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# The Trafalgar Difference

# Your best tour starts here

You'll see top destinations, iconic sites, and get treated to exclusive local experiences – all with our team taking care of every detail. You'll also discover the ways we **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER**®, and how your journey leaves a positive impact. Do good, feel good, and make memories that last a lifetime.

Every tour is crafted so you experience every place you visit, differently. You'll soon understand why we're the world's most loved and awarded tour company with 90+ awards and counting. Since 1947 more than five million happy past guests have discovered our difference.

As you read through these pages, you'll see and hear from past travellers, just like you, what made their trips so special. You'll hear why the locals can't wait to meet you and learn about the unbeatable passion and detail your team brings to every experience, both on tour and behind the scenes.

They all share their passion for Europe & Britain with you – showing why Trafalgar is 'simply the best'. Get ready for a trip like no other.







"My husband and I celebrated our anniversary in Leccio, Tuscany, with friends. We explored a villa and winery, and Trafalgar gifted us wine and olive oil. It was a magical, unforgettable day." Shared by Luisa and Jose, on European Whirl (p.32).



"We took this trip when my daughter graduated from high school. The Britain and Ireland Highlights tour is absolutely amazing. Everywhere we went, the food was good, beautiful countryside and comfortable hotels." Shared by Brian, on Britain and Ireland Highlights (p.80).



"My daughter Daniela and I loved everything! Beautiful scenery, food, sights, visits and experiences. The special moment was our return to Venice where we visited the incredibly charming island of Burano. So many lifetime memories." Shared by Nermina, on Best of Italy and Sicily (p.64).

Enjoy a seamless holiday

# We take care of everything

Guests like you tell us time and time again that it's our Travel Directors and Drivers that make our tours simply the best. With you from the start, and until it's time to go, they'll take care of every little detail. Not having to worry about your day-to-day logistics means you get the most out of each day – tickets, driving and parking, restaurant bookings, additional Optional Experiences, the list goes on. Most importantly, they love what they do, and their storytelling and knowledge about every destination will bring each place to life for you.

## What's included

Your travel essentials

- Travel Director and Driver team
- Nightly accommodation and Stays with Stories experience\*
- Daily breakfast
- Many dinners and some lunches
- Luxury coach transportation, with on-board Wi-Fi, charging stations and bathrooms and other fun ways to travel like boats, 4x4s and more\*\*

## Your experiences

- Entry to many must-see sights
- Be My Guest experience
- MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
- Locally Guided tours in many destinations
- Optional Experiences (additional cost) planned and booked for you

\*Stays with Stories are available on selected tours

\*\*On some tours in smaller destinations, on-board bathrooms and Wi-Fi are not available on our coaches or mini coach fleets.

# WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

## Your Travel Director

Your Travel Director goes the extra mile to ensure you and your fellow travelling companions are happy and taken care of.



Meet Patrizia from Italy
One of our many exceptional Travel
Directors across Europe & Britain.
Follow Patrizia on Instagram
@patrizia trafalgar cs

Geeing travel dreams come true for our guests brings me immense joy. As a Travel Director, I meticulously plan every detail in advance so guests can immerse themselves in the local culture without concerns about reservations, locations, language barriers, hidden costs, or missed opportunities.

Our days are filled with included activities and Optional Experiences led by Local Specialists. I ensure there's ample free time for guests to relax, sip a cappuccino, or shop for souvenirs, blending seamlessly with the Italian lifestyle.

I strive to personalise travel experiences, recognising that each guest has unique

interests and needs. I also love assisting with special celebrations like birthdays, anniversaries, proposals, and unique requests. Once, I helped a guest recreate a photo of her great-grandparents by finding the exact spot in Italy where the original picture was taken.

One of my favourite activities is visiting local fresh produce markets, where guests enjoy seasonal foods and traditional recipes. Another highlight is our Be My Guest experiences, where guests connect with local families or small businesses, learning their stories and feeling welcomed into spaces usually closed to the public. I can't wait to share all this and more with you."

# Your Local Specialists

With a deep love for their hometowns, our Local Specialists will show you what the guidebooks can't, a true insider's perspective of the must-sees and local secrets across Europe & Britain. Here are a few you might meet on our tours.





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

Southern Italy and Sicily (p.62).

Meet Samra your Guide in Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina



"Sarajevo is usually associated with recent history, however, this city has so much more. Ruled by different empires, the Old Town's architecture blends medieval Ottoman and 19<sup>th</sup>-century Austro-Hungarian styles, creating a melting pot of influences."
Balkan Adventure (p. 156).

Meet Neven your Guide in Zagreb, Croatia



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

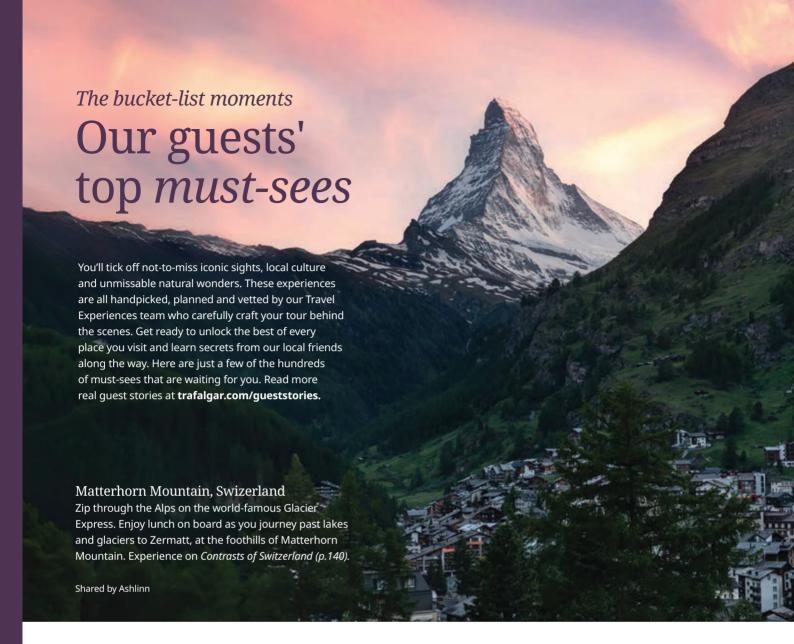
Best of Croatia and Slovenia (p.152).

Meet Isabel your Guide in Lisbon, Portugal



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

Best of Portugal (p.118).





#### Mykonos, Greece

Explore the dreamy island of Mykonos known for its windmills, sunsets, and beaches. You'll love to stroll along the cobble streets past whitewashed houses with brightly coloured shutters and doors. Experience on *Greek Island Hopper* (p.170) and more tours.



#### Giza, Egypt

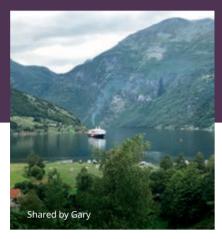
Journey back in time to and marvel at the Great Pyramids of Giza, the oldest of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World. You'll also see the Step Pyramid of Saqqara and the Colossus of Ramses II. Experience on *Best of Egypt (p.176)*, and *Wonders of Ancient Egypt (p.174)*.



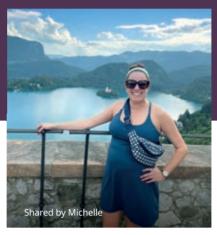
# Belém Tower, Portugal Gaze up at Lisbon's Belém Tower,

the 16th-century fort once launched explorers into the unknown and is now a UNESCO-listed site. Mixing Manueline and Moorish architecture, you'll learn why this icon is a symbol of Portugal's maritime heyday. Experience on *Best of Portugal (p.118)*.





# Geiranger Fjord, Norway Carved by glaciers and framed by snowcapped peaks, you'll never forget your stay at Geiranger Fjord, a UNESCO-listed wonder where thundering waterfalls and emerald waters create one of Norway's most breathtaking natural masterpieces. Experience on Scenic Scandinavia and its Fjords (p.160), Best of Norway (p.164) and Nordic Adventure (p.165).



Lake Bled, Slovenia
Marvel at the turquoise waters of
Lake Bled as you stroll its picturesque
surroundings. Spot Bled Castle high on
a cliff, glide by pletna boat to the island,
and take in alpine peaks, lush forests and
lakeside cafés. Every view here feels like
a postcard brought to life. Experience
on Best of Croatia and Slovenia (p.152).



Kylemore Abbey, Ireland Wander through Kylemore Abbey in Ireland, and uncover the history of this grand Victorian castle turned Benedictine monastery. You'll marvel at the Neo-Gothic architecture and explore the Abbey, where each artefact brings its story to life. Let the serene views of the peaceful lake captivate you. Experience on Best of Ireland (p.86), Irish Experience (p.88), and more tours.



Amsterdam Canals, Holland Get ready to fall in love with Amsterdam's enchanting canals. Wander through the streets and enjoy a coffee at one of the many charming cafes. Then, you'll take an evening cruise through the iconic waterways, gliding past bridges, houseboats, and canalside houses. You'll really get to know the heart and soul of this iconic city. Experience on *Best of Holland (p.130)*.





Venice, Italy
Explore Venice, famous for its labyrinthine streets, canals, and romantic gondola rides. Glide through its waterways, passing by ancient buildings and under picturesque bridges, and soak up the city's rich culture. Venice is truly a special destination where every corner reveals a piece of its fascinating history and beauty. Experience on Italian Holiday (p.40), Great Italian Cities (p.44) and more tours.

Travel like an insider

# Europe from a local's viewpoint

With Trafalgar, the places you visit are not just postcard-perfect, they're also filled with local encounters that feel like you're catching up with an old friend. You'll learn firsthand what the guidebooks can't show you – a true insider's perspective of each destination.



# WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

# Your holiday – *crafted by the best in the business*

Our locally based teams ensure you get closer to people and places than you could otherwise do on your own.



**Meet Jen**General Manager, Travel Experiences for Europe & Britain.

Trafalgar delivers the magic of travel differently. We handle all the details, so you can simply hop on a coach, relax, and enjoy the journey.

Along the way, you'll meet fascinating people who will immerse you in the local way of life. Our Local Specialists will guide you through iconic sites like the open air museum in Piazza della Signoria in Florence (p.41) and the Latin Quarter in Paris (p.109). This personalised touch ensures you get the very best out of every place you visit.

Plus, on every Trafalgar trip, you'll enjoy a Be My Guest experience, combining hospitality, stories and culture—something you wouldn't have access to on your own. Take hosts Tiago and Vera, for example, who reveal the charm of rural Portugal and their ancestor's legend as

they welcome you to their family's stud farm. Begin with a drink in the stables, then tour the property, see the horses, and hear the romantic story of their ancestor Jacinto, who vowed eternal devotion to the King of Spain's wife by never trimming his beard again (p.119).

Another highlight is visiting Monika and Gregor Slibar, who will show you around their generations-old farm in Slovenia and share their commitment to living off the land. Their farm has been fully organic for two decades, and you'll be treated to a traditional Slovenian feast straight from their farm (p.153).

