trip code: AYLO

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jun - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BOZEMAN

Views of the magnificent Rocky Mountain welcome to you Bozeman. Get to know this charming town with an easy stroll along Main Street. In the evening, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

AC Hotel by Marriott Bozeman Downtown.

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 colorful characters who helped mold the look and shape of the town as you stroll past historic buildings representing different phases of Bozeman's growth. Or, visit the Museum of the Rockies (MOR), 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 T-rex skeleton and explore exhibits including Welcome to Yellowstone Country, Enduring Peoples and the Paugh History Hall. (B)

DAY 3 | HELLO YELLOWSTONE!

Depart Bozeman in the morning and enter the vast wonderland of Yellowstone National Park. The world's first National Park, Yellowstone spans over 2.2 million acres and is full of natural wonders, geothermal phenomena and diverse, free-roaming wildlife. Spend the afternoon sightseeing and wildlife spotting in Yellowstone with your Travel Director, looking out for wolves, bears, elk and moose. In the late afternoon, join local artist John Potter for an insightful MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience learning about the natural environment in a whole new way. Growing up in Northern Wisconsin, Potter developed a love for the Natural World early on and spent 20 years as an award-winning illustrator for a large Montana newspaper before painting landscapes and wildlife full-time in 2022. Potter has since made his home in the Greater Yellowstone region and has developed a special relationship with the land and all its inhabitants. You'll love experiencing the park guided by Potter's special connection to the land. (B) (L)

Yellowstone National Park Lodge.

DAY 4 | HOT SPRINGS AND HIKING IN YELLOWSTONE

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 Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District at your leisure. Get up close and personal with Fort Yellowstone where 35 structures remain from the 1890's and early 1900's. View the Mail Carrier's Cabin, the only 1800s log structure still standing in Mammoth Hot Springs from the time when mail carriers delivered the mail from railroad

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

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distribution points to remote post offices. After this step back in time, your Travel Director reveals more of Yellowstone National Park. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK LODGE

Embark on an insightful discovery of Yellowstone National Park with your own private local guide. Join Adam Brubaker of Tied to Nature for a tour of Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Hayden Valley and Lake Yellowstone. At the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River – formed by erosion as Yellowstone River – view dramatic colors and shapes as puffs of steam rise from the canyon walls. Making your way along Hayden Valley, watch for herds of bison, elk and the occasional grizzly bear. Lastly, bask in the beauty of Yellowstone Lake, the largest high elevation lake in North America. After learning about the creation of the park's waterfalls, canyon, wildlife, and human and geological history, enjoy sightseeing in the park with your Travel Director. (B)

DAY 6 | YELLOWSTONE'S FAMOUS OLD FAITHFUL

Set off this morning with a hike on 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 colorful pools and ponds, take your pick of a variety of hikes from less than a mile to 3.5 miles. (B)

DAY 7 | MOUNTAIN PEAKS AND THE WILD WEST - DEPARTURES

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 celebration lunch in the private, members only lounge of the museum. In the late afternoon, bid farewell to the national parks to transfer to Jackson Hole Airport arriving at 2:00 PM. Please note this time when booking flights or extend your stay in Jackson. (B) (L)



Insightful Experiences

Yellowstone National Park: Join Adam Brubaker, naturalist, photographer and owner of Tied to Nature as you visit Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Hayden Valley and Yellowstone Lake. You'll cover the beautiful scenery while also learning about the creation of the park's waterfalls, canyon, wildlife, and human & geological history.

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DAY 5 | Join John Potter (Ojibwe/Chippewa) for an outdoors storytelling experience and gain a glimpse into a way of life that thrived in balance long before there were lines on a map creating a National Park.

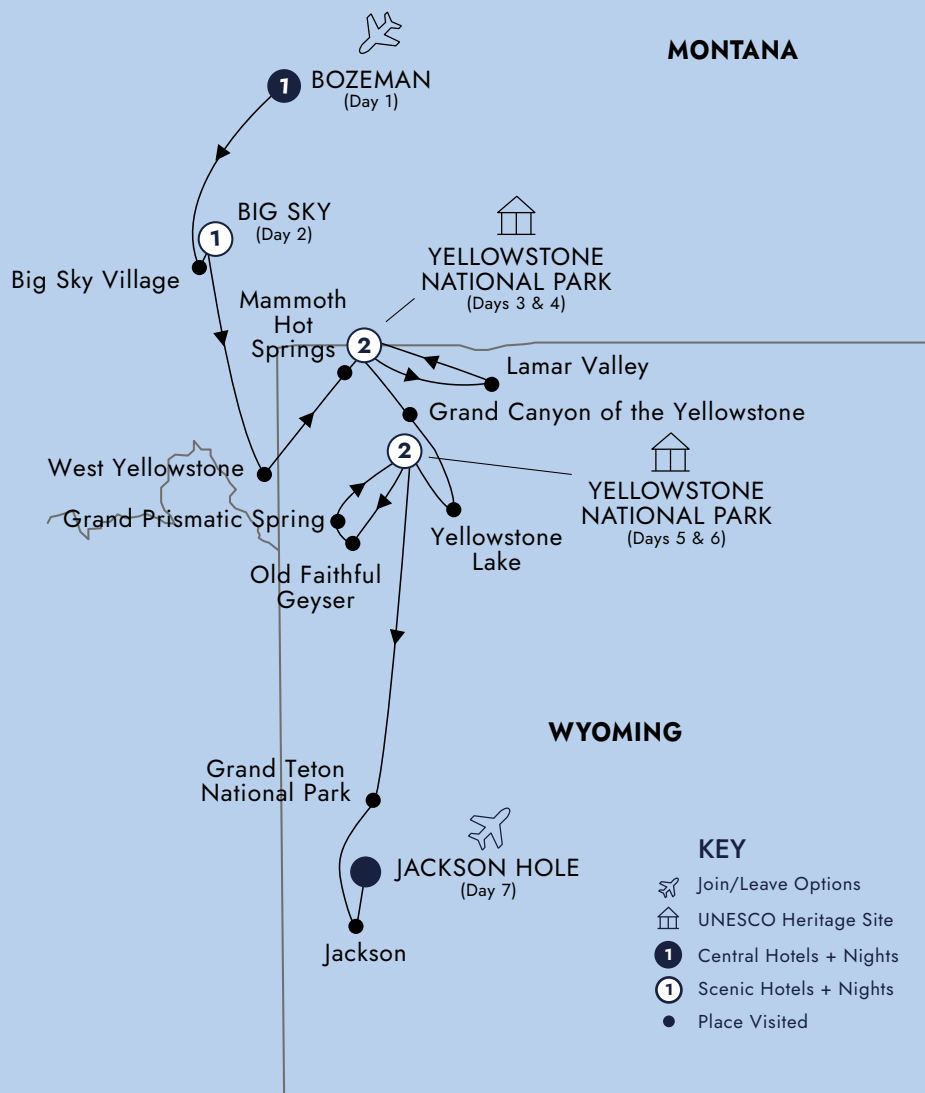
Insight Choice

Bozeman: Join a guided walking tour of Bozeman's historic Main Street or visit the Museum of the Rockies, a world-class cultural and natural history museum.

Top Rated Highlights

Gibbon Falls | Norris Geyser Basin | Canyon Village | Mammoth Hot Springs | Mammoth Hot Springs Historic District | Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone | Hayden Valley | Yellowstone Lake | Grant Village | Midway Geyser Basin including Turquoise Pool | Excelsior Geyser | Opal Pool and Grand Prismatic Spring | Old Faithful | Grand Teton National Park.

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AMERICAN PARKS TRAIL

WITH ROCKY MOUNTAINEER OPTION

Experience the authentic Wild West adventuring in Yellowstone National Park, Devils Tower and floating down the Snake River.

12 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: AAP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE SALT LAKE CITY

Welcome to Salt Lake City, the capital of Utah. Situated between Wasatch Range and the Great Salt Lake, this mountainous city is perfect for outdoorsy types, with a strong focus on skiing and fishing. At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine, where you will meet your fellow guests. (D) Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, Salt Lake City.

DAY 2 | JACKSON AND THE TETONS

Travel onward from Salt Lake City, heading north across the Oregon Trail to historic Jackson. Have your cameras ready for the famous elk antlers that adorn the central square, while eager shoppers may choose from a number of charming traditional boutiques to browse. (B) Elk Country Inn, Jackson Hole.

DAY 3 | YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

This morning, you'll have the opportunity to partake in an optional scenic float down the Snake River inside Grand Teton National Park. Afterward, take a scenic drive through Grand Teton National Park featuring eight towering peaks nearly 12,000 feet (3,658 meters) high. Later in the day we enter the breathtaking Yellowstone, known for its unique geothermal activity, spectacular landscapes and abundant wildlife you are sure to spot. (B) Yellowstone National Park Lodge

DAY 4 | GEYSERS AND COLORFUL MUDPOTS

Yellowstone National Park is home to over half of all the world's geysers. Boasting over 500 steaming geysers, today is your chance to walk among hot springs, watch erupting geysers, see bubbling mud pots, and keep your eyes peeled for colorful geothermal paint pots on an informative sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. See Old Faithful, Hayden Valley and behold the powerful Lower Yellowstone Falls. (B)

DAY 5 | THE RANCH AT UCROSS

Head to the Wild West town of Cody, and learn about America's great Western legends at the Buffalo Bill Center. With five museums on campus, you'll be sure to find one that piques your interest. Learn about Buffalo Bill and the Plain Indians, or venture into the Cody Firearms Museum and the Draper Natural History Museum. Or, for a more relaxed experience, you can stroll through the Whitney Western Art Museum. This evening, enjoy a ranch-style Highlight Dinner with wine at The Ranch at UCross offering the perfect, relaxing getaway for experiencing Wyoming's wildlife, recreation and environmental heritage. (B) (D) Ranch at UCross, Clearmont.

DAY 6 | DEVILS TOWER INTO THE BLACK HILLS

Explore with Insight Choice. Choose to head out on a scenic country horseback ride accompanied by a Ranch Hand. Alternatively, try your hand at fishing or simply relax and take in the beautiful scenery. Make your way to Devils Tower, an astounding geological feature that protrudes out

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of the surrounding Black Hills. Next, experience Spearfish Canyon. (B)
Spearfish Canyon Lodge, Spearfish Canyon.

DAY 7 | CUSTER AND THE WILD, WILD WEST

This morning, we head to Oglala Lakota Living History Museum for a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Walk among recreated teepee villages while listening to stories of Lakota history and culture. Afterward, we set out to explore Badlands National Park, home to some of the most unique natural structures in the world. End the day surrounded by more picturesque landscape in Custer State Park. This evening, you'll have the choice to join a buffalo jeep safari tour followed by a chuckwagon style dinner. (B) State Game Lodge, Custer State Park.

DAY 8 | MOUNTAIN MONUMENTS OF THE BLACK HILLS

Travel to iconic Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Join an Insight Experience at the Crazy Horse Memorial-the world's largest mountain carving created in honor of the Lakota warrior. Curated with a view to help protect and continue the living heritage of the Native Americans, this experience details how the memorial was carved from land sacred to the tribes. With exclusive access not available to the general public, guests ascend 563 feet (172 meters) and have the opportunity to face the monument up close. Join your Travel Director and newfound friends for a Celebration Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

DAY 9 | DEPART RAPID CITY OR DENVER

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers. Guests flying out of Rapid City may take our complimentary shuttle service to Rapid City Regional Airport. A transfer to Denver International Airport is available for guests flying out of Denver, where arrival is at approximately 16:30. For those continuing their adventure on the Rocky Mountaineer, you will enjoy a relaxing evening at

your Denver hotel before embarking on the rail journey of a lifetime the following morning. (B)

DAY 10 | DENVER TO GLENWOOD SPRINGS ON THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

Rise early this morning and make your way independently to Union Station where you will check in and board a coach for a quick transfer to the Rocky Mountaineer train. Hop on and get comfortable as you wave goodbye to Denver and cross the Continental Divide. Take in the spectacular views of rugged canyons and the Colorado River through panoramic windows. Enjoy the staff's commentary and comradery of your newfound friends while indulging in the menu and service. Perhaps you'll even choose to step out onto the vestibule to get a breath of fresh air and experience the many tunnels that have been carved into the mountains before arriving at the resort town of Glenwood Springs where you will disembark and enjoy an overnight stay. (B) (L) Assigned by Rocky Mountaineer.

DAY 11 | GLENWOOD SPRINGS TO MOAB

Return to the Rocky Mountaineer this morning and leave charming Glenwood Springs behind. Another day of awe-inspiring sights awaits as you make your way across the Colorado-Utah border. Stunning mountain views, red sandstone landscapes and even occasional wildlife such as pronghorn emerge as you approach Moab, the gateway to Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Part ways this afternoon and transfer to your Moab hotel. The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. (B) (L)

DAY 12 | MOAB AND DEPART SALT LAKE CITY

Your adventure with Rocky Mountaineer ends as you transfer from Moab to Salt Lake City via motorcoach. You will arrive at Salt Lake City International Airport at approximately 15:00, please be aware when booking your return flights. (B)



Insightful Experiences

Black Hills: Visit Crazy Horse Memorial, which is dedicated to protecting and preserving the culture, tradition and living heritage of the North American Indians. A special Insight Experience awaits as you are taken up to stand face-to-face with this impressive sculpture.