Locals like these bring an authentic flavour to your trip, as well as an element of surprise. This is what makes our tours special and ensures you get the most out of every destination."

#### Some of Jen's top experiences

Throughout your tour, local encounters and secrets are threaded through each day. Here are just a few that are waiting for you.

## Discover legends, cuckoo clocks and nature Black Forest, Germany



Explore the Black Forest and its magical stories, mythical characters, and traditional cuckoo clock craftsmanship. You'll feel like you've stepped into a Brothers Grimm fairy tale. Experience on *Best of Germany (p.134)*, and *Highlights of Germany (p.136)*.

## Uncover the legend at Bran Castle *Transylvania, Romania*



With towering spires and winding staircases, this dramatic fortress stirs the imagination and was the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. Your Local Specialist will brings its history to life, from royal retreat to mysterious icon. Experience on *Best of Romania, Transylvania and Hungary (p.148)*.

## Sip Portuguese Port steeped in tradition Villa Nova de Gaia, Portugal



Let your taste buds linger over the very best Port wine in its original home, Porto. Tour the ancient cellars and enjoy an unforgettable wine tasting with a Cellar Master. Experience on *Treasures of Spain* and Portugal (p.122).







"I love sharing the story of my grandfather's bravery and seeing guests taste my award-winning wine."

Meet Konrad and his family, who'll show you around their historic restaurant and winery. You'll taste award-winning wines and hearty Hungarian fare, made from home-grown produce. Konrad's story of his grandfather's bravery during WWII, his family's exile and their return to Hungary will leave you with a lasting impression. Experience on *Prague*, *Vienna and Budapest (p.144)*.

Meet the Karambellas family from *Magna Grecia*, *Greece* 



"We look forward to welcoming you into our home in Olympia – where the Olympic Games began"

Enjoy the taste of freshly baked local pie with the Karambellas family on their olive oil and wine farm. Sip ouzo to kick off your olive and wine tasting session, then try 'barreltasting' before feasting on a Greek dinner with the family. End your day on a high note with toe-tapping traditional dancing – "Opa!" Experience on *Best of Greece (p.166)*.

Meet Christine from *Howbeck Lodge, England* 



"I'll share true Cumbrian hospitality at my farm in the English countryside."

Step into the English countryside and experience farm life with Christine. Delight in her culinary talents as you enjoy a traditional Cumbrian meal. You'll leave with warm memories of rural English life. Experience on Amazing Britain (p.76) and Britain and Ireland Panorama (p.98).

Meet Simon and Adity from Craufurdland Castle, Scotland



"Join us at our Scottish home and see 800 years of family history"

Enjoy an exclusive evening at Craufurdland Castle, hosted by the 29<sup>th</sup> Laird, Simon Houison Craufurd, and his wife, Adity. Explore the castle's historic rooms as they share personal stories of royal connections and Scottish heritage, before sitting down to a seasonal three-course dinner at The Laird's Table, featuring locally sourced ingredients. Experience on *Best of Scotland (p.94)*.







Hotel Zermatt Ambassador, Switzerland Get ready to soak in the panoramic mountain views at the Hotel Ambassador in Zermatt. You'll be greeted by the breathtaking sight of Matterhorn Mountain right from your window. Along with the stunning Swiss scenery, you'll also enjoy the luxurious beds, modern amenities, and personalised service that make your stay truly special. Stay here on Switzerland and Austria (p.138) and Contrasts of Switzerland (p.140).



#### El Minzah Hotel, Morocco

Transport yourself to 1930s Tangiers at the El Minzah Hotel. A Moroccan gem in the heart of the city, this property boasts Spanish-Moorish architecture and a history graced by luminaries like Winston Churchill. This tranquil oasis unveils Tangiers' warm hospitality to you and a slice of its history. Stay here on *Spain, Morocco and Portugal (p.124)*.



#### Hotel Cenacolo, Italy

You'll receive a warm welcome, just like the pilgrims who visited centuries ago. At Hotel Cenacolo, a fully renovated former monastery, enjoy a modern overnight stay with many monastery features intact. Stay here on Wonders of Italy (p.48) and Grand Italian Experience (p.58).



# MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences

On most tours you'll experience at least one MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, each exclusively created so you can give back to people, places or wildlife. These experiences directly support 11 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, ensuring your journey leaves a lasting, positive impact. Here are just a few you could experience.

#### Enjoy a gin masterclass with Greenwich Spirits Company London, England



Indulge your taste buds in a journey through the best of British marine botanicals with a tasting experience at Greenwich Spirits Company. Enjoy the smooth and sophisticated notes of their artisanal gin while learning about their efforts to protect and conserve marine life. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water. Experience on London Explorer (p.70).

# Explore Glencoe with a wildlife Ranger *Glencoe*, *Scotland*



Join a wildlife ranger in Glencoe and learn how this rare and beautiful ecosystem is being protected and restored, from reintroducing native species to preserving habitats for otters, deer and invertebrates. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action. Experience on *Best of Scotland (p.94)*.

# Uncover the craft of traditional coppersmithing Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina



Meet Adnan and Kenan, thirdgeneration coppersmiths continuing their family's craft in Sarajevo. You'll see them handcraft beautiful pieces from repurposed war metals, keeping Bosnia's rich Ottomanera tradition alive. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities. Experience on *Balkan Adventure* (p.156) and *Balkan Delight* (p.164).

# A blueprint to change - our sustainability strategy

We know you have many options when it comes to your travels. By choosing Trafalgar, you're not only opting for a trusted travel provider that takes care of every detail, but also a company that makes a tangible, positive, and lasting impact.



**Meet Shannon**Chief Sustainability Officer



# Tell us about Trafalgar's sustainability journey so far and the role of the TreadRight Foundation?

"We have been committed to MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® for well over a decade. As a business we pledge to be conscious at all levels of our organisation – thanks to our five-year How We Tread Right sustainability strategy. Alongside this, our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation invests in nature-based solutions to tackle climate change. Founded in 2008, TreadRight has supported over 60 sustainable tourism projects worldwide, focusing on Planet, People, and Wildlife.

# How does Trafalgar demonstrate its sustainable commitment to quests?

When you travel with us, know that our Climate Action Plan is leading us towards net-zero emissions by 2050. As the only tour company with an internal carbon fund, working towards low carbon goals, you'll be pleased to know that we're committed to shrinking our carbon footprint and helping nature fight the climate crisis. Additionally, every tour includes a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, where you directly support United Nations Sustainable Development Goals."

To find out more about how WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®, TreadRight, and to see our Impact Report, visit trafalgar.com/maketravelmatter

# European Highlights

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7 Days | 4 Countries | 9 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Journey from Amsterdam to Paris, discovering Europe's rich cultures and landscapes. Cruise the Rhine River past hilltop castles and riverside towns, then witness the mighty Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen. Cross the Alps to Lucerne for historic charm and mountain views. End in Paris, where grand boulevards, quaint quartiers and iconic sights await.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Amsterdam** Welcome to the colourful city of Amsterdam. Explore this city of bicycles and boats before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening, on a scenic canal cruise including a light dinner and drinks. **(D) Hotel: Mercure City** 

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 Enjoy a Scenic Cruise in the Rhineland Journey through Germany where you'll board a river cruise past terraced vineyards, historic towns and medieval castles to St. Goar. Then head to the old university town of Heidelberg, with its impressive Renaissance structures, Baroque Old Town and views of the ruined red sandstone castle that towers above the city. You'll then head for your Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: IntercityHotel Heidelberg

#### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a tour of the family-owned Weingut Wehweck vineyard, followed by dinner. Founded in 1955, the vineyard is now run by the third generation, Herr Philipp Wehweck.



DAY 3 Journey Through the Black
Forest to Lucerne Delve into a world of
legends and fairy-tales today as you enter
the enchanting Black Forest. Witness the
fine craft of cuckoo clock making, before
crossing the Swiss border. Visit the dramatic
Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen, the largest
waterfall in Europe and arrive on the shores
of Lake Lucerne. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL
MATTER® Experience in the heart of
Lucerne. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe Lucerne

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Visit Max Chocolatier's boutique and learn
why sustainable and fair trade chocolate
tastes better. Discover how ethical
chocolate supports local communities
and enjoy a gift of Swiss chocolate. Your
visit directly supports United Nations
Sustainable Development Goal 12:
Responsible Production and Consumption.

DAY 4 Explore Lucerne Soak up the lakeside atmosphere before your morning orientation begins. Cross the solid wooden Chapel Bridge and visit the solemn Lion Monument, commemorating the bravery of the Swiss Guards who died protecting the French Royals in 1792. Spend your afternoon shopping in the Old Town. Consider an Optional Experience ascending the surrounding mountains for panoramic alpine views, or wander along the tranquil lake shoreline. (B)

DAY 5 Off Through the Burgundy
Wine Region to Paris See the changing
landscape as you travel into France through
Alsace and cross the Maginot Line. Admire
the scenic Burgundy Wine Region, famous
for its delicious Chardonnay and Pinot Noir
grape varieties, before arriving in Paris.
Indulge in a free evening to explore the
grand boulevards of the French capital or
experience the pageantry of Paris first-hand
and consider joining an Optional Experience
to a Parisian Cabaret. (B) Hotel: Novotel
Paris Belleville

DAY 6 Explore Magical Paris Join a Local Specialist today and delve into the artistic and historic treasures of Paris, including views of the elegant Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. See Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This afternoon, amble through the city's stylish gardens, avenues and lanes, admiring the sophisticated atmosphere or join a Local Specialist for a stroll through Montmartre, an artists' village once home to Picasso and Toulouse-Lautrec. Another option could find you cruising along the Seine, taking in unmatched views of the Île de la Cité and the Eiffel Tower. Afterwards, you'll drive through the City of Lights to see some of the fascinating sights this beautiful city has to offer. This evening enjoy dinner with your travel companions and Travel Director. (B, D)

**DAY 7 Farewell Paris** After breakfast, say a fond au revoir to your fellow travellers and Travel Director. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport at 08:00.

#### Optional Eurostar™ Extension

Extend your holiday with a return ticket to London. This includes a one-way Eurostar™ train ticket from Paris to London in Standard Class, accommodation at the Park Plaza Riverbank and station transfers. Visit trafalgar.com for more details.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Paris

**Discover on City Orientations**Amsterdam and Lucerne

**Visit Must-see Landmarks**The Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen and a cuckoo clock factory in the Black Forest

View Must-see Landmarks
The Lion Monument and the
Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, the
Champs-Élysées, the Eiffel Tower,
the Arc de Triomphe in Paris

**Travel by Scenic Journeys** Cruise along the canals of Amsterdam and the Rhine River

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 2 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly**See day 3 for how you'll make a positive impact

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE



For dates and prices, visit **Trafalgar.com** or speak to your Travel Agent.





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The laughter and fun we shared while travelling with new people was a huge bonus, and of course our Travel Director, who was also amazing.

Ann

See more guest stories #TTEuropeanHighlights

# European Traveller

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8 Days | 5 Countries | 10 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Stroll through streets filled with romance, history and adventure as you travel Europe. Feed your imagination as you explore ancient Rome, watch master craftsmen create treasures in Venice and admire the magic of the snow-capped Swiss Alps.



DAY 1 Cross the English Channel to Paris Meet your Travel Director before saying cheerio to London and hello, sparkling White Cliffs of Dover, England's last hurrah before you cross the English Channel by ferry bound for Calais. You'll pass the tragic World War I battlefields of the Somme before arriving in Paris, where you will enjoy dinner. This evening the 'City of Light' provides an enchanting backdrop for an orientation drive that will showcase several of the sights which await you tomorrow. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Centre Bercy

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Explore the Sights of Paris Embark on a scenic sojourn with your Local Specialist along the grand Champs-Élysées to see the Arc de Triomphe, honouring those who fought for France. Marvel at Notre Dame Cathedral, famed for its stunning French Gothic architecture and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter, one of the oldest districts in Paris. In the afternoon, you'll have some leisure time to explore the treasures of Paris. Perhaps wander through Montmartre's cobblestone streets in search of beautiful art or relax at a cosy French cafe and enjoy a glass of wine whilst watching the world go by. As evening falls, enjoy the city by night or join an Optional Experience of the glitz and glamour of a Parisian cabaret. (B)

**DAY 3 Onwards to Explore Lucerne** Wind your way through the sprawling vineyards of Burgundy, journeying south past rolling green farmlands into Switzerland bound for Lucerne. Cross the famous wooden Chapel Bridge with its 17<sup>th</sup>-century paintings and view the Lion Monument, dedicated to the Swiss soldiers who died in 1792. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. **(B, D) Hotel: Grand Europe Lucerne** 

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

DAY 5 On to Florence Board a private motor launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. View the Bridge of Sighs and ornate Doge's Palace, then embark on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience on the island. You'll have some time to explore and fit in some shopping before crossing the Apennine Mountains bound for Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. (B) Hotel: Radisson Blu

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

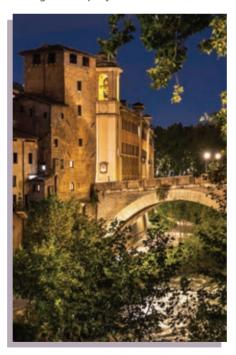
Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and play a part in preserving this traditional craft. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 6 Journey to Rome The magnificent Renaissance dome of Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and the Baptistery are among the sights you'll view during your guided walking tour of Florence with a Local Specialist. Marvel at the impressive palazzi and art in the Piazza della Signoria, the political hub of the city and an openair gallery of Renaissance masterpieces. Continue to Rome, the Eternal City and the last stop on your trip. (B) Hotel: Precise House Mantegna

DAY 7 Uncover Ancient Rome Follow in the footsteps of ancient Romans and view the Colosseum, where gladiators once battled for glory, and the Roman Forum, the heart of political and social life in ancient Rome, on your included sightseeing tour. In the evening, enjoy a Be My Guest experience on Isola Tiberina. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Fabio and his family in a unique setting amid Roman excavations for a drinks reception, followed by dinner, where you'll experience the Italian zest for life, food, and good company.



**DAY 8 Farewell Rome** Our adventure together has come to an end. Say a fond farewell to Rome and your travel companions at the end of your journey. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Paris, Florence and Rome

**Discover on City Orientations**Lucerne and Venice

**Visit Must-see Landmarks**A glassblowing factory in Venice

View Must-see Landmarks
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and the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne,
St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and
the ancient sites of Rome

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Gary

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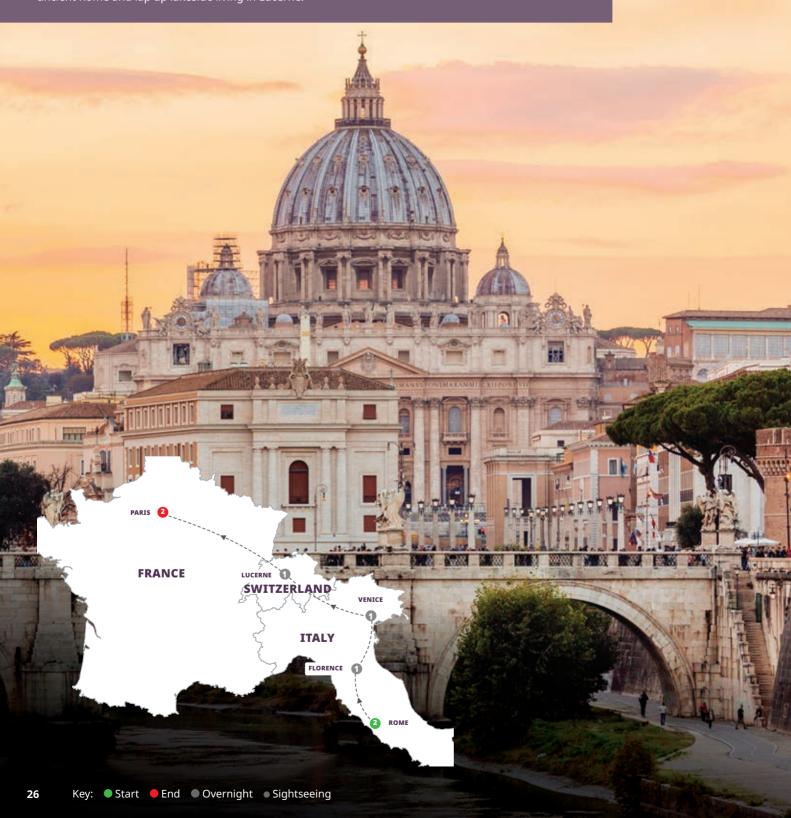
# European Dream

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Departure months: Year-round

Hit the ground running on this eight-day trip through Europe, transporting you to the beating heart of glittering cities and the picture-perfect countryside. You'll know dreams do come true as you admire Paris, ancient Rome and lap up lakeside living in Lucerne.



DAY 1 Welcome to Rome Ciao Roma! Welcome to the 'Eternal City' – once home to gods and goddesses, emperors, senators and slaves. Explore the city's bustling boulevards and labyrinthine lanes before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2** Explore Rome Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour to see the sights of this extraordinary city. Follow in the footsteps of ancient Romans and experience the modern city of Rome through the eyes of a local. Cross the Tiber River into Ancient Rome to delve into what was once the largest empire in the world and view such ancient sites as the imposing Colosseum. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Onwards to Florence Travel north into the vineyard-clad hills of Tuscany and along the Arno River Valley. Next enjoy lunch during a **Be My Guest** experience at Castello del Trebbio, before continuing to Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance. Join a Local Specialist for an enchanting encounter with one of the world's cultural centres, admiring the exquisite architecture and artistry around every turn. View the marble Duomo and Piazza della Signoria, the political hub of Florence, before arriving at your hotel. (B, L) Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Anna and Alberto at Castello del Trebbio to explore its cellars and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting before savouring a traditional Tuscan buffet.



DAY 4 Journey to the Canals of Venice The romantic island city of Venice is your final destination today. Take to the water, cruising the canals and admiring views of the imposing St. Mark's Basilica and ornate Doge's Palace, Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before enjoying an afternoon at leisure to explore narrow calli in search of a cosy bacaro, where you can enjoy delicious Venetian cuisine washed down with a Venetian Spritz, or two. Spend some time venturing to the enchanting canal-side setting of St. Mark's Square. The sounds of seagulls and lapping water provide the perfect backdrop for a memorable sunset over the Grand Canal. (B) Hotel: Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana

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

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

DAY 7 Explore Elegant Paris This morning, relax into the joie de vivre of Paris or consider joining an Optional Experience to the exquisite Palace of Versailles. Later, join a Local Specialist to delve into the historic treasures of Paris, including views of the Champs Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. See Notre-Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This afternoon, amble through the city's stylish gardens, avenues and lanes, admiring the sophisticated atmosphere. (B)

**DAY 8 Au Revoir Paris** After breakfast, bid your newfound friends a fond farewell as your memorable holiday comes to a close. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport at 08:00.

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

Sally

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DAY 1 Hello London Embrace the pomp and pageantry of a city that combines the fascinating heritage of yesteryear with all the verve of a modern capital. Stroll through its leafy Royal Parks, shop up a storm on Oxford Street or visit some of London's world-famous historic attractions or museums to gain a sense of a place that is certainly larger than life. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D) Hotel: The Tower

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Soak up Bath and on to Stonehenge This morning leave London and travel to Bath, where you'll visit the Roman Baths from which the city derives its name. Enjoy an orientation of this UNESCO-listed city with its beautiful Georgian architecture, then stop at Stonehenge to visit the historic stone monoliths where pagans once worshipped. (B)

**DAY 3** Discover London and Journey to Windsor London's iconic sights take centre stage today during a half-day introductory sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See Big Ben, the imposing Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace, before travelling to the town of Windsor with its vast royal castle, the oldest and largest continuously occupied castle in the world. Explore over 900 years of royal history, ambling through this historic market town before returning to London. Discover London's theatrical treasures this evening, should you consider joining your Travel Director at an optional West End show. (B)

DAY 4 Explore London Your Way Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the captivating sights and sounds of London. Your Travel Director will provide you with recommendations on how to spend your day in the city. Perhaps take a leisurely cruise along the Thames River, delve into centuries of history and admire the exquisite crown jewels at the Tower of London, catch a flight on the London Eye, then meander through the stalls of Covent Garden. (B)

DAY 5 Cross the English Channel to Paris
Departing London, travel through the lush
green Kent countryside to board a ferry in
Dover, watching the impressive White Cliffs
disappear into the distance as you cross to
France. Pass the World War I battlefields of
the Somme en route to Paris where you'll
spend four nights. This evening, indulge in
a first-hand encounter with Parisian culture
during a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)
Hotel: Courtyard Paris Porte de Versailles

#### Be My Guest

Join Daniel and his family at their classic Parisian Bistro for dinner. You'll be one of the privileged few who get to enjoy a private visit.



**DAY 6** Explore the Sights of Paris The 'City of Light' shines brightly today as your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour of Paris. View the grand Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde and Notre Dame Cathedral before enjoying a walk through the Latin Quarter. Spend a free afternoon soaking up the sophistication of this beautiful city. This evening, enjoy the city by night or perhaps attend a colourful Parisian cabaret performance. **(B)** 

**DAY 7 The Splendour of Versailles** Enjoy a free morning in Paris or pay a visit to Impressionist master Claude Monet's House and Gardens in Giverny. Later, join a Local Specialist to explore the opulent Palace of Versailles – its splendour and beauty created to reflect the self-proclaimed majesty of King Louis XIV, the 'Sun King'. See the exquisite sprawling gardens, the Hall of Mirrors with its impressive chandeliers. **(B)** 

DAY 8 Wander Magical Paris Spend the day at leisure delving into the sophistication and glamour of Paris on your own terms. Sample delicious French cakes at a local pâtisserie, amble along the cobblestone lanes of Le Marais, maybe wander through Montmartre and admire the imposing white domes of Sacré-Cœur, or enjoy a light-hearted picnic in the pretty Tuileries gardens. This evening, join your travel companions and Travel Director for dinner in the city. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Au Revoir Paris** After breakfast, bid your newfound friends a fond farewell as your memorable London and Paris tour comes to a close. **(B)** 

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Talk about trip of a lifetime! I will cherish the memories made forever. This was my son's graduation trip and every day was filled with spectacular adventures.