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DAY 7 | Our guests get to walk on the trails through displays of living quarters from approximately the 1870's to the 1960's with a local guide. Local native artists provide an insight of the culture and tradition through their crafts and storytelling. Your visit contributes to the sustainability and resiliency of the Lakota community generations to come.

Insight Choice

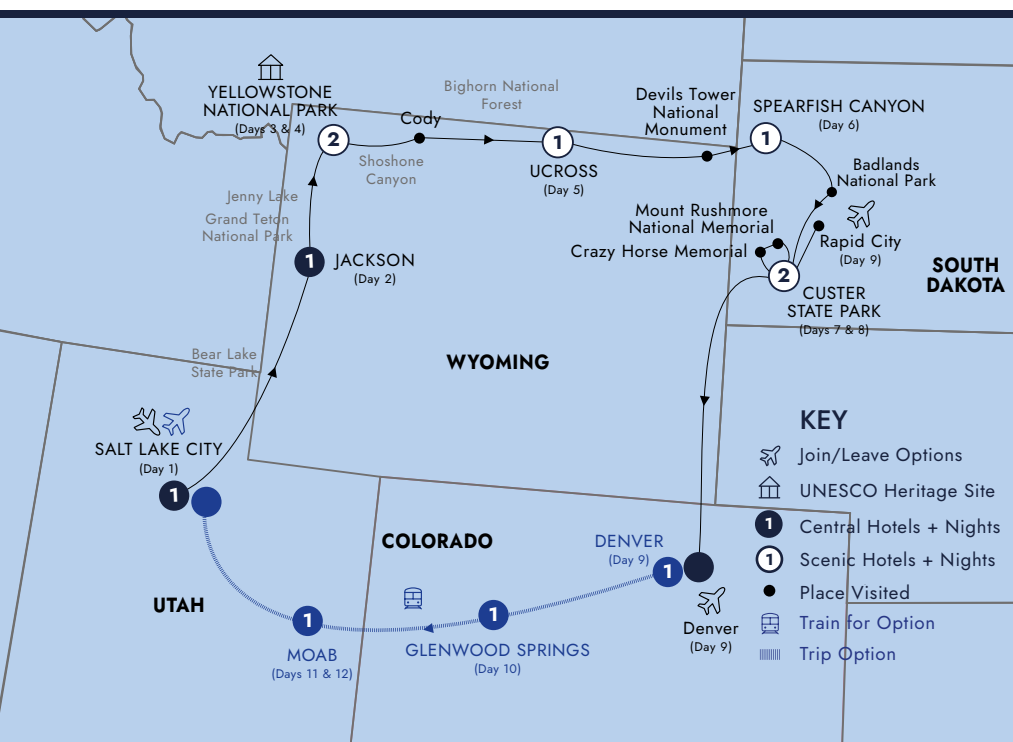
Ucross: Live the American frontier dream and begin your day with a scenic country horseback ride.

Ucross: Take a leisurely fishing outing and enjoy the serene surroundings.

Top Rated Highlights

Grand Teton National Park | Yellowstone National Park | The Ranch at UCross | Spearfish Canyon | Custer State Park | Mount Rushmore | Badlands National Park | Oglala Lakota Living History Museum | Devils Tower National Monument | Buffalo Bill Center of the West.

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BEST OF CALIFORNIA

Trace the handprints at the historic TCL Chinese Theater, sightsee in San Diego and indulge over an olive oil farm tour and tasting.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 13 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Guest Review Rating



Trip code: ACAL

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Mar - Oct

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

DAY 1 | WELCOME TO SAN DIEGO

Kick off your trip at your downtown hotel neighboring the historic Gaslamp Quarter and Little Italy, putting you right in the soul of the city. Perhaps take a walk along the bay before joining your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner at your hotel. (D)
Kimpton Alma, San Diego.

DAY 2 | SAN DIEGO SIGHTSEEING

Discover America's finest city as you embark on a sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. Journey through the Gaslamp Quarter, the historic heart of San Diego and Balboa Park, one of North America's most iconic urban parks. Finally, stroll among the historic adobe ranch homes of the Old Town State Historical Park. (B)
InterContinental Los Angeles Downtown.

DAY 3 | LOS ANGELES SIGHTSEEING

An exciting day awaits as you set out to explore lively Los Angeles. Ride on the landmark Angel's Flight funicular for a taste of early 20th-century nostalgia. Continue to your journey through Downtown Los Angeles exploring Grand Central Market, the Bradbury Building, and US Bank Tower while learning about the history and architecture from the 18th-century to the present. Look for the hand and footprints of cinema's greatest celebrities at the historic TCL Chinese Theater, Hollywood's most sought-after theater for movie premieres. In the afternoon, explore Los Angeles with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the innovative Petersen Automotive Museum. Alternatively, head to the new Academy Museum of Motion Pictures and take a deep dive into the history of filmmaking. To top off your perfect day, you will dine at a local restaurant highlighting the flavors of Southern California. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | JOURNEY TO THE AMERICAN RIVIERA

Drive along one of the most scenic drives in America known as the Pacific Coast Highway. This stretch of freeway hugs the coast of California offering sweeping views of the Pacific Ocean. Take a stroll on the wooden Santa Monica Pier that juts 500 meters into the Pacific Ocean. See the iconic ferriswheel and amusement park situated on the pier and perhaps spot wildlife in the distance. Back on the coach, depart for Santa Barbara taking in the ocean views on your left and mountain views to your right. Explore Santa Barbara with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the 18th-century Old Mission, one of the original 21 California Missions founded by Spanish Franciscans. Alternatively, take a relaxing stroll through the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and learn about California's diverse native plants. (B)
Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort.

DAY 5 | DISCOVER CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL COAST

This morning we visit "The Danish Capitol of America" in Solvang, California. In 1911, a new settlement was founded around the mission by a group of Danish-Americans who purchased 9,000

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acres (3,600 ha) of the surrounding Rancho San Carlos de Jonata, to establish a Danish community far from Midwestern winters. The community took on its distinctive Danish-themed architecture beginning in 1947 and has since become a prominent tourist destination. Later we drive from Santa Barbara to Pismo Beach. Enjoy stunning ocean views and lush farmlands as you head north into our final destination dotted with olive groves, vineyards, and orchards. Enjoy lunch on your own before you are treated to an olive oil farm tour and tasting experience. In the evening, discover why Pismo Beach is known as the Clam Capital of the world or relax and dine at your hotel. (B)
Vespera Resort, Pismo Beach.

DAY 6 | GIANT SEQUOIAS

Journey to the majestic Yosemite National Park, an UNESCO World Heritage site. Stop at the Mariposa Grove, home to over 500 mature sequoias and admire these gigantic trees. The oldest tree in the Grove is the Grizzly Giant, which dates back around 3000 years and stands 209 feet (64 meters) tall. Once you've settled in to your hotel, enjoy a three-course dinner with wine in The Mountain Room at Yosemite Valley Lodge. Take in views of the nearly 2500 foot (762 meters) high waterfall while exploring diverse and sustainable menu offerings that include local, organic, and seasonal preparations. (B) (D)
Yosemite Valley Lodge.

DAY 7 | EXPLORING YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Join a naturalist guide/climber and get familiar with the ins and outs of rock climbing. Take a step back and spend time watching experts in action. You can see climbers tackling some of the more than 60 routes up the granite monolith

that is El Capitan and you will learn how climbers help preserve the vertical environment on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. After lunch, continue exploring Yosemite National Park with your Tour Director before settling into an evening on your own. (B)

DAY 8 | ON TO SAN FRANCISCO

Travel towards the West Coast, cross the Bay Bridge and arrive in buzzing San Francisco. Head to the Fisherman's Wharf, once home to the city's colorful fishing fleet and today a popular district full of restaurants, cafes and shops. This afternoon, join your Travel Director for a stroll across the legendary Golden Gate Bridge, a symbol of California, then continue on a short drive to the quaint town of Sausalito. Enjoy some leisure time before taking the ferry back to San Francisco, passing the infamous Alcatraz Island. (B)
Hyatt Regency Embarcadero, San Francisco.

DAY 9 | SAN FRANCISCO SIGHTSEEING

This morning, venture across the road to the Ferry Building and shop among the stalls at one of America's most famous farmers markets. On your city sightseeing tour, journey past lively Union Square and the vast Golden Gate Park. In the afternoon, we visit the oldest and largest Chinatown in the US on our Insight Experience. Tours are led by Chinatown Alleyway Tours - a community based non-profit that is youth-run and youth-led. Tonight, toast to your travels at a local restaurant at your Celebration Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | FAREWELL CALIFORNIA

It is time to bid farewell to your fellow travelers and new friends as you depart at your own leisure with plenty of new memories. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in San Diego | Highlight Dinner at Sol Agave (Los Angeles) | Hotel Dining at Yosemite Lodge | Celebration Dinner at Palette Tea House.

Insightful Experiences

San Francisco: Join a youth-led walking tour of Chinatown's historic alleyways where you will learn of their origins and hear stories from those who call this place home.

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DAY 7 | Join a naturalist guide/climber at El Capitan Meadow where you will become familiar with the basics of rock climbing, while learning how they help preserve the vertical, natural environment. Your visit contributes to the Yosemite Conservancy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of US National Parks.

Insight Choice

Los Angeles: Visit Petersen Automobile Museum of Academy Museum of Motion Pictures. Santa Barbara: Or, choose to visit Old Mission or the Natural History Museum.

Top Rated Highlights

Scenic Drive along Pacific Coast Highway | San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco TD-Led Sightseeing | Pasolivo Olive Oil Tasting Experience, Mariposa Grove, Yosemite National Park.

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ENCHANTING CANYONLANDS

Marvel at the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park and Sedona's towering red rocks. Learn about tribal heritage in Monument Valley.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: AEC

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Sep

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN PHOENIX AND TRAVEL TO SCOTTSDALE

Welcome to Arizona, famous for road trips, Monument Valley, and of course the Grand Canyon. At 18:00, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner at Zuzu, where you will have the opportunity to mingle and get to know one another. (D)
Hotel Valley Ho, Scottsdale.

DAY 2 | SEDONA AND THE WONDERS OF THE MIGHTY GRAND CANYON

Travel through world-renowned Red Country along the Red Rock Scenic Byway, one of only 20 designated All-American Roads nationwide. Explore bohemian Sedona with its shops and galleries, or simply take in the exceptional beauty of Red Rock Country before heading to the Grand Canyon. At an astonishing 277 miles long, 18 miles wide and 1 mile deep, the Grand Canyon is the second most visited national park in the USA. Ranked as one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Grand Canyon National Park is home to deep canyons, sweeping vistas, and rich environmental history. Meet your Local Expert Canyon Tim at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon to learn about its wonders. You'll discover the origins of the five-million-year-old canyon, and the bountiful flora and fauna. The afternoon is yours to do as you please. Perhaps take to the sky on an optional flightseeing helicopter tour over the South and North Rim of the Grand Canyon for a new perspective of this natural wonder. In the evening, enjoy spectacular sunset views from your hotel inside the park. (B)
Grand Canyon National Park Lodge.

DAY 3 | MONUMENT VALLEY AND LAKE POWELL

Early risers will take advantage of the lodge location to witness one of Mother Nature's grandest shows on earth: a sunrise over the Grand Canyon. Travel along the South Rim Desert View Drive, skirting the southern rim of the canyon. Your visit supports the Grand Canyon Conservancy by making a donation to support the development of the Desert Viewpoint Intertribal Cultural Heritage Site. Head to Cameron Trading Post, one of the oldest and most historic general stores in Arizona. In Monument Valley Tribal Park, Navajo Local Experts guide you through the history, culture and heritage of the Navajo Nation, on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This carefully prepared tour keenly exemplifies the relationship of respect with the land in the valley and the importance placed on preserving the natural treasures found here. Enjoy a Navajo 'cookout lunch' amid the giant buttes and mesas of this unique landscape. Spend the rest of the day relaxing at your lakefront resort before indulging in a dinner with wine featuring views of Lake Powell. (B) (L) (D)
Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas.

DAY 4 | LEISURELY LAKE POWELL

Lake Powell is the largest man-made water reservoir in the southwest United States. Today, you can take full advantage of this unique landscape.