Megan

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# European Splendour

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Departure months: Apr - Sep

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



**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Benvenuto a Roma, once the 'Capital of the World'. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner and an orientation drive to kick off your unforgettable European adventure. **(D)** 

**Hotel: Precise House Mantegna** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

**DAY 2** Explore the Ancient Sights of Rome Start your day with an orientation by your Travel Director and join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Rome. Cross the Tiber River to see the ancient sites of Rome, including the mighty Colosseum and Circus Maximus. This afternoon there is time to explore the city on your terms. **(B)** 

DAY 3 Admire Siena on the Way to Florence Travel into the scenic Tuscan hills to medieval Siena with its honey-stone facades. View the Piazza del Campo, where the exhilarating Palio horse race takes place, and see ornate medieval palaces and the 14th-century marble Duomo. Continue to Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance', where you'll spend the next two nights. Tonight, join a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Metropole

#### Be My Guest

Join a member of the Miari Fulcis family for dinner and stories on their working Tuscan estate, known for its organic olive oil, honey and a setting featured in classic films.

DAY 4 Discover Renaissance Florence
The extraordinary art and architecture
of Florence are celebrated during our
guided walking tour with a Local Specialist.
You'll view the exquisite marble Duomo
and visit Piazza della Signoria, home to
magnificent works of art, including a replica
of Michelangelo's David statue and the
surrounding palazzi. View the Ponte Vecchio
bridge. Spend the afternoon exploring the
city on your own. (B)

DAY 5 Onwards to Pisa and Venice
Travel to Pisa today and visit the Square of
Miracles to view the famous Leaning Tower
and Italy's largest Baptistery. Continue your
journey across the Apennine hills and the
flat Veneto plains to the enchanting island
city of Venice. Upon arrival, dive straight into
your Venice programme, with the option to
join an unforgettable gondola ride through
the city's labyrinthine canals before enjoying
dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido

DAY 6 Explore the Canals of Venice Embark on today's MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Then take to the water and cruise by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square. Join your Travel Director to see the iconic and unexpected highlights of the city – the ornate Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's

Basilica and the Campanile. The rest of the day is yours at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to the island of Burano. (B)

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DAY 7 Off to Lucerne Travel through the Italian Lake District bound for Switzerland this morning. Continue through alpine landscapes, past Lugano and through the St. Gotthard tunnel into central Switzerland, where you'll spend the next two nights in the medieval lakeside city of Lucerne. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe Lucerne

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

DAY 9 Journey to Paris Cross the French border and what remains of the Maginot Line, journeying through the rolling vineyard-clad hills of Burgundy, one of France's most prominent wine regions. Arriving in Paris later this afternoon, you have the evening at leisure to admire the vibrant cityscape of one of Europe's most sophisticated cities. (B, D) Hotel: Renaissance La Défense

**DAY 10 Discover Magical Paris** Join a Local Specialist this morning for a guided tour along the grand Champs-Élysées and Place de la Concorde. See Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This evening, enjoy the city by night or perhaps experience the glitz and glamour of a Parisian cabaret. **(B)** 

**DAY 11 Au Revoir Paris** For now, it's time to say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and Travel Director at the end of an unforgettable journey. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport at 08:00.

#### Optional Eurostar™ Extension

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

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

James

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DAY 1 Eurostar™ to Brussels and on to Amsterdam A brief interlude with the British capital, this morning you will meet your Travel Director before travelling to London's St. Pancras International where you will board the Eurostar™ for a high-speed train journey to Brussels and a luxury coach journey to Amsterdam. Enjoy an orientation of this historic Dutch city before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a dinner cruise on its canals. (D) Hotel: Mercure City

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

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

DAY 3 Off to Innsbruck Arrive in Munich, where you'll enjoy an orientation of the city. Drive across the Austrian border, arriving in Innsbruck. Here, admire Emperor Maximilian's famous Golden Roof and consider an evening of traditional Tyrolean entertainment. (B) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Innsbruck Tivoli

DAY 4 Onwards to the Canals of Venice Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square, viewing the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience then explore the city your way. (B) Hotel: Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana

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**DAY 5** All Roads Lead to Rome En route to Rome, the 'Eternal City', join a local family for a **Be My Guest** experience and enjoy their warm Tuscan hospitality. **(B, L) Hotel: Precise House Mantegna** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a traditional lunch with the Landi family at their home near Florence, set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves.

**DAY 6 Discover Ancient Rome and View the Vatican City** Discover the divine
beauty of the Vatican City with a Local
Specialist. Continue to Ancient Rome to
view the Roman Forum, the walls of the
iconic Colosseum and Circus Maximus. The
afternoon is yours to explore the city on
your terms. **(B)** 

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

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

**DAY 9 Explore Lucerne** This morning, why not join an exciting Optional Experience to one of the surrounding peaks for breathtaking views of the Swiss countryside. **(B, D)** 

DAY 10 On to Captivating Paris This morning, leave Switzerland behind, travelling through the French countryside to Paris. Spend some time this evening strolling the grand boulevards in search of a cosy bistro for fine French cuisine or consider an Optional Experience to a colourful Parisian cabaret. (B) Hotel: Occidental Levallois

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

**DAY 12 Farewell Paris** Today bid adieu to your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your memorable whirlwind European journey. **(B)** 

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Unforgettable 12-day trip starting our journey in London and ending in Paris!

Alejandra

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Amsterdam** Explore the city at leisure before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a canal cruise with a light dinner. **(D) Hotel: Mercure City** 

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

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

**DAY 3 Heidelberg then drive into the Alps** Heidelberg Castle features on our journey to Colmar where you'll enjoy an orientation before continuing to the mountain retreat of Engelberg. **(B, D) Hotel: Schweizerhof** 

**DAY 4 Uncover Lucerne's Treasures** Explore the medieval town of Lucerne, then spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)** 

DAY 5 Liechtenstein and Innsbruck Admire alpine scenery as you journey to Liechtenstein. Cross the Austrian border and travel through Tyrol for a **Be My Guest** experience before arriving in Innsbruck to see the famous Golden Roof. (B, L)

Hotel: Grauer Bär

#### **Be My Guest**

Join the Albert family at their home, Wirtshaus Nattererboden, where they have farmed the land for generations, for a traditional Tyrolean lunch with spectacular views.

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

DAY 7 Discover the Floating City of Venice Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before a visit to St. Mark's Square to view the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs. (B)

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**DAY 8 All Roads Lead to Rome** Travel over the green and golden landscapes of Tuscany and Umbria bound for Rome. **(B) Hotel: Midas Palace** 

**DAY 9 Rome and the Vatican City** Delve into the treasures of the Vatican City with a Local Specialist who will take you on a sightseeing tour. Cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to see the mighty Colosseum and enjoy views of Circus Maximus. **(B)** 

**DAY 10 Sail to Capri then Sunny Sorrento** Enjoy a scenic drive through Frascati's vineyards into the Campania region, cross the Bay of Naples to Capri. Explore Capri Town with a Local Specialist, then cruise to Sorrento. **(B, D) Hotel: Johanna Park** 

DAY 11 The Ruins of Pompeii then Onwards to Florence Meet a Local Specialist who will share the fascinating story of Pompeii. Travelling north see the historic, hilltop Abbey of Monte Cassino, then it's onto Florence. (B, D) Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

**DAY 12 Florence** Join a Local Specialist on an included walking tour to see the city's spectacular heritage, architecture and openair art. **(B)** 

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

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

**DAY 15 Journey Through Papal Avignon** to Lyon Travel to the papal city of Avignon to see the Palais des Papes, the cathedral and the famous Pont d'Avignon. Continue to Lyon where you'll embark on an orientation tour. **(B) Hotel: Mercure Centre Saxe Lafayette** 

DAY 16 Travel Through Burgundy to Paris Leave the beautiful Rhône landscape behind and continue north to Paris. (B) Hotel: Occidental Levallois

**DAY 17 Explore Magical Paris** Join a Local Specialist to see the sights and sounds of Paris and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 18 Journey Home** Bid adieu to your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your memorable holiday. **(B)** 

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James

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Start your journey in London before crossing the Channel to explore the canals of Amsterdam, where you'll enjoy a scenic cruise through the city's heart and a **Be**My Guest experience at the Pauw family farm. Drift along the Rhine River past medieval castles and vineyards, then stop in Heidelberg to walk among its sandstone ruins and Old Town.

Head south to Lucerne to see the Lion Monument and browse local shops for Swiss souvenirs. Journey through alpine landscapes to Liechtenstein and on to Innsbruck, where you can admire Imperial landmarks and Tyrolean architecture. In Salzburg, uncover musical legends with a Local Specialist, from Mozart's birthplace to The Sound of Music. Then continue to Vienna to explore grand boulevards and the Baroque gardens of Schönbrunn Palace.

In Italy, glide into Venice and witness centuries-old glassblowing traditions. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and explore the ruins of Pompeii with a Local Specialist. Cruise across the Bay of Naples to Capri for a relaxed afternoon in the island's piazzas before heading to Rome to see the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel.

Admire Michelangelo's work in Florence and see the Ponte Vecchio before travelling through Burgundy wine country. End in Paris with cafe culture, elegant boulevards and the sparkle of a traditional cabaret.

#### Be My Guest

Go Dutch and share a relaxed dinner, savouring delicious local cheeses with the Pauw family own their dairy farm.



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Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and play a part in preserving this traditional craft. Watch as the master crafters shape the molten glass to create the delicate works of art that the city is known for. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

#### Optional Eurostar™ Extension

Extend your holiday with a return ticket to London. This includes a one-way Eurostar™ train ticket from Paris to London in Standard Class, accommodation at the art'otel London Hoxton and station transfers. Visit trafalgar.com for more details

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Bruges, Salzburg, Vienna, Assisi,
Pompeii, Capri, Rome, Florence, Paris

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen,
Vaduz, a glassblowing factory in
Venice, excavations in Pompeii,
Saint-Paul-de-Vence and Beaune

View Must-see Landmarks The ancient sites of Rome, the Leaning Tower in Pisa, Avignon's Papal Palace and Pont d' Avignon

One-of-a-kind Experiences Meet the Pauw family on a Be My Guest experience at their dairy farm near Amsterdam

Travel Responsibly
Every tour includes at least one
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Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Begin your adventure in London, crossing the Channel to explore Paris' iconic landmarks and cafes. Travel through the Loire Valley, stopping near Château de Villandry for a **Be My Guest** Experience. Head south through one of France's most renowned wine regions, arriving in Bordeaux, then continue to the coastal elegance of Biarritz. In Spain, immerse yourself in the culture of Pamplona, Madrid and Barcelona, visiting the renowned Prado Museum and experiencing Gaudí's architectural masterpieces.