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Spend your day at leisure or partake in one of our popular optional experiences. As an optional activity this morning, join a gentle float trip down the Colorado River taking in views of iconic Horseshoe Bend and Petroglyph Beach. Or perhaps indulge in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to fly over the Colorado River and land on the famed Tower Butte. In the evening, enjoy dinner with wine at the Red Heritage, a Navajo owned and operated dinner theater performance venue. You'll be treated to an evening of song and dance alongside delicious Navajo tacos. (B) (D)

DAY 5 | BRYCE CANYON AND ZION NATIONAL PARKS

Journey across a wide-open landscape punctuated by colorful sandstone cliffs and high ridges dotted with piñon pine and juniper. Travel through Bryce Canyon Country on a portion of the Scenic Highway 89, recognized by National Geographic as the No. 1 Driver's Drive in the world. You will be struck by the beauty of Bryce Canyon National Park, an otherworldly landscape of red rock pillars known as hoodoos, pink cliffs, and endless vistas. In the evening, we arrive at our lodge inside the park for the next two days. Take an evening stroll through the park just outside your doorstep or relax and unwind in preparation for a full day of exploring the next day. (B)

Zion National Park Lodge.

DAY 6 | ZION NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy a Relaxed Start this morning, as you have a full day to explore the park. After a leisurely breakfast we will tour the canyon aboard a privately chartered open-air vehicle, with live commentary from a Local Expert to show you the many scenic highlights of the canyon. Explore Zion National Park with Insight Choice. Choose to join your Travel Director for a guided hike to the Emerald Pools. Alternatively, traverse along the Virgin River for an easy-going walk. The rest of the day is yours to do as you please. You can take to the trails as you wish, sign up for a park activity with your hotel, or just enjoy the serenity of the towering landscape surrounding you. (B)

DAY 7 | DEPART SALT LAKE CITY

This morning you'll bid farewell to the beautiful national parks and your fellow travelers. You will be taken to Salt Lake City International Airport, where you will arrive at approximately 15:00. Please be aware when arranging your flights. Alternatively, a transfer to the Sheraton Salt Lake City hotel is also provided should you wish to extend your stay. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Scottsdale | BBQ Cookout Lunch in Monument Valley | Lake Powell Resort dinner | Celebration Dinner at Red Heritage.

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DAY 3 | Trace the scenic South Rim of the Grand Canyon along Desert View Drive. See the historic Watchtower built by Mary Colter in the Puebloan style and track the Colorado River that leads you to the aptly named Painted Desert which extends towards Navajo and Hopi Indian lands. A Make Travel Matter experience that supports the Grand Canyon Conservancy and donates to the Desert Viewpoint Intertribal Cultural Heritage Site. Fulfilling the UN's Global goals of reducing inequality and creating sustainable communities.

DAY 4 | Navajo owned and operated; Red Heritage, a Native American Performing Arts Theater, showcases awe inspiring local talent, featuring powwow dancers, flute playing, and live drum music. A MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience, helping preserve Navajo Culture and dance. Embrace these beautiful and ancient arts while contributing to the UN's Global goal of reducing inequalities.

Insight Choice

Zion National Park: Choose to head out on a hike to the Emerald Pools with your Travel Director. Alternatively, admire the Virgin River on an easy-going river trail walk.

Top Rated Highlights

Ride a private Zion Canyon tram | Visit Sedona | Grand Canyon National Park | Lake Powell | Bryce Canyon National Park | Zion National Park | See the magical landscape of Monument Valley and the odd-shaped monoliths known as hoodoos in Bryce Canyon National Park.

See more experiences online



WONDERS OF THE AMERICAN WEST

See ancient pueblo dwellings in Mesa Verde National Park and explore Bryce Canyon's rock pillars and natural amphitheaters.

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 14 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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Trip code: AWSW

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Apr - Jun + Sep - Oct

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

DAY 1 | ARRIVE IN LAS VEGAS

Experience everything you love about Paris, right in the heart of the Strip. 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, join your Travel Director and companions for a Welcome Dinner with wine. (D)

Paris Las Vegas.

DAY 2 | ZION NATIONAL PARK

In Zion National Park, follow the paths where native people and pioneers walked as you gaze up at massive sandstone cliffs of cream, pink and red. Take a narrated tram ride alongside the Virgin River and the canyon walls to some of the most treasured spots in the park. Arrive at Bryce Canyon Lodge to explore the nearby trails and vistas. (B)

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 Pines. This evening, go off the beaten path to view the color-changing hoodoos as the sun sets. Feast on a three-course dinner with wine while being entertained by local musicians. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT AND CAPITOL REEF

Experience Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument exploring this land of the Ancestral Puebloan and Fremont people. View rock art panels, occupation sites, campsites and granaries built by descendants. Venture to Capitol Reef National Park's landscape of colorful 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)

Element Moab.

DAY 5 | ARCHES NATIONAL PARK AND CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Visit Arches National Park, housing the greatest concentration of natural arches in the world. View the iconic, 52-foot, freestanding natural arch, the most widely recognized landmark in Utah. Your sightseeing tour includes stops at various lookout points including the Grand Viewpoint with sweeping view of the Colorado River carving through the red-rock landscape. Then it's on to Canyonlands National Park for a drive onto the Island in the Sky, a mesa resting 1,000 feet above the countryside. Enjoy a Dine Around Moab with a choice of up to three local restaurants. (B) (D)

DAY 6 | MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

Visit fascinating Mesa Verde National Park learning how the park protects some of the best-preserved Ancestral Puebloan archaeological sites in the United States. Among 600 historic cliff dwellings,

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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view the ancient pueblo dwellings known as Cliff Palace, the largest cliff dwelling in the country. The park has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1978 making our stay inside the park truly exceptional. This evening, settle in for a relaxing stay at the only lodging inside of Mesa Verde National Park. (B) **Far View Lodge.**

DAY 7 | DURANGO FREE TIME AND MONUMENT VALLEY

Explore historic Durango before viewing the iconic backdrop of Forrest Gump's last run. Deepen your knowledge of the first peoples of this land in Monument Valley for an Authentic Cookout Dinner with members of the Navajo Nation. Hop in an off-road, open-air vehicle to the cookout site where you'll enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner sampling traditional Navajo fry-bread on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Our visit and dining experience provides a sustainable workforce for the Navajo people, who historically have had to leave their land in search of well paying jobs. (B) (D) **Goulding's Lodge Monument Valley.**

DAY 8 | MONUMENT VALLEY TO MYSTERY VALLEY

This morning we embark on an exclusive Insight Experience into Mystery Valley, located just south of the Utah/Arizona border. Mystery Valley is an area full of Anasazi ruins and rock art, not seen from the main highway. Relatively unknown and usually inaccessible to unaccompanied visitors, Mystery Valley is a lightly trafficked but a thoroughly intriguing stretch of desert. Featuring graceful geological formations, petroglyphs, scattered artifacts like broken pottery shards, and breathtaking views of wide-open spaces and the spectacular buttes of neighboring (and

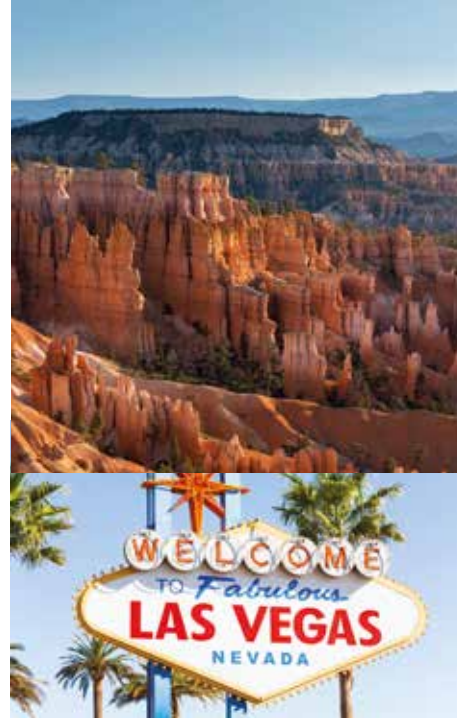
more famous) Monument Valley Tribal Park, this hidden gem provides a unique opportunity for a guided tour among ancient Indigenous ruins. To this day, Mystery Valley belongs to the Diné and is under their tribal law, and is accessible to visitors only when accompanied by a Diné guide. In Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, board an off-road vehicle to explore with your guide. This area is also the backdrop for many Western Hollywood hits, including "Stagecoach" and "Fort Apache." (B)

DAY 9 | THE WONDERS OF THE GRAND CANYON

Visit the historic Cameron Trading Post before taking in the Grand Canyon from Desert view watchtower. Over this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, tribal members share stories and cultural demonstrations. At Grand Canyon National Park, hike along the scenic Rim Trail or join a Local Expert, Canyon Tim, for an enlightening discussion covering millions of years of history in one hour. End your vacation in the grandest way possible with a Celebration Dinner inside Grand Canyon National Park. (B) (D) **Grand Canyon National Park Lodge.**

DAY 10 | RETURN TO LAS VEGAS

Wake up to the backdrop of the Grand Canyon and enjoy some peace and tranquility 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, arriving at 16:00. For those extending their stay in Las Vegas, complimentary hotel transfer to Paris Las Vegas is also included. (B)



Superior Dining

Welcome Dinner in Las Vegas | Navajo cookout Highlight Dinner in Monument Valley | Dine-Around evening Moab | Rim-side Dinner at Bryce Canyon National Park | Celebration Dinner at Grand Canyon National Park.

Insightful Experiences

Monument Valley: Dive into Mystery Valley with a local Navajo guide. Normally off-limits to the general public, discover Anasazi ruins and rock art, admire geological formations, and spot petroglyphs carved into the red rocks.

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DAY 7 | Deepen your knowledge and connection with the first nations of this land as we travel to Monument Valley by way of off-road vehicles to the cookout site. Here you'll enjoy an authentically delicious BBQ dinner with members of the Navajo Nation.

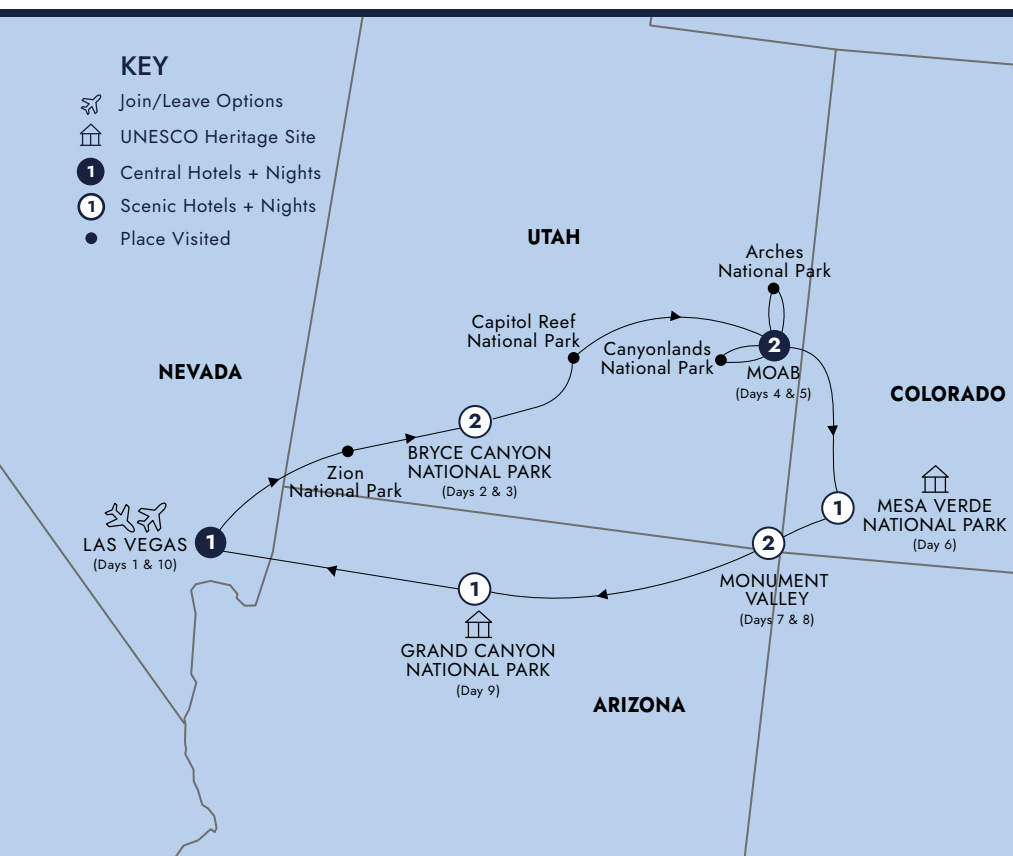
Insight Choice

Grand Canyon National Park: Meet with a local geologist for an informational talk at one of the many amphitheaters overlooking the Grand Canyon or walk along the rim trail of the Grand Canyon with your Tour Director.

Top Rated Highlights

Zion National Park | Bryce Canyon National Park | Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument | Capitol Reef National Park | Arches National Park | Canyonlands National Park | Mesa Verde National Park | Monument Valley | Grand Canyon National Park.