Journey along the French Riviera, stopping in Monaco and Nice, before heading to Pisa to view its famous Leaning Tower. In Florence, delve into Renaissance art and savour Tuscan flavours. Explore Rome's ancient sites and Vatican treasures, then cruise by private launch to Venice's St. Mark's Square, witnessing traditional glassblowing artistry.

Venture into Austria, discovering Vienna's imperial grandeur and Mozart's legacy. In the Czech Republic, stroll through Prague's historic streets. Continue to Germany, visiting Regensburg, Munich and Heidelberg, with a Rhine River cruise showcasing medieval castles and vineyards. In Switzerland, explore Lucerne's Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge. Conclude your tour in Amsterdam, cruising its canals and reflecting on an unforgettable European journey.

#### **Be My Guest**

Return to 17<sup>th</sup>-century France and join the de Montferrier family for lunch on their farm near the famous Château de Villandry.



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### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Prado Museum in Madrid, the
Fragonard Perfumery in Grasse and
a glassblowing factory in Venice

View Must-see Landmarks
The Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Leaning
Tower in Pisa, the ancient sites of
Rome, the Opera House and Hofburg
Palace in Vienna, the Lion Monument
and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne and
the ruins of Heidelberg Castle

Travel by Scenic Journeys
By private launch to St. Mark's Square
in Venice, along the Rhine River and
through Amsterdam's canals

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### Family Fun Itineraries

Our family trips are designed to bring generations together—whether that's making carnival masks in Venice, training like a Roman Gladiator in Rome or sleeping in a 13th-century Welsh castle. Discover the joy of seeing the world through fresh eyes, with fun for all ages and shared experiences that bring you even closer together.

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Excellent family adventure. Our children found new friends and learned about the ancient history and customs in Italy.

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**Family Fun itinerary** 

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### European Wonderland

11 Days | 4 Countries | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Jun - Aug

Bring history to life as you learn about life as a Roman gladiator and try your hand at pizza-making on an epic European family trip filled with carnival masks, medieval castle banquets and tons of fun.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Florence, Bologna and Paris

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Siena, Venice and Lucerne

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Lake Como, Swiss Alpine scenery, Lucerne's Chapel Bridge, the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe in Paris

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Meet Anna and Alberto at Castello del Trebbio for olive oil and wine tasting, followed by a traditional Tuscan buffet

#### **Travel Responsibly**

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Trip code: FSPL

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### Gladiators, Gondolas and Gold

10 Days | 2 Countries | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity Departure months: Jun - Aug

Buckle up for an exciting Italian family adventure packed with highlights and surprises. Learn how to make pizza like a local, discover your inner artist as you make your own carnival mask in Venice and dine with a Count's family on his estate.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Florence, Bologna and Venice

#### Discover on City Orientations Pisa

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Gladiator School in Rome, the Piazza dei Miracoli in Pisa, the Academy of Fine Arts and a gelateria in Florence and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Join a Miari Fulcis family member for dinner and stories at the Tuscan estate, known for organic olive oil, honey and a classic film setting

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### Castles and Kilts

10 Days | 3 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Jun - Jul

This rousing family adventure is not your usual trip. From living life as a Roman soldier at Hadrian's Wall to a medieval stay at a13<sup>th</sup>-century Welsh castle, the whole family will love this exciting experience.

**Family Fun itinerary** 





#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

London and Edinburgh

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Oxford and Stratford-upon-Avon

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Tower of London, Llangollen, Llanberis in Snowdonia National Park, Lake District, Hadrian's Wall and Edinburgh Castle

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Meet your hosts at Liverpool's Strawberry Field—where Lennon's legacy inspires all **Stays with Stories:** Overnight at the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Ruthin Castle in North Wales

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit Tatton Park Farm and support UN Sustainability Goals

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**DAY 1 Ciao Rome** Indulge all your senses in the imperial city of Rome—an unforgettable introduction to a memorable encounter with Italy that will surely have you returning for more. Spend the afternoon relaxing and soaking in the atmosphere after your journey or take the opportunity to explore the ancient winding city streets at your own pace before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter's** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Your Roman adventure begins with a Dive into Culture, as you join a Local Specialist for an unforgettable visit to the Vatican Museums. Walk in the footsteps of history as you admire the remarkable collection of masterpieces gathered by Popes over centuries. Gaining fast-track admission, you will admire the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Crossing the Tiber, you'll venture into Ancient Rome and visit the Colosseum. Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring Rome. Admire the spectacular palaces and piazzas, the Spanish Steps or the Trevi Fountain. (B)

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

DAY 4 Onwards to Verona Cruise by private launch into the heart of Venice this morning, where you'll see the city's most celebrated sights including the Bridge of Sighs, St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, and the ornate Doge's Palace. Enjoy a Venetian MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at a traditional glassblowing workshop. Soak up the pageantry and elegance of Venice before continuing to Verona, home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers Romeo and Juliet, where you'll spend the night. (B) Hotel: Leopardi

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#### DAY 5 Admire Pisa and on to Florence

Your first stop today is Pisa's UNESCOlisted Square of Miracles, where you'll have the opportunity to admire the iconic Leaning Tower before travelling onward to the enchanting city of Florence. Explore the birthplace of the Renaissance and the historic home of the powerful Medici dynasty, whose passion for exquisite art and stunning architecture helped create one of the world's most celebrated cultural centres. Tonight, enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience set against the backdrop of rolling Tuscan vineyards and ancient olive groves. (B, D) **Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Join a member of the Miari Fulcis family for dinner and stories on their working Tuscan estate, known for its organic olive oil, honey and a setting featured in classic films.



DAY 6 All Roads Lead to Rome Join a Local Specialist today to delve into the rich medieval and Renaissance history of Florence. Your sightseeing tour will take you to Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and imposing palazzi. Wander the narrow streets, passing by the multi-coloured marble Duomo, the famous Baptistery and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio. Admire this spectacular feat of engineering dating from the Middle Ages that is today lined with jewelers. Continuing your journey through Umbria and the valley of the Tiber River, return to Rome where your holiday concludes. Toast to a memorable trip with newfound friends at dinner tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La Roma

**DAY 7 Farewell Rome** After breakfast, it's time to bid a fond arrivederci to Rome, Italy, and your travel companions, returning home with wonderful memories of this magnificent destination. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Rome and Florence

**Discover on City Orientations**Venice, Verona and Pisa

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Colosseum, the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel in Rome and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

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

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**Cruise by private launch to

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

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

Jennifer

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### Rome and Tuscan Highlights

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

9 Days | 2 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

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



**WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** 

**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Ciao Roma! Italy opens its doors for an unforgettable jaunt through Rome, Tuscany and two millennia of culture, history and fiery Italian verve. Spend the afternoon exploring the city before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. Your Italian adventure begins this evening in the City of Rome. **(D) Hotel: Midas Palace** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Journey to the Tuscan Hills Your journey through Rome begins when you join a Local Specialist on an included sightseeing tour. See St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City. Cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome and see the Colosseum and Circus Maximus, imagining the great chariot races and thunderous applause. This afternoon, enjoy a leisurely drive through the scenic Tuscan hills to Montecatini, the largest and most famous spa town in Italy and your home for the next six nights. Consider joining an Optional Experience at a delightful regional restaurant set among the pines and cypress trees, where a feast of gastronomic specialities awaits, accompanied by song and music. (B) Hotel: Columbia Wellness and Spa Montecatini Terme

#### **DAY 3 Explore Renaissance Florence Your**

Local Specialist will reveal the history of Renaissance Florence during your walking tour. View the magnificent Duomo and visit Piazza della Signoria. In your free time, perhaps take a walk across the beautiful Ponte Vecchio. Dating back to the 16th century, a decree mandated that the only businesses allowed to ply their trade on this bridge were goldsmiths and jewelers, and to this day, some of the city's most prestigious jewelry shops can be found here. Or, enjoy an Optional Experience that provides insight into the world of Michelangelo and his masterpiece, David, by visiting the Academy of Fine Arts and its Michelangelo collection. Here, you'll learn all about the life and works of this immortal Renaissance genius through the expert commentary of your Local Specialist. (B, D)

**DAY 4 Montecatini Your Way** Enjoy a full free day to relax in the spa town of Montecatini or join an Optional Experience to the UNESCO-protected Cinque Terre, where pastel-hued villages cling to the rugged Ligurian cliffs. With a Local Specialist, visit the Bay of Poets and the beautiful town of Porto Venere. **(B)** 

**DAY 5 Discover Pisa and Vinci** Journey to Pisa, where you'll join a Local Specialist to view the famous Leaning Tower, the finely sculpted marble cathedral and the ornate Baptistery, said to be the largest in Italy. Continue through Tuscany, arriving in Vinci where you'll join a Local Specialist at the Museo Leonardiano to gain a

deeper understanding of the life of this talented master. Admire Leonardo da Vinci's machines and models, sketches and handwritten notes, as well as interactive exhibits during your visit. Later, enjoy an exclusive **Be My Guest** experience at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia. **(B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Sandra and Antonella on their farm for dinner at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia surrounded by vineyards and olive groves in the Tuscan hills.



#### DAY 6 Off to Siena and San Gimignano

Saunter through the beautifully preserved medieval city of Siena to see the 13<sup>th</sup>-century marble cathedral and the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, home to the biannual Palio horse race. Then venture to the walled medieval town of San Gimignano, renowned for its towers. Enjoy some free time strolling through its narrow lanes, discover hidden corners with spectacular views of the Tuscan countryside, before shopping for locally-produced delicacies—the alluring aromas of pecorino cheese and cured meats tempting you at every turn. **(B)** 

**DAY 7 Tuscan Lifestyle Experience** Feast your eyes on the vibrant colours and busy stalls heaving with fresh produce at a traditional food market where you'll join a Local Specialist professional chef for a tasty introduction to Tuscan cuisine. Learn how to cook like only an Italian mamma can, selecting ingredients on-site and preparing lunch which you will enjoy with a glass of regional wine. **(B, L)** 

DAY 8 Onwards to Rome Departing Tuscany, travel south through scenic landscapes to Rome. This evening, Roman flavours take centre stage as you toast your travels over a selection of signature Roman dishes, shared with new friends. (B, D) Hotel: Midas Palace/Sheraton Rome Parco de' Medici

DAY 9 Journey Home Bid a fond farewell to your newfound friends and an epic experience as you depart from Rome. (B)

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**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Rome, Florence, Pisa and Vinci

**Discover on City Orientations**Siena and San Gimignano

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Leonardiano Museum in Vinci

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence, and the Leaning Tower in Pisa

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I have loved every one of the seven trips with Trafalgar. On this trip I went solo to Italy and particularly enjoyed this moment with my new friends. One moment in a brilliant day.