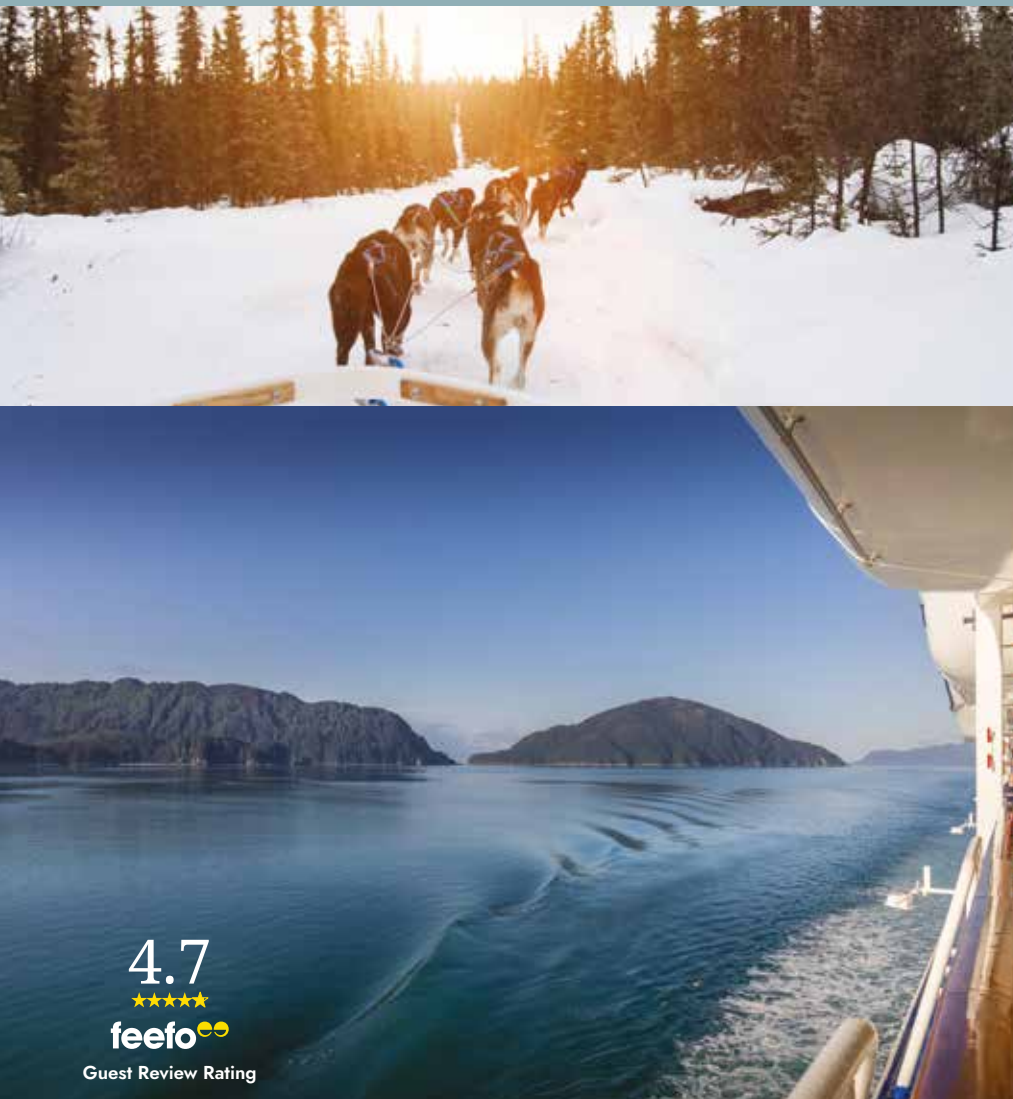
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JEWELS OF ALASKA

Ride the glass-domed Alaskan Railroad toward Denali National Park. Learn about life behind the scenes with an Iditarod winner.

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: AJAK

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Sep

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DAY 1 | ANCHORAGE, THE CITY OF LIGHTS AND FLOWERS

Welcome to Alaska, an adventurous land of wildlife, mountains, national parks and glaciers. Join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. (D)
Marriott Anchorage Downtown.

DAY 2 | ANCHORAGE SIGHTSEEING AND THE MATANUSKA VALLEY

Get acquainted with Anchorage on an immersive city tour. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at the Alaska Native Heritage Center and discover how the culinary traditions passed on by generations of Alaska's first people, became a key component in the survival of the culture. Witness firsthand a private demonstration of Agutak ice cream making and how this culinary link to the past helps breathe new life into the indigenous culture of today. This afternoon, travel through the fertile Matanuska Valley and stop at a local farm to see how the long summer days and glacial silt create the perfect environment for growing vegetables and flowers. Head to the quaint community of Talkeetna, nestled at the base of Mount Denali, North America's tallest peak. The evening is yours at leisure. Feel free to ask your Travel Director for suggestions on the best spots to grab a bite. (B)
Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge.

DAY 3 | TALKEETNA SIGHTSEEING

This morning the choice is yours, enjoy an immersive jet boat tour up the Chulitna River and make a visit to a trapper's cabin. Learn about the fascinating lifestyle of hunting and trapping in Interior Alaska. Or opt for a scenic float trip on the Talkeetna River for amazing viewing of Mt Denali and possible wildlife sightings. The rest of the day is yours to explore, perhaps discovering more of Talkeetna or joining an optional experience such as a flightseeing tour of the Alaska Range, or a dryland dog sledding ride. Or combine the two - take a helicopter ride to an alpine camp where our experienced guide will accompany you as you mush along a snow-covered glacier. (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. North of Talkeetna the tracks veer away from the road system and into the backcountry Hurricane area; this region offers views of the snaking Indian River, the occasional remote cabin and the expansive sight of Hurricane Gulch from the top of a 296-foot bridge. Just south of Denali National Park, Broad Pass offers majestic views of the Alaska Range in all directions. Later, meet a local climber who will share stories about what it's like to a climb up one of the most daunting and tallest land-based mountains in the world, Denali. A trek that begins deep in the heart of the

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

Alaskan Range and where conditions only get tougher further into the journey, forcing climbers to build snow walls for protection from the harsh elements. The climb which takes approximately 17-18 days round trip, takes incredible physical and mental fortitude. For tonight's dinner with wine, the choice is yours between a charming local brewery or the lodge's rustic restaurant during your Dine-Around evening. (B) (D) **Grande Denali Lodge, Denali National Park.**

DAY 5 | DENALI NATIONAL PARK, THE CROWN JEWEL OF THE ALASKAN WILDERNESS

Embark on an extensive Denali Natural History Tour during to learn about the Alaskan natives who once lived in the park and the first ascent of Denali. You'll have the whole afternoon free to participate in an array of optional activities. From a blissful stroll through one of the meadows, to a rewarding hike, this Park is for everyone. You will also find that to be true with the exciting optional experiences which include a rafting trip down the Nenana River, (waiver required) to a helicopter flightseeing tour - just don't forget your camera! End the day back at your lodge where you'll enjoy panoramic views of your surroundings under the star filled night. (B)

DAY 6 | GIRDWOOD AND MOUNT ALYESKA

Enjoy a scenic journey along the George Parks Highway. Stop in Big Lake, AK and visit four-time Iditarod winner Martin Buser at his own home.

Arriving at the kennel, you will be greeted by between thirty and sixty excited sled dogs. Spend time with Martin and learn about the many challenges faced on the 1,049-mile dogsled race. Take a virtual trip along the Iditarod trail alongside Martin's narration including countless stories from his thirty-five years of racing, as well as a great deal of Iditarod history. A true insider experience into the world of the Iditarod, that very few get to experience. Journey on the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm with its dramatic views, before arriving in the town of Girdwood, home of the Alyeska Resort. In the evening, join your Travel Director for a wonderful Celebration Dinner, complete with wine and good cheer. (B) (L) (D) **The Hotel Alyeska, Girdwood.**

DAY 7 | PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND CRUISE AND DEPART ANCHORAGE

Take this morning to enjoy the surroundings and amenities at the beautiful Alyeska resort. Travel to Whittier to board the 26 Glacier Cruise for a 100-mile (160-kilometer) boat tour of Prince William Sound and into the College Fjord with the chance to see the glaciers up close. Visit with the Captain in the wheelhouse to learn how he expertly navigates the icy waterways and sit down to a sumptuous lunch against an incredible backdrop. For those saying farewell today, travel back to Anchorage where you will arrive at the Anchorage Airport at approximately 20:00. (B) (L)



Insightful Experiences

Matanuska Valley: As you travel through the fertile valley, stop at a local farm to learn about agriculture in Alaska.

Denali National Park: Join a specialist for a Denali Natural History Tour and learn about the Alaskan natives who once lived in the park and the first ascent of Denali, North America's highest peak.

Denali National Park: Meet four-time Iditarod winner, Martin Buser and learn about the challenges of competing in the 1,049-mile (1,688 kilometer) while enjoying lunch at his home.

Denali National Park: Meet a local climber at a private presentation in Denali National Park and hear first-hand about their experience climbing the highest peak in North America.

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DAY 2 | Enjoy an exclusive Agutak (Inuit ice cream) making demonstration during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® visit to the renowned Alaska Native Heritage Center.

Insight Choice

Talkeetna: Choose between jet boat tour on the Chulitna River or a scenic float on the Talkeetna River.

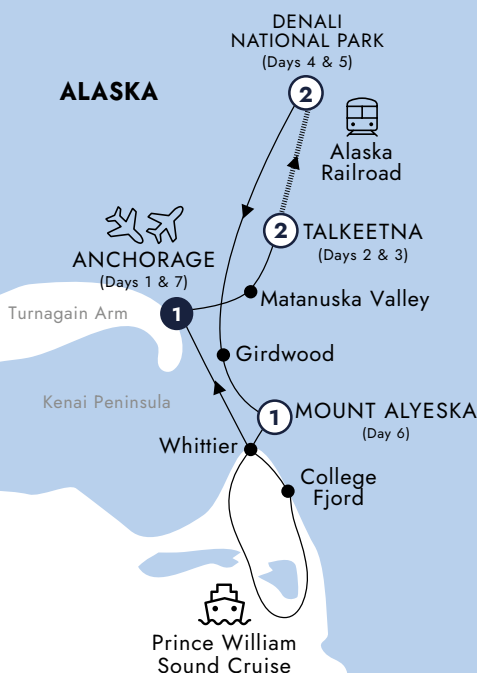
Top Rated Highlights

Anchorage city tour | Talkeetna | Scenic ride on Alaska Railroad | Denali National Park | Alyeska Resort stay | Scenic 26 Glacier Cruise.

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



SPECTACULAR ROCKIES AND GLACIERS OF ALBERTA

*Discover Jasper and Banff National Parks
and the Columbia Icefield. Meet a First
Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert.*

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | DYNAMIC ACTIVITY



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Trip code: AGVL

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO BANFF

After your arrival at Calgary Airport, your stay at a historic mountain resort in Banff awaits. Built in the distinctive Canadian Château style, it is one of the earliest examples of the country's grand railway hotels. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. (D)
Fairmont Banff Springs.

DAY 2 | EXPLORING BANFF

Connect with nature as you join a memorable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER[®] Experience with a First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert. Discover First Nations culture, such as how plants and animals like bears hold great significance. This authentic dive into the First Nations Cree community is not only enlightening but also helps assure the sustainability of the community and culture. You'll embark on a guided walk in the Boreal Forest and learn the Indigenous world of plant medicines as well as the historical and modern-day uses of plants and listen to fascinating stories about the First Nations. This afternoon, choose to relax and unwind in Banff Hot Springs. Or, learn about the history of the Fairmont Banff Springs from a knowledgeable ambassador. Hear stories of events that took place around and at this hotel and receive a self-guided map of highlight locations for you to discover. (B)

DAY 3 | A TRIP TO LAKE LOUISE

The Three Sisters Peak or Mt Assiniboine will impress on this morning's optional helicopter flights (weather dependent). Make your way to Moraine Lake — the largest glacially fed lake in Canada — for a photo stop before a decadent lunch at Louiza Restaurant at Chateau Lake Louise. Marvel as you're surrounded by soaring peaks and the majesty of the Victoria glacier. Capture a photo or two of the turquoise Lake Louise and rugged backdrop of one of the most famous mountain vistas in the world before returning to Banff and enjoying the rest of your day at leisure. Tonight, opt for a scenic end to your day by taking Banff Gondola ride. (B) (L)

DAY 4 | LAKES, MOUNTAINS AND GLACIERS

The glaciers, waterfalls and peaks of Yoho Park are revealed on this morning's visit to Yoho National Park. Your journey includes photo opportunities at Emerald Lake and Takakkaw Falls before taking the Icefields Parkway, one of the most beautiful drives on the planet. Admire the dramatic scenery of the Rockies with plenty of photo opportunities. A warm welcome greets you at the country's first and only glacier-view resort over a Champagne reception and nibbles. Before dinner, take advantage of the long daylight hours and set out for an after-hours visit to the Columbia Icefield Skywalk, a glass-floored walkway above the Sunwapta Valley featuring waterfalls and wildlife. After your Skywalk visit, indulge in a delicious, Canadian inspired, locally sourced dinner, sip cocktails and marvel at the spectacular glacier views that wrap the restaurant. (B) (D)
Glacier View Lodge.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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

DAY 5 | GLACIER ADVENTURE

Before other travelers arrive, venture onto the Athabasca Glacier in a massive Ice Explorer for your special, before-hours visit. Join your Local Expert and walk on the frozen flow of ice. Discover the beauty and immensity of the glacier as you learn about the history and geology of the region. Continue along the magnificent Icefields Parkway and arrive at Jasper National Park with its soothing mineral hot springs, colorful meadows and majestic mountains. (B)

The Crimson Jasper.