Brenda

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Kick off your bellissimo journey through the cities of Italy in Rome. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner and an introduction to la dolce vita of Rome. **(D) Hotel: Grand Palatino** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City This morning, join your Local Specialist for a very special experience in the smallest nation on earth - Vatican City. Explore the extraordinary collections of the Vatican Museums and stand beneath Michelangelo's sublime ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Admire the artistry of great masters and walk in the footsteps of popes who have found peace within the walls of this enclave for centuries. Visit the expansive St. Peter's Basilica admiring the ethereal artistry of Michelangelo's Pietà. Cross the Tiber and venture into Ancient Rome to visit the Colosseum. (B)

DAY 3 Rome Your Way Enjoy a full free day to explore Rome your way, or consider an Optional Experience delving into the tragic history of Pompeii—the Roman city frozen in time by the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Your Local Specialist will bring its ancient story to life before you return to Rome, passing by the Abbey of Monte Cassino, a site of fierce fighting during the Second World War. (B)

#### DAY 4 Admire Assisi and on to Florence

Head to the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi, where your Local Specialist will guide you through the Basilica of St. Francis to view Giotto's enchanting frescoes. Later, continue to Florence and enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience with dinner set against the backdrop of picture-perfect olive groves and vineyards. (B, D) Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

#### Be My Guest

Join a member of the Miari Fulcis family for dinner and stories on their working Tuscan estate, known for its organic olive oil, honey and a setting featured in classic films.

#### **DAY 5** Discover Renaissance Florence

Enjoy a leisurely encounter with the artistic and architectural marvels of Florence during your walking tour with a Local Specialist. Visit the striking Piazza della Signoria with its impressive sculptures and palazzi. Amble through the charming cobblestone lanes to the multi-coloured marble Duomo and Baptistery, before admiring the scenic view of the Ponte Vecchio straddling the Arno River. Spend the rest of the afternoon sauntering through the historic centre of Florence, shopping for high-quality leather for which the city is famous, or admiring the artistic contribution of the Medici at every turn. **(B)** 

**DAY 6 Uncover Pisa's Treasures** Cross the Arno Valley to Pisa and join a Local Specialist to visit the Square of Miracles, home to the incredible Leaning Tower and the beautifully sculpted marble cathedral. See the ornate Baptistery and the Camposanto, built on sacred soil brought back from the Holy Land during the Crusades. **(B)** 

DAY 7 Journey to Bologna and Venice

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

DAY 8 Cruise Venice's Canals Savour the iconic and unexpected highlights of Venice as you cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square to admire the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian churches, Customs House, St. Mark's Basilica and the ornate Doge's Palace. This afternoon, enjoy a visit to one of the city's last remaining studios where you'll gain insights into the delicate Venetian art of glassblowing. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B)

#### **DAY 9** Experience Daily Life in Venice

Meet a passionate lagoon conservationist for an engaging discussion on safeguarding environmental conditions in Venice during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Sites made famous in poetry, song and prose are explored today when you join a Local Specialist for a walking tour along the canals to the famous Rialto Bridge, where all the flavours of Italy come to life at a centuriesold food market. Amble through the narrow calli of Venice and admire the beautiful architecture. Walk over the Rialto Bridge before spending the rest of the day visiting the sights of your choice. Your love affair with Italy's great Italian cities comes to an end this evening as we enjoy dinner. (B, D)

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Plastic Free for an engaging session on
preserving this iconic ecosystem. Discover
the real impact of plastic pollution on local
wildlife and communities and gain practical
tips for sustainable travel. Your visit directly
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Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

**DAY 10 Farewell Venice** Say a fond arrivederci to Italy and newfound friends. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** 

Rome, Assisi, Florence, Pisa, Bologna and Venice

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

Vatican museums and the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

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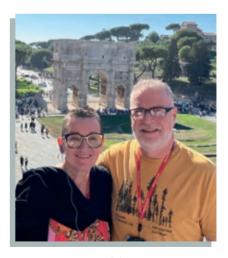
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The food was beyond our expectations and we look forward to travelling in good hands again!

Diane and Jacques

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### Contrasts of Italy

**4.7**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

10 Days | 2 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

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



**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Your exciting journey through some of Italy's most beautiful cities begins in the 'Eternal City'. Relax after your travels or take a walk along the ancient streets before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for dinner and absorb Rome's intoxicating cityscape.

(D) Hotel: Grand Palatino

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2** Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City This morning see the Vatican city on your sightseeing tour of Rome, you'll pause to see the majestic exterior of St. Peter's Basilica and its grand square. Then venture into Ancient Rome to see Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum. This evening, Roman flavours take centre stage as you dine on local specialities. **(B, D)** 

DAY 3 Rome Your Way Enjoy a full free day in Rome. Consider joining an Optional Experience to see the exquisite house and gardens of Villa d'Este. As the sun sets over the seven hills of Rome, admire the Trevi Fountain. Toss a coin with your right hand over your left shoulder into the fountain to secure your return to Rome; toss two coins to fall in love with an Italian, and three coins to ensure marriage in the Eternal City. (B)

DAY 4 Journey by High-Speed Train to Florence Sit back on the high-speed train, bound for Florence and watch the Tuscan landscape go by. Join a Local Specialist on a walking tour to gain insights into the city's Renaissance treasures. View the Ponte Vecchio, almost 700 years old and lined with goldsmiths, then visit the Fine Arts Academy to see one of Michelangelo's masterpieces, the statue of David. Afterwards, stroll to the Piazza della Signoria, featuring Palazzo Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery. (B) Hotel: Ambasciatori

DAY 5 Admire Pisa Cross the Arno River and take in the enchanting skyline of Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo before driving to Pisa through the Arno Valley. Meet your Local Specialist to explore the Square of Miracles and see the famous Leaning Tower, Cathedral, Baptistery, and Camposanto—built on soil brought back from the Holy Land during the Crusades. Enjoy a Be My Guest experience with lunch at a local farm, surrounded by vineyards and olive groves. This evening, stroll along the Arno River in search of the perfect gelato, admire the beautifully lit Duomo or visit a cosy enoteca for wine tasting. (B, L)

#### **Be My Guest**

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#### **DAY 6 Discover Renaissance Florence**

Today discover Florence, a city filled with exquisite galleries, lush gardens and opulent palaces. Consider a visit to the hilltop town of San Gimignano, the 'medieval Manhattan' of Tuscany. Use your free time to sample rich panforte and tortas, or shop for the latest fashions in Florence's sophisticated boutiques. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience in the Chianti region for a delicious Tuscan dinner. (B)

DAY 7 Travel by High-Speed Train to

Venice All aboard the express train for Venice. Cross the spectacular Apennines and fertile Veneto plain before arriving at the romantic island city of Venice. Get lost this afternoon, wandering its narrow lanes in search of a cosy bacaro, peoplewatch in St. Mark's Square, the gateway to Venice, or take an unforgettable gondola ride along the city's enchanting canals. (B) Hotel: Amadeus/Principe

DAY 8 Cruise the Canals of Venice This morning, breathe in the salty sea air as you board a private launch and cruise to St.

Mark's Square to see the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian Churches, the Customs House, St.

Mark's Basilica and Campanile, as well as the Doge's Palace. Later, witness first-hand the centuries-old craft of glassblowing. You may be tempted to buy a souvenir or two after admiring the talent and skill of the artisans. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the city on your own terms, perhaps finding a quiet campo and sidewalk cafe, or take a cruise to colourful Burano for a delicious meal. (B)

DAY 9 Experience Venice's Daily Life This morning, learn about conservation efforts in Venice during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with Venice Plastic Free. Watch the sights and sounds of modern Venice come to life on a walking tour with your Local Specialist. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon with one last taste of Venice. As your journey through Italy's charming cities draws to a close, celebrate newfound friendships and unforgettable memories over dinner. (B, D)

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**DAY 10 Farewell Venice** Say arrivederci to Italy and your fellow travellers as your fascinating holiday comes to an end. **(B)** 

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We loved our gondola ride in Venice, Italy.

Sherry

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11 Days | 2 Countries | 15 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Want the full Italian Experience? Cruise Cinque Terre's rugged coastline, get lost in San Gimignano's quaint centre and discover the art of glassblowing in Venice. From Rome to Lucca and Bologna, the Wonders of Italy come alive over a glass of Tuscan Chianti.



DAY 1 Buongiorno Rome Benvenuti a Roma! Open your heart to a whirlwind of fiery passion, antiquities and hearty flavours crafted by Italian mammas over centuries. Join your Travel Director for an introduction to the 'Eternal City'. Arrive at Basilica Santa Maria in Cosmedin for a private after-hours visit to the 'Mouth of Truth' without the crowds. See the church, crypt, and relics of the famous saint of love, Valentine. This evening, enjoy dinner with your travel companions. (D) Hotel: Il Cantico

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Enjoy an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist at the Vatican Museums. Admire the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and the sorrowful Pietà inside St. Peter's Basilica. In Ancient Rome, you'll see the Circus Maximus and visit the mighty Colosseum before enjoying a free afternoon. (B)

**DAY 3 Journey to Lucca** Travel north to Lucca for a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to admire the 14<sup>th</sup>-century San Martino Cathedral and Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. In your free time, relax in Piazza San Michele or ascend one of the city's ancient towers for panoramic views. **(B) Hotel: Best Western Grand Guinigi** 

#### DAY 4 Explore Cinque Terre and Pisa A

sea of pastel pink, yellow and blue houses clings dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in the Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join a Local Specialist to explore daily life in these picturesque fishing villages. Later, visit Pisa and its UNESCO-listed Square of Miracles to admire the architectural marvel of the Leaning Tower. (B, D)

#### DAY 5 Onwards to San Gimignano and

Florence The gentle Tuscan landscape leads us to our next destination, the hilltop town of San Gimignano, famed for its stunning medieval architecture and historic towers. Enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience located on the ancient road between Siena and Florence. Later, arrive in Florence for an evening at your leisure. (B, L) Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

#### Be My Guest

Meet the Lenzi family at their Tuscan wine farm, overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills—the heart of Tuscany—for lunch and a Chianti and olive oil tasting.

#### DAY 6 Uncover the Treasures of

Florence Discover Renaissance treasures, extraordinary art and exquisite architecture in one of the cultural capitals of the world. Join a Local Specialist who will bring the legacy of the influential Medici family to life. View the magnificent marble Duomo and

a replica of the David statue in Piazza della Signoria. See the Ponte Vecchio, almost 700 years old, and soak in the spectacular panorama from Piazzale Michelangelo. The rest of the day is yours to explore the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. (B)

#### **DAY 7** Admire Verona and on to Venice

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

DAY 8 Discover the Floating City Start your day with an unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, witnessing the artistry of traditional glassmaking. You may choose to take home a handcrafted souvenir. Next, see St. Mark's Basilica, the ornate Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Cruise by private launch past some of Venice's most iconic landmarks before enjoying free time to explore at your own pace. (B)

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DAY 9 Off to Bologna and Assisi Travel through scenic countryside to the mystical town of Assisi, known as the 'City of Peace' and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a stop in Bologna to admire the city's Kissing Towers. Continue to your hotel near Santa Maria degli Angeli for your Stays With Stories experience. (B, D) Hotel: Cenacolo

#### **Stays with Stories**

Built to welcome pilgrims visiting Assisi, Hotel Cenacolo is a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery with the original structure maintained, a masterful blend of ancient and modern comforts.