DAY 6 | EXPLORING JASPER

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning or join the fun and experience an optional easy rafting, scenic float trip down the Athabasca River, a designated Canadian Heritage River. A National Park licensed guide will provide commentary on the human and natural history of Jasper while navigating you along the same route used by the "fur traders" over 2 centuries ago. Don't worry the guides do all the rowing; you sit back and enjoy while exploring all the spectacular scenery. There is always a chance of seeing various wildlife including elk, deer, moose, coyotes, wolves, eagles, ospreys, mountain sheep and bears. Join your Travel Director on an informative walk on the Maligne Canyon, the deepest gorge in Jasper National Park. As you tour across the crystal waters of magical Maligne Lake, fed by the glaciers of Jasper National Park and glide

past the jagged mountain peaks you'll discover why it's been declared the "Best Boat Cruise in Canada." (B)

DAY 7 | JOURNEY TO KANANASKIS

Enjoy a scenic drive down to Kananaskis, often kept as a secret mountain sanctuary for locals, away from the masses that visit neighboring Banff National Park. Enjoy the afternoon to yourself to discover the local trails surrounding your upscale hotel nestled in the wilderness, or head to the Nordic Spa located steps away from the lodge. Tonight, come together with your fellow travelers for a festive Celebration Dinner and toast to your wonderful trip in the Canadian Rockies. (B) (D) Kananaskis Mountain Lodge, Autograph Collection.

DAY 8 | FAREWELL CANADA

After breakfast, you are transferred to Calgary Airport where your journey comes to an end. Arrival time at airport is approximately 12:00. (B)

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.

*Insightful Experiences*

Icefields Parkway: Enjoy an after-hours visit to the amazing Glacier Skywalk. Step onto the cliff-edged, glass-floored walkway rising 918 ft (280 meters) above the Sunwapta Valley offering sweeping views of the valley and Columbia Icefield | Board a specially designed Ice Explorer led by an expert driver to discover the frosty flow of Athabasca Glacier before-hours.

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DAY 2 | Join a First Nations Cree Iroquois Local Expert and take a walk in the Boreal forest. Learn how their ancestors survived off the land and used the plants as medicines. Listen to amazing stories about First Nations culture and their relationship with local nature and wildlife.

Insight Choice

Banff: Choose to learn about the history of the Fairmont Banff Springs from a knowledgeable ambassador who will share stories of events that took place in and around the hotel. Or, visit the Banff Upper Hot Springs bathhouse, declared a Registered Federal Historical Building, and enjoy a soak.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Banff National Park | Lake Louise | Jasper National Park | Moraine Lake | Icefields Parkway scenic drive | Maligne Lake | Sunwapta Falls | Athabasca Falls | Maligne Canyon.

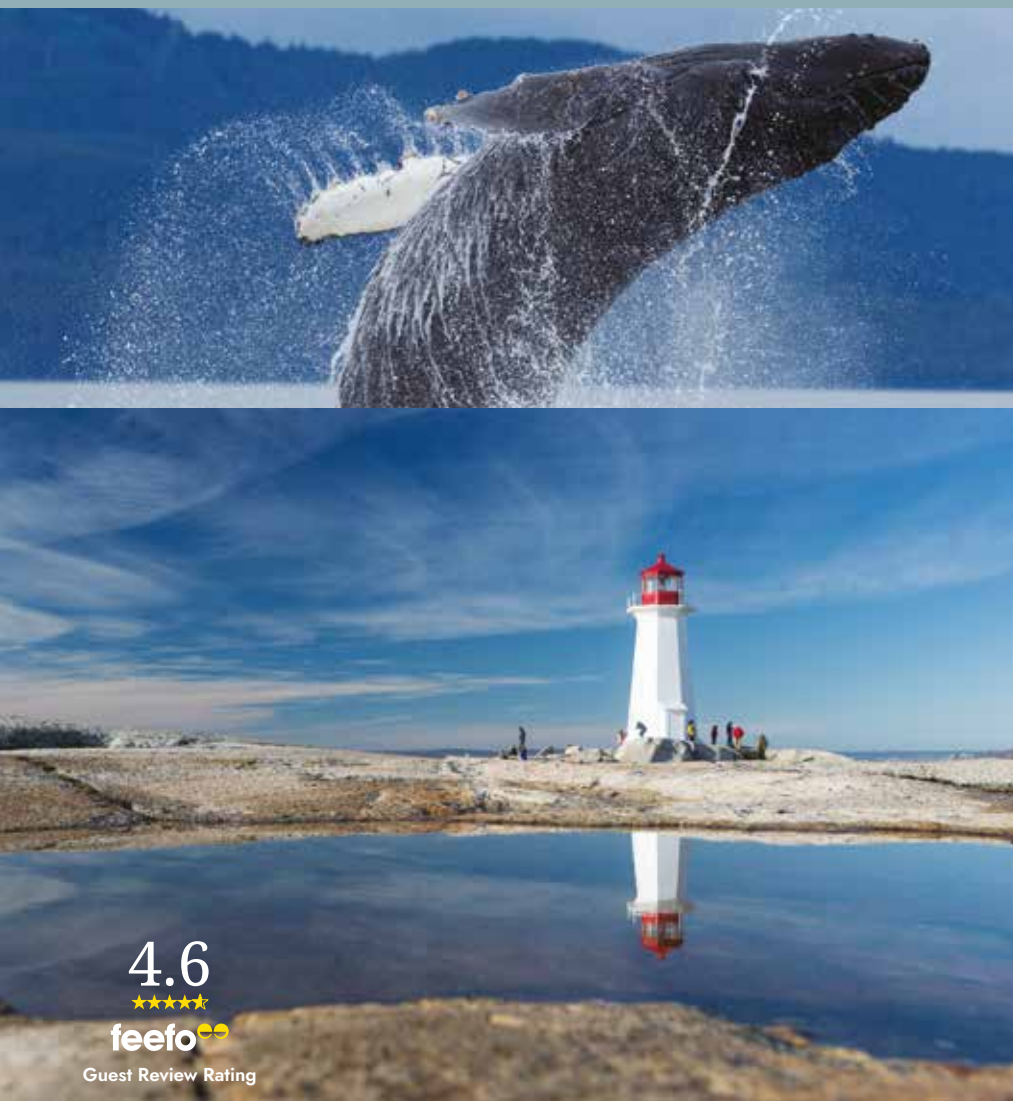
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Blend the best of land and sea: Watch for bald eagles on the Cabot Trail and gain insights into lobster fishing.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

Jun - Sep

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DAY 1 | WELCOME TO HALIFAX

Arrive in Halifax, your quintessential maritime destination. Relax next to the waterfront before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner at 18:00. (D)
Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, Halifax

DAY 2 | SIGHTSEEING AND RELAXATION IN HALIFAX

Join a Local Expert for an informative exploration of eclectic Halifax, then delve into Halifax's nautical history at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, where your Local Expert will engage you in stories of key historic events, including the Halifax Explosion and the tragic sinking of the Titanic in 1912. This afternoon, explore Halifax with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the Halifax Citadel National Historic Site. Alternatively tour the Maud Lewis Gallery, or the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. (B)

DAY 3 | HISTORIC LUNenburg AND PEGGY'S COVE

Journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Lunenburg and meet a Local Expert for a walking tour. Hear tales of the fishing industry's impact on the region before visiting scenic Peggy's Cove. Enjoy a Highlight Dinner with live music back in Halifax. (B) (D)

DAY 4 | CAPE BRETON ISLAND AND BLOOMING BADDECK

As we head towards Baddeck, we MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®, stop and explore the legends & traditions of the Mi'kmaq people at Millbrook Cultural & Heritage Center during a guided tour. Experience warm hospitality and Cape Breton-style home cooking at your waterfront hotel, featuring tempting seafood favorites and hearty dishes that are sure to satisfy. Continue your night with traditional music and song at a Ceilidh, a Celtic Evening where you'll enjoy a night of Acadian hospitality and entertainment. (B) (D)
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. Learn about the tradition of fabric milling and see a kilt-making demonstration in action. Enjoy a relaxing drive along the Cabot Trail, one of the world's most scenic routes. Travel past Cape Breton Highlands National Park. (B) (L)

DAY 6 | BADDECK AND CHARLOTTETOWN

In the morning, embark on an insightful visit to the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site. Ferry across the Northumberland Strait to magical Prince Edward Island and quaint Charlottetown, where you'll spend the next three nights. This little city is a nautical dream, with its colorful fisherman's cottages and picturesque harbor. The city is also

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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known for hosting the famous Anne of Green Gables musical every year. (B)
Delta Hotels by Marriott Prince Edward, Charlottetown.

DAY 7 | PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SIGHTSEEING

Discover picturesque Prince Edward Island with a Local Expert before heading on to Cavendish. Here you'll visit the Green Gables House, the fabled home that provided inspiration for L.M. Montgomery's children's classic, "Anne of Green Gables." This afternoon is free to explore Charlottetown at your leisure. (B)

DAY 8 | FLAVORS OF CHARLOTTETOWN

Head for the quaint seaside fishing village of Georgetown in eastern Prince Edward Island. Enjoy a delicious Highlight Lunch of island blue mussel 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. Head on a lighthouse tour and enjoy a wine tasting to end the day. (B) (L)

DAY 9 | THE TIDES OF HOPEWELL ROCKS

Cruise the waters of Shediac Bay aboard a private lobster boat and get a glimpse into the fascinating world of these sea creatures, as well as the lobster industry. You'll also indulge in a delicious seafood Highlight Lunch with wine. Travel on to Hopewell Rocks on the shores of the bay, before arriving in the exciting city of Moncton. (B) (L)
Crowne Plaza Moncton Downtown

DAY 10 | LIVELY MONCTON TO DIGBY

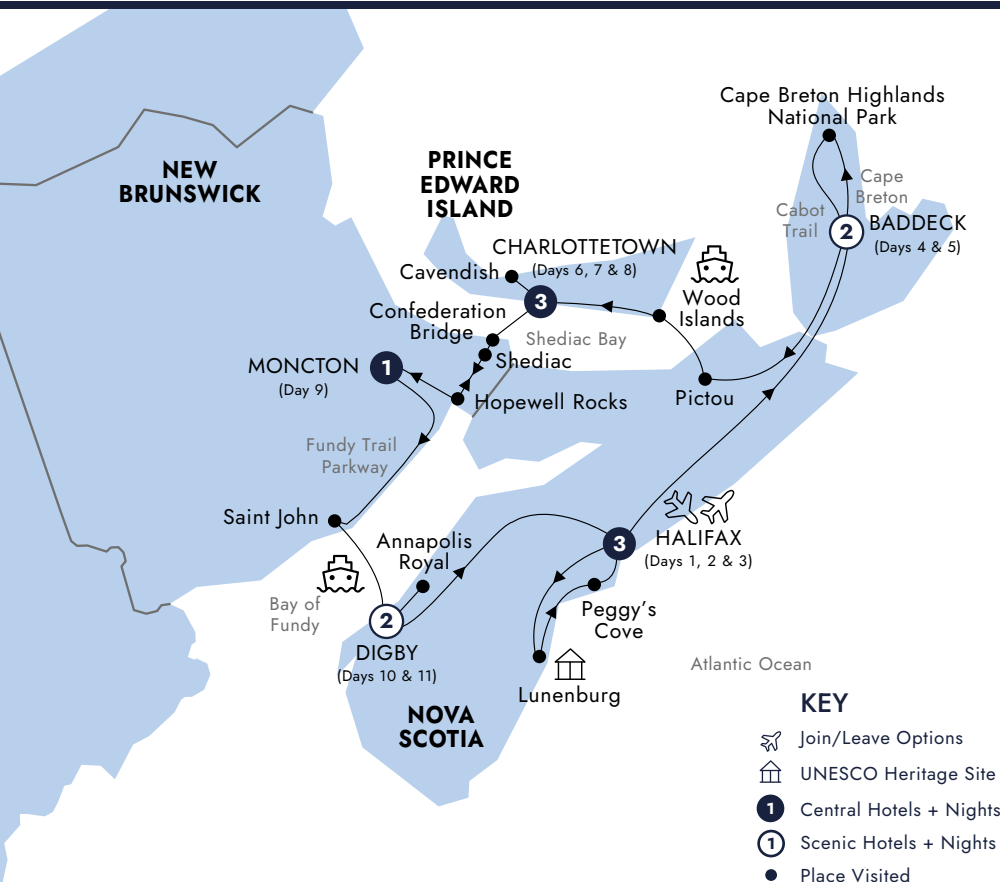
Travel along the Fundy Trail Parkway, hugging the coast with stunning views in every direction and visit Fundy National Park. With it's final portion completed in 2020, the Fundy Trail Parkway provides a coastal access network from Alma to St Martin complete with hiking trails, beaches, scenic lookouts and an Interpretive Center. (B)
Digby Pines Golf Resort and Spa.

DAY 11 | DELIGHTFUL DIGBY AND ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Begin your day by embarking on a once-in-a-lifetime whale watching cruise (weather permitting) on the Bay of Fundy. Move on to the historic town of Annapolis Royal where you'll take a stroll with a costumed interpreter and discover a cultural mosaic of history before returning to your spa resort in Digby. In the evening, meet a former scallop fisherman for a culinary demonstration and Celebration Dinner featuring the highly prized seafood. Considering the economic impact the scallop industry has in Digby, there is no better place to learn firsthand from a local expert and no better place to enjoy a fresh, sea-to-table scallop dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 12 | FAREWELL HALIFAX

It's time to wave goodbye to Halifax and your fellow travelers as your trip comes to an end. A complimentary Airport transfer will be made at Halifax International Airport at 12:00pm, followed by a stop at the Marriott Harbourfront Halifax for guests wishing to extend their stay. (B)



Insightful Experiences

Charlottetown: Head for the quaint seaside fishing village of Georgetown in eastern Prince Edward Island. You will be met by a great storytelling fisherman who will regale you with tales of life at sea and teach you all about the area's lobster and mussel industry. Enjoy a delicious lunch of Island Blue Mussel cooked fresh by the fisherman.

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DAY 4 | Millbrook Cultural Center showcases the vibrant heritage and traditions of the Mi'kmaq people through exhibits, workshops, and performances, providing guests with a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Indigenous culture.

Top Rated Highlights

Baddeck: Experience warm hospitality and Cape Breton-style home cooking with traditional music. Join local musicians and engage in an evening of song, dance and storytelling for a unique insight into Acadian culture | Cape Breton Island: Sail through the serene Bras d'Or Lake, surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty and diverse wildlife. Immerse yourself in the tranquil ambiance of this pristine ecosystem.

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DEPARTURE MONTHS

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DAY 1 | THRILLING TORONTO

Welcome to Toronto, a vibrant city on Lake Ontario, full of fine restaurants and bars, as well as an eclectic mix of cultures. After settling in, feel free to explore the town and discover what it has to offer. At 18:00, meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner with wine. (D)
The Westin Harbor Castle, Toronto.

DAY 2 | TORONTO AND THE THUNDERING FALLS OF NIAGARA

See Toronto's top sights as you see Queen's Park and the Parliament Buildings, before venturing on the quaint town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, a 19th century village that offers gorgeous views of Lake Ontario. See the flowers and old-world architecture of the city before heading to the spectacular Niagara Falls. Experience the thrill of Niagara Falls up close on a state-of-the-art eco-catamaran. Feel the mighty power, thundering water and mesmerizing mist on this memorable boat ride to the base of the falls. Next, you can choose to soar above Niagara's stunning landscapes on an exhilarating helicopter flight. Witness the Whirlpool Rapids, Rainbow Bridge, American Falls, Skylon Tower and the mesmerizing Canadian Horseshoe Falls, where rainbows appear in the mist. Later, return to Toronto for an afternoon at leisure or choose to visit the top of the iconic CN Tower which defines the Toronto Skyline. Interact with visual exhibits to learn fascinating stories about this engineering marvel and enjoy panoramic views of the shimmering skyline and Lake Ontario. (B)

DAY 3 | KINGSTON AND OTTAWA

Journey to historic Kingston, otherwise known as the Limestone City. Here you'll view the city's storied buildings, churches and fortifications, many of which being constructed from limestone itself. Continue to the Capital city of Ottawa, which plays a pivotal role in promoting sustainable agriculture. At a local farm owned by Just Food, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering sustainable food and farming practices, you'll not only enjoy a captivating cooking demonstration but also learn valuable culinary skills. Experience the essence of Canadian terroir with locally sourced maple sugar, haskaps, Labrador tea, and wildflowers, all while supporting the sustainable future of the region's food system. (B) (D)
Novotel Hotel Ottawa.

DAY 4 | CANADA'S CAPITAL TO MONTREAL

Spend the morning exploring Ottawa on a tour of the city, taking in the impressive architecture of Parliament Hill. Head to ByWard Market, where you can explore vibrant stalls, taste local treats, and shop for unique souvenirs. Then, visit Mādhōki Farm and experience a lively traditional Pow Wow dance. Join this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and learn about diversity of Indigenous cultures across Canada and how they revive the traditional arts by creating partnerships with elders and artisans. Continue to Montreal in the French-speaking province of Quebec. (B)
Montreal Marriott Chateau Champlain.

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)
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DAY 5 | MONTREAL, THE ROYAL MOUNTAIN

Today you'll join a Local Expert who will guide you around Old Montreal. The narrow cobblestone streets draw you in with their lively little plazas, shops and cafes. From the grand mansions of Mount Royal to the iconic old port, Old Montreal is a historic neighborhood that is now a major hot spot with beautiful architecture, vibrant street art and plenty of opportunities for photo-ops, especially at the top of Mount Royal. Next, visit the Notre Dame Basilica and discover the history of the first neo-gothic church in Canada and marvel at its breathtaking architecture and exceptional stained glass windows. The rest of the day is free to enjoy as you please. (B)

Canadian culinary adventure as you indulge in the sweet delights of maple syrup, harvested and crafted right on-site. Savor traditional maple-infused dishes and experience the warmth of hospitality and the rustic charm of a genuine sugar shack. After lunch, continue onwards to Montmorency Falls Park where you will experience that natural wonder that towers 272 feet (84 m) tall over the Saint Lawrence River. Walk the full width of the falls on a suspension bridge between both sides of the park, or if you are feeling adventurous, you can take the panoramic staircase down along the cliffside. After taking plenty of pictures, you will continue to Quebec City. (B) (L)
Hilton Quebec.

DAY 7 | QUINTESSENTIAL QUEBEC

Discover more of Quebec City's history and charm with a Local Expert. You'll see the Latin Quarter, Plains of Abraham, City Hall and Palace Royale, while learning about the city's long history as one of the oldest European settlements in North America. No visit to Old Quebec would be complete without seeing the grand hotel Château Frontenac, designated a National Historic Site of Canada and UNESCO World Heritage Site, being one of the first grand railway hotels completed in Canada. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. In the evening enjoy your Celebration Dinner in historic old Quebec. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | DEPART QUEBEC CITY

Bid "Au Revoir" to Quebec City and your fellow travelers as your tour comes to an end. Departure will be at your leisure. (B)

DAY 6 | MONTMORENCY FALLS PARK TO QUEBEC CITY

Depart Montreal and head to Montmorency Falls today. Immerse yourself in an authentic

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- Join/Leave Options
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*Insightful Experiences*

Ottawa: Join a cooking demonstration led by a renowned Ottawa cooking school and local non-profit organization focused on sustainable food and farming practices. Learn new culinary skills and discover more about local cuisine using staples from the Canadian terroir.

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DAY 4 | Visit Mādahōkī Farm and experience a lively traditional Pow Wow dance. Join this experience and learn about diversity of Indigenous cultures across Canada and how they revive the traditional arts by creating partnerships with elders and artisans.

Top Rated Highlights

Niagara Falls: Experience the awesome power, thundering water and amazing mist from a state of the art eco-catamaran, making it a perfect and memorable way to experience this natural wonder | Quebec City: Visit Montmorency Falls, a remarkable natural wonder of Quebec. For a unique adrenaline-filled view, walk the full width of the falls on a suspension bridge with roaring water below.

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NEW ENGLAND'S FALL FOLIAGE

Follow Boston's Freedom Trail, visit a maple syrup farm in Montpelier and admire the bronzing leaves of Vermont's trees.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 12 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: AENE

DEPARTURE MONTHS

Sep - Oct

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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. At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine and an opportunity to mingle with fellow guests at your hotel. (D) Hyatt Regency Boston.

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 brings the story of the American Revolution to life. Sights include Beacon Hill, Newbury Street, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and the Old South Meeting House. 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) (D) The Gideon Putnam, Saratoga Springs.

DAY 3 | THE LEGENDS OF THE FALL AND STOWE

Journey through the bronze fall foliage of Vermont. Visit the Vermont Country Store for a unique shopping experience - you'll step back into history with their nostalgic assortment of products. Explore the Rockefeller's renowned Billings Farm and Museum, a captivating working dairy and farm life museum, followed by a stop in the quintessential Vermont village of Woodstock with its picturesque, covered bridge. End your day in the northern Vermont town of Stowe, home to the breathtaking alpine setting that attracted the real Von Trapp family of "The Sound of Music" fame in the late 1940s. Enjoy Austrian-style lagers during your Highlight Dinner at Bierhall Restaurant. (B) (D) Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe.

DAY 4 | A TASTE OF VERMONT

Enjoy Vermont's beautiful scenery ablaze with fall's golden red colors. Visit Lake Champlain Chocolates for chocolate and local ice cream tasting. Like their chocolates, the ice cream is crafted with only the best local ingredients, including fresh cream, maple syrup and honey. Next, you'll travel to Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, where maple syrup is "tapped" from the trees. Taste a Vermont tradition, the unusually named 'sugar on snow', a combination of maple syrup and packed snow. This tasty treat is traditionally served with a doughnut and pickle. Return to the enchanting town of Stowe where the

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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rest of the day is yours. From wandering its quaint streets to hiking in the woods or relaxing back at your lodge, make the most of your last evening at this mountain resort. (B)

DAY 5 | NORTH CONWAY AND THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

Move on to Vermont's pretty capital, Montpelier. Journey to New Hampshire's White Mountains and enter striking Franconia Notch. Take a scenic ride on the Gondola SkyRide at Loon Mountain Resort. On a clear day, you'll have superb panoramic views of New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New York and Canada. Later, journey through the dazzling crimson and orange hues of the famed Kancamagus Scenic Byway to North Conway. This spectacular section of Route 112 is unspoiled by industry and boasts 34.5 miles of untouched natural beauty. (B) (D)

North Conway Grand Hotel, North Conway.

DAY 6 | SIGHTSEEING IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

In the morning, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you enjoy an insightful talk by a naturalist expert on the North Woods' wildlife and ecology. Then, more spectacular fall foliage awaits as you journey through Crawford Notch, an arresting pass through the White Mountains. Stop for pictures at the Silver Cascade Waterfall

and Bretton Woods, which offers stunning views of Mount Washington, the tallest peak in the northeast at 6,288 feet (1,917 meters). Your Travel Director will guide you on a scenic hike to Diana's Baths, which features a series of small cascading waterfalls. Return to your hotel where you can enjoy an evening at leisure. (B)

DAY 7 | THE RUGGED MAINE COAST

Cross from New Hampshire into Maine this morning as you travel along the jagged coastline. Then spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Celebration Dinner featuring Maine lobster with your fellow travelers. (B) (D)

Westin Portland Harborview, Portland.

DAY 8 | BACK TO BOSTON

Known for its sandy beaches, Kennebunkport is a year-round coastal destination that houses the rich and famous, even serving as the summer retreat of former President George H.W. Bush. Travel along Ocean Drive with more stunning views of the Maine coastline, before driving back to Boston. Guests departing Boston will arrive at Boston Logan International Airport at 12:30 pm. Those extending their stay will return to the Hyatt Regency Boston hotel. (B)



Superior Dining

Lively Welcome Dinner in Boston |
Highlight Dinner at the Austrian-style Trapp
Family Lodge and Von Trapp Brewery |
Celebration Dinner with lobster in Portland.

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DAY 6 | Head to North Conway, where you'll learn about the local flora and fauna with a Local Specialist for an ecological look at fall in the North Woods.

Top Rated Highlights

North Conway: Join your Travel Director on a scenic hike in the New England Forest to Diana's Baths, which features a series of small cascading waterfalls. This spectacular section of Route 112 is unspoiled by industry and boasts 34.5 miles of untouched natural beauty |
Manchester: Take a scenic ride on the Gondola SkyRide at Loon Mountain Resort. On a clear day, you'll have superb panoramic views of New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, New York and Canada |
Montpelier: Travel to Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks and taste a Vermont tradition "sugar on snow": maple syrup drizzled over packed snow.