#### DAY 10 All Roads Lead to Tivoli and

Rome Discover the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in his home town on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Join your Local Specialist for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, with its beautiful frescoes. Then, continue to Tivoli for a guided visit of the Villa d'Este Gardens with another Local Specialist. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers and Travel Director. (B, D) Hotel: Precise House Mantegna

**DAY 11 Farewell Rome** It's time to say a fond arrivederci to Italy and your newfound friends after a memorable journey. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Rome, Lucca, Cinque Terre,

Florence and Assisi

### **Discover on City Orientations**Pisa, San Gimignano, Verona, Venice and Bologna

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and the Colosseum in Rome, a glassblowing factory in Venice, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and the Villa d'Este Gardens in Tivoli

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

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

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

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

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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#### **Travel Responsibly**

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The entire trip was amazing.
The history, the artwork,
and the beauty left us dazed
and amazed.

Donna

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Spend the day exploring Rome on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D)** 

**Hotel: Grand Tiberio** 

at leisure. (B)

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport

(FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Your captivating journey through Rome begins at the Vatican Museums, where you'll join a Local Specialist to admire Michelangelo's magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and his sorrowful Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. See the enduring symbols of Ancient Rome, including the Circus Maximus and visit the

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

Colosseum, before spending the afternoon

Continue south towards the ancient city of Pompeii, where you'll join a Local Specialist who will share insights into the city's tragic history. Later, cruise to the captivating Isle of Capri. (B) Hotel: Regina Cristina

**DAY 4 A Day on the Isle of Capri** Explore the glamour of Capri and see views of

the glamour of Capri and see views of the marina on a walking tour with a Local Specialist. Spend free time shopping at elegant boutiques or perhaps join an Optional Experience to explore the rugged coastline and hidden grottos by private motor launch. (B, D)

DAY 5 Onwards to Assisi Sail back across the Mediterranean to Naples and venture north to Perugia. Here, you'll discover Italy's ancient weaving tradition during an impressive MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, learning how your visit helps preserve this traditional art form. Continue to the ancient hilltop town of Assisi. (B) Hotel: Valle di Assisi

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Visit the Laboratorio Giuditta Brozzetti
Museum and meet the Alliance for
Artisan Enterprise to learn about the
history of Italian hand-weaving during a
private demonstration. Your visit directly
supports United Nations Sustainable
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& Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 6 Journey to Venice Visit the stunning UNESCO World Heritage-listed Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, with insights from a Local Specialist, before continuing north to Venice. This evening, immerse yourself in history at your Stays With Stories hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Albergo Quattro Fontane Lido

#### **Stays with Stories**

Robert Browning, a poet and playwright, loved this 'gracious country home', and you will too when you experience the beauty of this 19<sup>th</sup>-century eclectic hotel on Lido Island.

**DAY 7 Cruise the Canals of Venice** The

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

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DAY 8 Discover Pisa and the Tuscan

Hills This morning, travel to Pisa and visit its Square of Miracles to view the famous Leaning Tower, before arriving in the sparesort of Montecatini Terme in Tuscany. (B) Hotel: Minerva Palace

#### **DAY 9 Off to Renaissance Florence**

Explore one of the world's most cultural cities today - the former home of great masters and a testament to the ambitious legacy of the Medici family. Your Local Specialist shares all the sights of Florence including views of the magnificent marble Duomo, Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio. Later, you'll have some free time to explore or shop for high-quality leather goods in Florence's boutiques before your **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Join the Callistri family at their borgo, close to the spa town of Montecatini, for a delicious Italian dinner, olive oil tasting and a leisurely walk through their olive groves and lemon orchards.

DAY 10 Venture to San Gimignano and

Rome Admire the medieval beauty of San Gimignano today, strolling to its triangular Piazza della Cisterna. See the hilltop town's extraordinary architecture, shop for local products or relax with a gelato at a sidewalk cafe. This evening, celebrate a magnificent Italian adventure with newfound friends at dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La Roma/Gran Tiberio

**DAY 11 Arrivederci Rome** After breakfast, say a fond farewell to Italy and prepare to return home after a memorable Italian journey of discovery. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** 

Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence

**Discover on City Orientations** 

Perugia, Venice and San Gimignano

**Visit Must-see Landmarks** 

St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

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

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Cruise ferry to the Isle of Capri, private launch to St. Mark's Square in Venice

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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#### **Travel Responsibly**

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A key part of our trip was the quality of lodgings, excellent food, and the quality and cleanliness of our tour bus. The added bonus was our incredible Travel Director and Driver who did everything possible to ensure we had an exceptional experience.

Marnie

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**DAY 1 Ciao Rome** Soak up the vibrant atmosphere of Rome before meeting your Travel Director for dinner and a leisurely orientation of the city. **(D) Hotel: Grand Tiberio/Crowne Plaza Rome St. Peter** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome** Explore Rome with a Local Specialist and see the Vatican City and the Circus Maximus. Visit the Colosseum, a highlight of Ancient Rome. From Roman ruins to Renaissance palazzi— Rome has it all. **(B)** 

**DAY 3 Rome Your Way** Delve into Rome's treasures spanning millennia – the museums, churches, gardens and architecture remain enduring symbols of a powerful city. Or perhaps consider an Optional Experience to Tivoli, site of the magnificent Villa d'Este Gardens. **(B)** 

DAY 4 Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast Today, pay homage to the thousands of brave souls who fought in the Battle of Monte Cassino. Perched on a hillside, the 6th-century abbey—destroyed during World War II—offers a poignant reminder of the past. Venture south to Pompeii, a city frozen in time. Join a Local Specialist to explore the excavations of this ancient Roman city, engulfed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Later, arrive at your hotel on the iconic Amalfi Coast, where you'll enjoy dinner this evening. (B, D) Hotel: San Pietro Majori

#### **DAY 5 Scenic Amalfi Coast Your Way**

Indulge in a full free day at leisure. Consider joining an Optional Experience along the Amalfi Coast to the seaside village of Positano. You could also choose to soak up the extraordinary beauty of the village of Ravello. (B)

**DAY 6 Experience the Isle of Capri** This morning, journey along the coast to the medieval town of Amalfi before setting sail to the glamorous island of Capri. On arrival, ascend to Capri town by funicular for a guided walking tour with a Local Specialist who will share views of the piazzetta—the heart and soul of this beautiful town. Later, return to the mainland. **(B)** 

DAY 7 Journey to Florence From the Amalfi Coast, travel north through the rolling green and golden landscape of Umbria into scenic Tuscany before arriving in the Renaissance city of Florence. You'll have a free evening to amble along the Arno River, admire the famous city skyline at night from Piazzale Michelangelo, or indulge in the finest antipasti in town. (B) Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

DAY 8 Florence Your Way Delve into the history of a city renowned for its art, architecture and cultural treasures. Join your Local Specialist for a walking tour that includes views of the exquisite marble Duomo, Baptistery and Ponte Vecchio. Wander through the Piazza della Signoria, the centre of Florentine political life since the 14th-century with its prominent Palazzo Vecchio. Join your fellow travellers this evening for a Be My Guest experience set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a traditional dinner with the Landi family at their home near Florence, set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves.



DAY 9 Venture to Venice Spend your morning exploring Florence at your own pace—relax in a sunny piazza, browse the shops or soak up the Renaissance atmosphere. Then travel north to Venice for a two-night stay. Choose an Optional Experience of a scenic cruise to Burano and enjoy a relaxed dinner in this colourful fishing village. (B) Hotel: Amadeus/Principe

DAY 10 Cruise the Canals of Venice Glide through Venice's canals by private launch, then enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, witnessing the centuries-old art of glassmaking. Arrive at St. Mark's Square to see the Basilica, Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs, before savouring a dinner inspired by Italy's rich flavours. (B, D)

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**DAY 11 Journey Home** Your leisurely encounter with an extraordinary destination has now come to an end. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Marco Polo Airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Rome, Pompeii, Capri and Florence

**Discover on City Orientations**Amalfi Town and Venice

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Colosseum in Rome, the ruins of Pompeii and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites in Rome, the Duomo in Florence and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

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Best holiday ever. Italy was an amazing trip and we never would have gone to see so many amazing places.

Arthur

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Discover the Best of Italy, from the ancient treasures of Rome to Renaissance Florence and everything in between. Imagine lapping up the chic lifestyle on Capri and taking a private guided visit to Pompeii to see a Roman city frozen in time.



DAY 1 Welcome to Rome Ciao Roma! Explore this imperial city of emperors and senators, gods and goddesses before joining your Travel Director for an introduction to the 'Eternal City'. Arrive at Basilica Santa Maria in Cosmedin for a private after-hours visit to the Mouth of Truth. See the church, crypt and relics of the famous saint of love, Valentine, and learn about the legend of the Mouth of Truth. This evening, enjoy dinner with your travel companions. (D) Hotel: Una

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour in the Vatican Museums. Admire Michelangelo's frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, then see the marble masterpiece of the Pietà in St. Peter's Basilica. Venture to Ancient Rome to view the Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum during the city tour. (B)

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

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

DAY 5 Onwards to Assisi See the Benedictine Abbey of Cassino perched high on the mountain peak, known as the site of the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1944. Continue north, where you'll meet a Local Specialist for a visit of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Assisi

#### **DAY 6 Venture to Verona and Venice**

Travel through Emilia-Romagna, a region famed for its gastronomy. Later, arrive into Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic', and spend time admiring this unique city. (B) Hotel: Biasutti/Hampton by Hilton

DAY 7 St. Mark's and More in Venice Cruise through Venice by private launch, soaking up the sights and sounds of

this historic port. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience with master artisans. Continue past the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge's Palace to St. Mark's Square, where you'll view the impressive square and basilica. (B)

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DAY 8 Stroll Around Milan and onto Lake Maggiore Cross the green plains of Lombardy to sophisticated Milan, Italy's capital of design and fashion. An orientation tour takes you past the intricate Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the famous Galleria. Later arrive in the Italian Lakes where you'll enjoy a dinner with your fellow travelling companions. (B, D) Hotel: Simplon

DAY 9 On to Como and Scenic Lake Maggiore Indulge in a free day at your leisure in the Italian Lake District. Explore Como's historical quarter, savour delicious gelato or consider a serene cruise on the lake. This evening, venture by private boat to a secluded island on Lake Maggiore to Connect With Locals over dinner at a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### Be My Guest

Join the Cinque family for dinner and wine at Villa Toscanini, and learn about the intriguing history of their home and Lake Maggiore, the hideaway of conductor Arturo Toscanini, one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century.