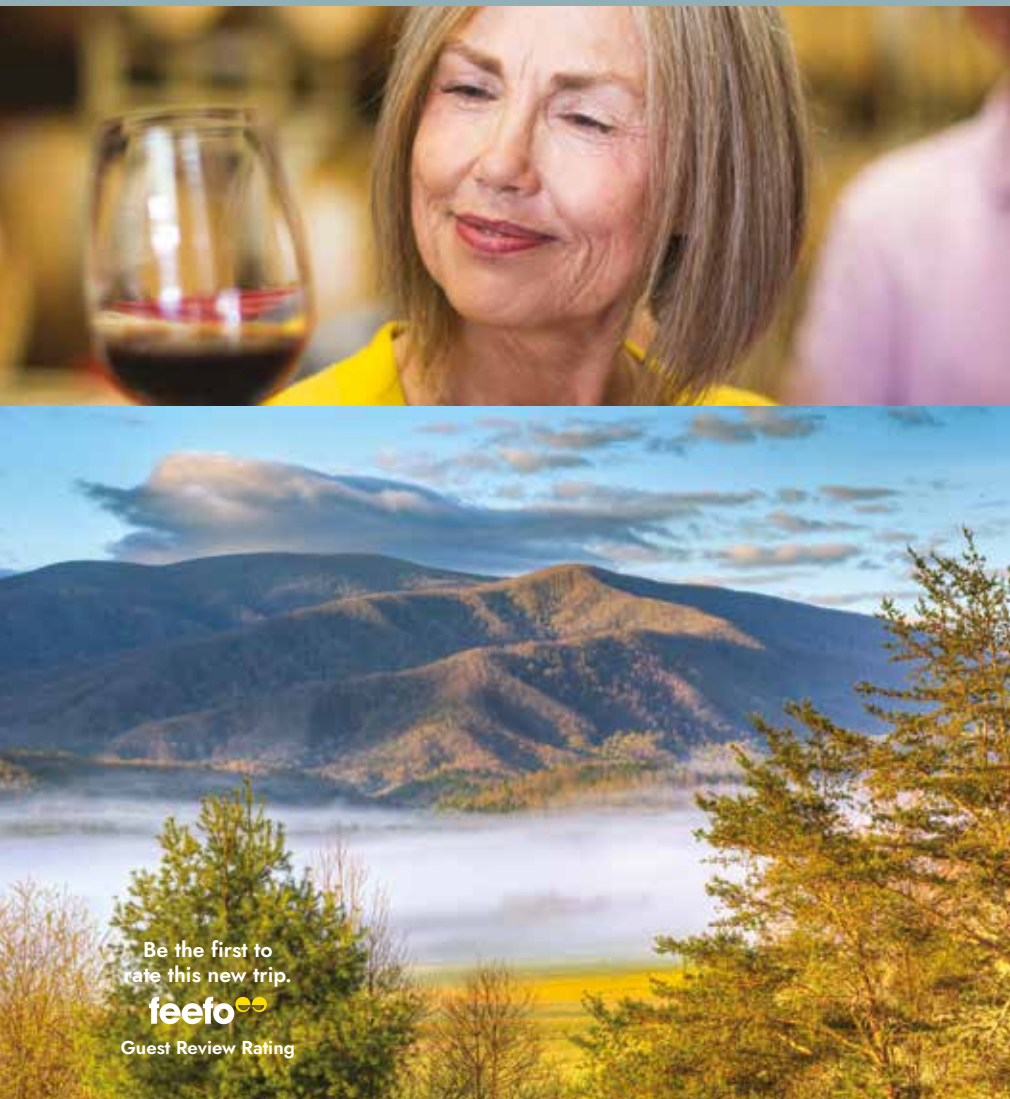


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Winery and tour the Biltmore Estate.*

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national-parks-of-eastern-usa](https://insightvacations.com/spectacular-national-parks-of-eastern-usa)

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. Join your Travel Director and meet fellow guests at a private Welcome Dinner with drinks at 18:00. (D)
Melrose Georgetown Hotel.

DAY 2 | WASHINGTON, D.C. TO SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

This morning, immerse yourself on a sightseeing 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 on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. 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 colorful 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)
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 Mountain Trail. The Stony Man 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 while enjoying spectacular views over of 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)
The Resort at Glade Springs.

DAY 4 | EXPLORING NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK

Today explore New River Gorge National Park, the newest park in the America's National Park System, encompassing over 70,000 acres of land. Visit the Canyon Rim Visitor Center to learn all about the history and flora and fauna of the park. Then stroll a picturesque boardwalk trail to enjoy magnificent views of the New River Gorge and New River Bridge. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy the park and hotel amenities at your leisure. Guests can also choose to take an optional guided Bridge Walk to learn the history of the longest single arch bridge in the Western Hemisphere. (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 Citizen Vinyl Record press factory and studio. Later, taste the delights of the city on a walking food tour. Sit at some of the some of the most acclaimed local

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establishments to sample an array of flavors, cuisines and local produce. (B) (D)
Hilton Asheville Biltmore Park.

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, their guests and employees. The afternoon is yours at leisure to explore Asheville. Maybe try out the famous craft-beer scene? Guests can also choose an optional experience of a River Arts District Tour. Visiting some of the working studios where local artists produce and display their works, this guided tour offers a unique insight into the creative culture of the city. (B)

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. Here, join a Cherokee 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. See how families lived centuries ago through their unique collection of farm buildings. Savor 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 Stateline of North Carolina and Tennessee. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. (B) (L)
The Park Vista: A DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

DAY 8 | THE MUSEUM OF APPALACHIA AND ON TO NASHVILLE

Following a relaxed start, 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 through the bounty of artifacts and stories they left behind. Feast on a full Southern Appalachian country lunch and enjoy authentic traditional bluegrass music from The Museum of Appalachia Band. 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 State 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)
Renaissance Hotel, Nashville.

DAY 9 | WELCOME TO MUSIC CITY

This morning, explore Nashville with Insight Choice. Choose to visit the National Museum of African American Music, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience celebrating 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 guide. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. Maybe take a stroll down Broadway, soaking up the live music and atmosphere. Tonight, toast your travels at your Celebration 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, as your journey comes to an end. (B)

Insightful Experiences

Clinton: Visit a pioneer mountain farm-village that lends voice to the people of Southern Appalachia through a recreated community complete with log cabins, barns, farm animals, churches, schools and gardens. There are over 250,000 artifacts of folk art, musical instruments, baskets, quilt and Native American artifacts | Feast on a full Southern Appalachian country lunch and enjoy authentic traditional bluegrass music from The Museum of Appalachia Band.

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DAY 2 | At the National Museum of African American History and Culture, explore the richness and diversity of the African American experience and how it helped shape this nation. Discover over 36,000 artifacts reflecting history, politics, sports, arts and entertainment. Support educational projects through your visit (pictured above).

DAY 7 | At the Oconaluftee Indian Village in Cherokee, North Carolina, discover a living history and experience an intriguing glimpse into the past.

Top Rated Highlights

Asheville: The Biltmore Estate is America's largest privately owned home and is as magnificent today as it was more than a century ago. Your self-guided house visit spans three floors and the basement of the luxurious family home of George and Edith Vanderbilt | Explore the stories of the Vanderbilt family, their guests, and employees through displays of vintage clothing, accessories, art, and furniture.

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BOSTON, CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

Follow the red-brick Freedom Trail in Boston, watch glassmakers at work at the Sandwich Glass Museum and admire the grand homes of Martha's Vineyard.

8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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Trip code: ACAP

DEPARTURE MONTHS

May - Jun + Sep - Oct

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DAY 1 | BOSTON, THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY

Welcome to Boston, Boston, a city that played a central role in American History. At 18:00, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with wine and an opportunity to mingle with fellow guests. (D)

Hyatt Regency Boston.

DAY 2 | HISTORIC BOSTON

Explore the city with your Travel Director and learn about the city's transformative past. You'll follow part of the red-brick Freedom Trail that brings the story of the American Revolution to life. Sights include Boston Common, the Old Corner Bookstore and the Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown. Later, choose to visit Fenway Park, America's oldest baseball stadium and home of the Boston Red Sox or tour The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum dedicated to the memory of the nation's thirty-fifth president. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 3 | PILGRIM HERITAGE AND ON TO SANDWICH

This morning, discover Plymouth's history at the first pilgrim settlement. Visit Pilgrim Hall Museum, the oldest continuously operating public museum in the country and America's museum of Pilgrim possessions. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you visit the Plimoth Patuxet museum. This living memorial is dedicated to preserving the histories of the Native and English inhabitants of this region and educating the public on early settlers and the Wampanoag People in an immersive and engaging environment. Later you'll get to know the Cape more intimately as you make your way to the coastal haven of Sandwich. Experience the techniques used onboard the Adirondack II, a traditional sailing schooner vessel and perfect example of maritime craftsmanship. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Rhode Island's coastline, offering breath-taking views of lighthouses, mansions, and scenic landscapes. Meet your new friends, English and Irish glassmakers at the Sandwich Glass Museum. Relax at your charming inn tonight and indulge in a Dinner with wine. (B) (D)

Dan'l Webster Inn and Spa, Sandwich.

DAY 4 | SANDWICH, OLDEST TOWN ON THE CAPE

Head out to Salt Pond on Cape Cod's National Seashore and learn about the natural wonder and human history represented on the Cape, from its First People and European settlement to modern lifestyles and communication technology. Perhaps choose an optional guided tour through captivating sand dunes, showcasing the natural beauty and rich history of the area. Roll through the Dune Shacks of Peaked Hill Bars Historic District, catching sight of Pilgrim Lake while Local Experts share the history and ecology of these striking and inspiring dunes. The day will be filled with memorable moments from start to finish. (B)

INCLUDED MEALS: Breakfast (B) Dinner (D)

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DAY 5 | MARTHA'S VINEYARD, A PRESIDENTIAL PARADISE

Board a ferry this morning to iconic Martha's Vineyard. Home to pristine sandy beaches, outdoor attractions and heavenly harbor towns, this summer hangout is no stranger to presidential visits. After disembarking, make your way to Oak Bluffs, known for its rainbow-colored, gingerbread-like cottages, with gothic storybook decorations, high-peaked roofs, and dainty verandas. You'll also find the oldest operating platform carousel in America here. Get acquainted with the island accompanied by your Travel Director, before reaching your stay at the Harbor View Hotel, a historic and charming seaside retreat that offers stunning views of the Edgartown Harbor and a blend of timeless elegance with modern comforts. Tonight's Sea-to-Table Highlight Dinner at Menemsha Room is sure to delight with the season's freshest offerings from local farms, fishing boats, foragers and markets. (B) (D)

Harbor View Hotel, Martha's Vineyard.

DAY 6 | NANTUCKET ISLAND

Depart Martha's Vineyard in style on a high-speed catamaran for the picturesque island of Nantucket. Not only has it retained the charm of a bygone era, it is one of the most exclusive coastal communities in the U.S. Take a guided walking tour through historic Downtown and see the beauty of antique cobblestone streets, lined with high-end boutiques and breath-taking

architecture. The simple homes date back to its whaling days which also influenced much of the culture on the island. Return to the mainland in the late afternoon. (B)

Hotel Viking Newport.

DAY 7 | NEWPORT, THE QUEEN OF SUMMER RESORTS

This morning, you'll enjoy a visit to one of Newport's renowned landmarks, The Vanderbilt's Breakers Mansion. Jump onboard the Adirondack II, a traditional schooner sailing ship and cruise around the coastline. You'll sail out and pass nearby islands, old historical buildings and homes of the rich and famous, as you learn about the region's exciting history, including its pirate activity. Our journey through the gateway of the New World almost at its end, we join our fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner. (B) (D)

DAY 8 | BACK TO BOSTON

It's time to say goodbye to your fellow travelers as you return to Boston. For those heading home there will be complimentary transfers to Boston Logan International Airport, arriving at 12:00. Alternatively, you may return to the Hyatt Regency Boston if you wish to extend your stay. (B)



Insightful Experiences

Newport: Jump onboard the Adirondack II, an 80-foot schooner sailing ship and cruise the beauty of the Rhode Island coastline.

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DAY 3 | Visit Pilgrim Hall Museum, the oldest continuously operating public museum in the country and America's museum of Pilgrim possessions. Meet a direct descendant of the Mayflower party that landed on America's shores in 1620 and hear their family stories.

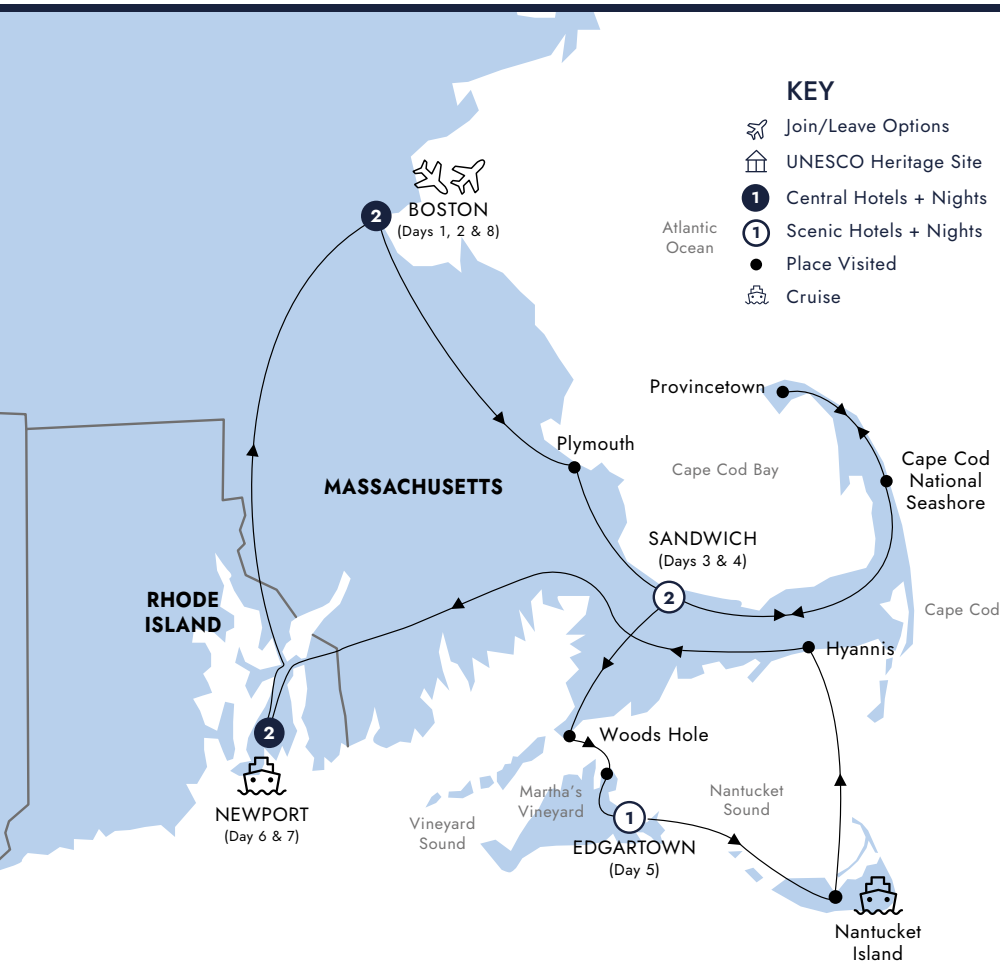
Insight Choice

Boston: choose a tour of Fenway Park, America's oldest baseball stadium and home of the Boston red Sox. Or, tour The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum dedicated to the memory of the nation's thirty-fifth president.

Top Rated Highlights

City tours of Boston, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Island | Sandwich: Visit the Sandwich Glass Museum where you will experience the techniques of English and Irish glassmakers first developed during the 19th century | Nantucket: Take a guided walking tour of historic Downtown and see the beauty of antique cobblestone streets, lined with high-end boutiques and breathtaking architecture.

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HAWAII WITH OAHU, MAUI & THE BIG ISLAND

*Experience the magic of tropical islands over
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10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 16 MEALS | BALANCED ACTIVITY



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DAY 1 | ALOHA HAWAII

After your arrival at Honolulu Airport, the traditional lei greeting at your Travel Director's Welcome Desk kicks off your Hawaii vacation. Your hotel during your time on Oahu was the setting for Blue Hawaii, Elvis Presley's 1961 movie and it is the birthplace of the legendary cocktail of the same name. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

Hilton Hawaiian Village Waikiki Beach Resort, Oahu.

DAY 2 | PEARL HARBOR

Enjoy a relaxed start this morning followed by a visit to the Pearl Harbor National Memorial, commemorating the tragic day of December 7th 1941. Walk through the Visitor Center and take a short boat ride to the USS Arizona Memorial, the final resting place of 1,102 sailors and marines. USS Arizona tickets are subject to NPS availability not known till day before visit. Spend time at the superb visitor center and explore exhibits that recount the events that led the US to join World War II. As part of today's adventure you'll see the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. It honors all those who served in the US Armed Forces and lost their lives during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Return to Waikiki and spend the rest of your day at leisure. (B)

DAY 3 | A TRIP AROUND OAHU

After a relaxed start this morning, set out to explore Oahu on an exciting island tour. Take in the epic views from Pali Lookout towards the Kaneohe Bay and the Windward Coast. The valley below was the scene of a bloody battle in 1795 when King Kamehameha I extended his rule over the island with an army of 10,000 men. Journey beneath the towering Ko'olau Cliffs and along the rugged coastline. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience with your Local Expert in a Hawaiian Legacy Forest and 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 while enjoying views of the Legacy Forest. Continue to North Shore where in the winter months waves can reach 30ft making it a favorite spot among big wave surfers worldwide. Visit Haleiwa, the social and artistic hub of the North Shore. Stroll among small boutiques and plantation-era buildings to soak up the laid-back ambiance. Finally, return to Waikiki after your eventful day and enjoy your evening at leisure. (B) (L)

DAY 4 | MAUI, THE VALLEY ISLE

Take a short flight to Kahului on Maui. This slice of Hawaiian island paradise offers magnificent nature and a wide variety of activities. Visit the awe-inspiring Iao Valley State Park and see the 1,200-foot landmark Iao Needle. This green-mantled rock outcropping overlooks sacred lands and was used as a burial site for Hawaii's chiefs for centuries. Journey to Lahaina, once a busy whaling port and plantation settlement. In the evening you are invited to choose your own dining experience from

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a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. Your options include a magical evening at the Wailele Luau for a taste of traditional Polynesian cuisine, dance and storytelling, or one of the resort's other acclaimed restaurants. (B) (D) **The Westin Maui Resort & Spa, Ka'anapali Beach, Maui.**

DAY 5 | UPCOUNTRY MAUI

This morning, 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. Discover the deep impact these plantations had on the islands and sample some of the extra sweet Maui Gold variant. At its peak, Hawaii produced 75% of the world's pineapples and the tropical fruit became a symbol for the state. Next we 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 visit the Haleakalā National Park offering an astonishing volcanic landscape. Hear the Hawaiian legends about the dormant volcano and see the unique Haleakalā Silversword plant. Alternatively, 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 travelers for a Highlight 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 specialty that only grows on the slopes of two local active volcanoes. See native plants, fruits and the organic coffee fields on your tour around the plantation. Continue to your luxurious resort accommodations and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. (B)

Hilton Waikoloa Village.

DAY 8 | THE VOLCANOES OF HAWAII

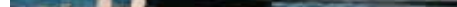
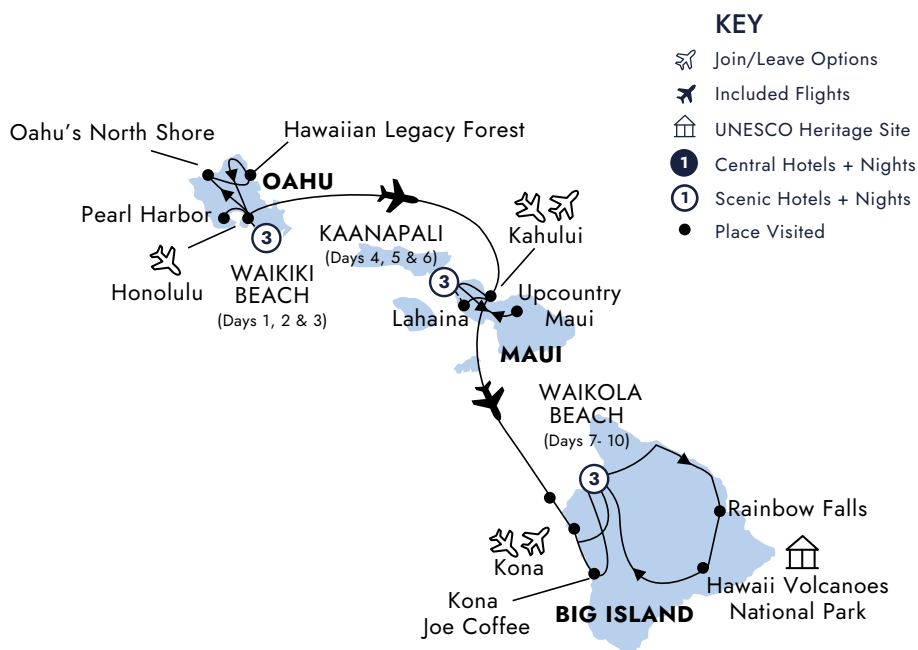
Today, get ready for an unforgettable journey to the volcano. After a luscious lunch enter the UNESCO World Heritage listed Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Hear the legends of Pele, the goddess of volcanoes and fire and the creator of the Hawaiian Islands. Stop by the magical Rainbow Falls on your way back to your resort. (B) (L)

DAY 9 | A DAY TO RELAX

Enjoy a relaxed start and spend the day on island time, relaxing under the swaying palms. Lounge by the pool, enjoy a spa treatment, or snorkel in the local lagoon looking for the rare green sea turtles that call these waters home. Tonight, come together at an oceanfront restaurant for a Celebration Dinner and toast to your travels. (B) (D)

DAY 10 | FAREWELL HAWAII

Bid farewell to your fellow travelers and new friends and depart at leisure to the Kona airport filled with new memories and stories. (B)



Insightful Experiences

Maui: Visit one of the last working pineapple farms with a fun and knowledgeable Local Expert. Discover the impact these plantations had on the islands and sample some of the extra sweet Maui Gold variant.

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DAY 3 | MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® as you join an eco-tour with your Local Expert in a Hawaiian Legacy Forest and plant a native tree contributing to the healing of the local ecosystem.

Insight Choice

Maui: Choose between a visit to Haleakalā National Park, offering an astonishing volcanic landscape, or a cruise to the scenic coastline of Lana'i island and snorkel a dazzling coral reef, home to abundant sea life.

Top Rated Highlights

Visit Ioa Valley State Park, burial site of Hawaii's chiefs for centuries | Join a Local Expert to learn about the incredible Kona coffee. Enjoy a tasting of this gourmet specialty and see native plants, fruits and the organic coffee fields as your tour the plantation.

Honolulu: Visit Pearl Harbor and step aboard the USS Arizona Memorial and recount the events that led the US to join World War II.

Oahu: On your journey around Oahu take in epic views from Pali Lookout. Travel beneath the towering Kō'olau Mountains and along the rugged Windward Coast. Reach the North Shore and Haleiwa, the social and artistic hub of the North Shore.

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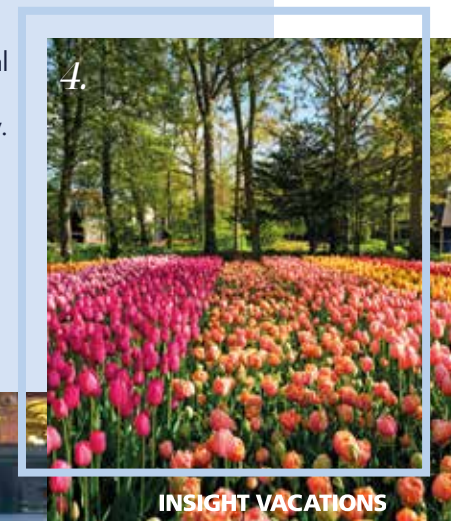
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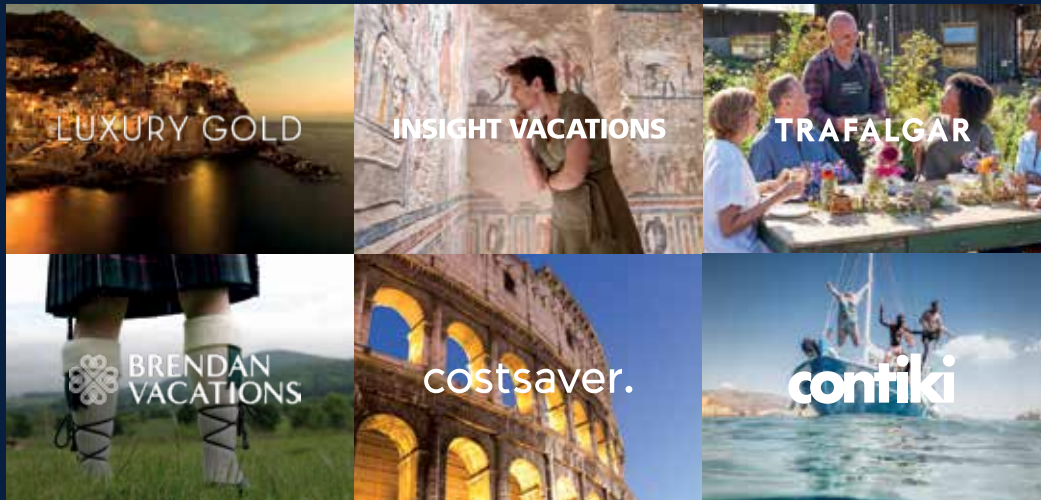
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