#### DAY 10 Admire Pisa and on to Florence

Tuscany lures you past the marble quarries of Carrara to Pisa and its Square of Miracles where you'll view the Leaning Tower. Your next stop is Florence. (B) Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

**DAY 11 Experience Art and Architecture** in Florence Delve into the extravagant history of the Medici family, whose legacy of art and architecture is explored in the company of a Local Specialist. Visit Piazza della Signoria with its exquisite statues and

della Signoria with its exquisite statues and palazzi and enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the beautiful skyline of Florence, dominated by the elegant Duomo and the almost 700-year-old Ponte Vecchio, from Piazzale Michelangelo. (B)

**DAY 12 Treasures of San Gimignano and Return to Rome** This morning, stop at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial before visiting the Tuscan hill-town of San Gimignano. This evening in Rome, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. **(B, D) Hotel: Shangri-La Roma** 

**DAY 13 Farewell Rome** Bid a fond ciao to your newfound friends as your discovery of the best of Italy comes to an end. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence

#### Discover on City Orientations

Venice, Milan and San Gimignano

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, Rome's Colosseum, Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Lake Como and the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Juliet's Balcony in Verona, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Duomo and Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II in Milan, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Duomo in Florence

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

Alyssa

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**DAY 1 Journey to the Italian Lakes** Stylish Baveno is your launchpad to the Italian Lakes, where you'll start your leisurely jaunt through Italy. At Lake Maggiore, soak up the peaceful atmosphere before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at your hotel. **(D) Hotel: Simplon** 

**Transfers:** Depart Malpensa airport at 10:00 and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Discover Fashionable Milan and Como The runways of Milan take centre stage today as you explore the fashion capital of Italy. Join a Local Specialist to see both the iconic and unexpected highlights of this hardworking city. Behold the exquisite Gothic architecture of the Duomo, decorated with over 3,400 sculptures, the neoclassical La Scala Opera House and ornate Galleria with its imposing iron and glass-domed roof—all in the company of the trendsetting Milanese. Head to the town of Como and stroll along the lakeside

or wander the pretty streets, shop for silk

#### **DAY 3** Venture to Verona and Venice

scarves, or soak up the atmosphere in

a cafe. (B)

Travel to Verona to see Juliet's Balcony and the Roman Arena, a 2,000-year-old venue once used for gladiator battles and now for open-air concerts. Indulge in a cappuccino stop before continuing to Venice, where you'll spend the next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido

DAY 4 Explore the Floating City Glide through the canals of Venice by private launch, visiting some of the jewels of the 'Queen of the Adriatic.' On your unforgettable MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll witness the centuries-old Venetian tradition of glassblowing. Then, it's on to St. Mark's Square to admire the profound beauty of the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica. (B)

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**DAY 5 Onwards to Florence** From Venice, cross the Apennine Mountains to Florence, the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. Consider joining your Travel Director for a traditional Florentine dinner in the Chianti Hills. **(B)**Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

DAY 6 Ponte Vecchio and More in Florence Delve into the culture and history of Florence with a Local Specialist. You'll visit the Piazza del Duomo to view the Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore, Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio bridge, which is almost 700 years old.

Admire spectacular views of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo. Later, enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience amidst the picturesque backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. (**B**, **D**)

#### **Be My Guest**

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#### DAY 7 Off to the Sunny Amalfi Coast Journey south through the Arno Valley, passing the Bay of Naples, bound for the

passing the Bay of Naples, bound for the Amalfi Coast, deemed an outstanding example of a Mediterranean landscape by UNESCO. (B, D) Hotel: San Pietro Maiori

#### **DAY 8 Uncover the Treasures of Amalfi**

This morning, travel to Amalfi town, perched perfectly on this dramatic coastline. See the 10<sup>th</sup>-century Sant'Andrea cathedral with its Byzantine facade and soak up the laid-back atmosphere. You'll also have time to join an Optional Experience to Positano. **(B)** 

**DAY 9 Amalfi Coast Your Way** You have a free day to indulge in your heart's desires. Consider a fresh seafood lunch, relax at your hotel or take a dip in the warm Mediterranean waters. **(B)** 

DAY 10 The Ruins of Pompeii and on to Rome Embark on a sightseeing walking tour with a Local Specialist and discover Pompeii, which was buried under volcanic ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted.

Continue to the 'Eternal City' of Rome, enjoying panoramic views of Lazio and see the hill of Monte Cassino with views of the 6th-century Benedictine Abbey en route. (B) Hotel: Il Cantico

**DAY 11 Experience Ancient Rome and the Vatican City** Spend the morning in the Vatican City with a Local Specialist, visiting St. Peter's Basilica to view Michelangelo's sorrowful Pietà. Then, cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to visit the Colosseum. This afternoon, you'll have time to explore the city on your own terms. **(B)** 

**DAY 12 Rome Your Way** Indulge in a full free day to explore. Ease into la dolce vita or consider an Optional Experience to Tivoli, where you can visit Villa d'Este with its magnificent Renaissance gardens and exquisite fountains. This evening, enjoy dinner with your Travel Director and newfound friends before bidding arrivederci to Rome. **(B, D)** 

#### **DAY 13** Arrivederci Italy

Your unforgettable encounter with Italy comes to an end today. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Milan, Florence, Pompeii and Rome

#### Discover on City Orientations

Como, Verona, Venice and the Amalfi Coast

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

A glassblowing factory in Venice, Amalfi Town, the Colosseum and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

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

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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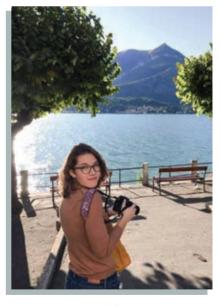
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Start in Rome, where you'll walk through Vatican City and explore the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican museums. Travel through southern Italy to Alberobello to see its trulli houses before arriving at the Bay of Naples. Continue to the coast and take a boat trip to the Isle of Capri, known for its dramatic cliffs and Mediterranean charm. Spend time exploring the island before returning to the mainland. In Pompeii, walk through the preserved ruins with a Local Specialist and uncover daily life frozen in time.

Head north to Assisi to visit the Basilica of St. Francis, then continue to Venice. Glide by private launch to St. Mark's Square and see a centuries-old glassblowing demonstration. In Verona, stop at the Roman arena and Juliet's balcony before reaching Milan to view the cathedral and La Scala.

Visit Lake Maggiore and Lake Como, where you'll have time to enjoy the mountain views, stroll along the waterfront or simply relax by the lakeside. Return for one last night in Milan, Italy's fashion capital. Travel on to Genoa, a historic port city known for its maritime heritage and charming old town. Settle in for a two-night stay and take time to wander its narrow alleyways, explore the impressive Palazzi dei Rolli or savour fresh Ligurian cuisine. On your way to Florence, stop in Pisa to see the Leaning Tower. Then arrive in the Renaissance capital to see the Duomo and Piazza della Signoria and learn about Tuscan artistry and architecture. Return to Rome for a final night in the capital—revisit your favourite sights or unwind in one of the city's lively piazzas.

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and play a part in preserving this traditional craft. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

#### Stays with Stories

Built to welcome pilgrims visiting Assisi, Hotel Cenacolo is a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery with the original structure maintained, a masterful blend of ancient and modern comforts.

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Signor Luciano for dinner on his farm in Alberobello, where you can savour fresh seasonal produce and enjoy a local stone masonry demonstration.



#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Alberobello, Capri, Pompeii, Assisi and Florence

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites of Rome, St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

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

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Meet Signor Luciano for a Be My Guest experience dinner on his farm in Alberobello

#### **Travel Responsibly**

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### Mediterranean Highlights

4.4/5 feefo •• As rated by Past Guests

13 Days | 5 Countries | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: May - Sep

Ease into the local love of life and good food. Sun-kissed days and sizzling nights guide you along this Mediterranean trip through coastal Spain, France and Italy. Enjoy lunch with sisters Sandra and Antonella on their Tuscan agriturismo near Vinci.

Sightseeing



#### Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Overnight

Start in Madrid, where wide boulevards, historic squares and busy cafes capture the energy of Spain's capital. In Barcelona. see Gaudi's bold architecture with a Local Specialist and take time to explore Las Ramblas, lined with street performers and tapas bars.

Cross into southern France to discover historic Avignon and the Provençal elegance of Aix-en-Provence. Take time to explore shaded boulevards and try Provençal favourites like lavender honey and fresh pastries.

Travel along the French Riviera to Monaco for an orientation stop, where you'll see the Prince's Palace and Cathedral of Monaco. Continue to Nice for a two-night stay. In Italy, visit the cliffside villages of Cinque Terre before stopping for a photo at the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Discover Florence's Renaissance landmarks with a Local Specialist and enjoy time in the city's squares and shops. Later, head into the Tuscan countryside for a Be My Guest experience with a local family, sharing homegrown food and conversation in a relaxed rural setting.

Round off your trip in the Eternal City of Rome. Step inside St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City and walk in the footsteps of emperors and gladiators at the Colosseum. Across three countries, explore local traditions, regional flavours and the places that have shaped European history, past and present.

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Sandra and Antonella on their farm for lunch at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia surrounded by vineyards and olive groves in the Tuscan hills. Over traditional Italian food hear from the family about rural Italian life and what it means to be a Tuscan local.



#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists** Madrid, Barcelona, Cinque

Terre, Florence and Rome

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco and Pisa

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The French Riviera, Piazza della Signoria in Florence and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Papal Palace in Avignon, the Palace and Cathedral in Monaco, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Duomo and Ponte Vecchio in Florence and the Colosseum in Rome, See Madrid's Royal Palace and Cibeles Fountain, the towns of Orvieto and Orte

#### One-of-a-kind Experiences

Meet Sandra and Antonella for a Be My Guest experience on their farm

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### **Colours of Sicily**

4.3/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

9 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Vibrant palette of colours come alive on your tour of Sicily. Sip local wine on the slopes of Mount Etna, wander the chic streets of Taormina and meet the locals in colourful towns and villages. Top it all off with a sweet treat – all the Modican chocolate you can lay your hands on.



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**DAY 1 Welcome to Palermo** Start your Sicilian journey in Palermo. Enjoy some free time to relax before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner to begin your adventure. **(D) Hotel: Garibaldi** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 12:00 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

#### DAY 2 Explore the Capital of Sicily

Head to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo, where a Local Specialist will guide you through the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Cattedrale di Monreale, one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture. This evening, you could enjoy an Optional Experience in the beautiful fishing village of Sferracavallo, feasting on Palermitano specialities perfectly paired with delicious Sicilian wine at the foot of Mount Capo Gallo. **(B)** 

#### **DAY 3 Journey to Ancient Marsala**

Discover hidden Palermo with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue to Erice to explore the hilltop 'Town of a Hundred Churches' and enjoy free time for lunch. Next, stop at the Infersa Mill salt pans to learn about the ancient 'culture of salt,' an industry which has shaped this region for centuries. Later, arrive in Marsala, home to the wine that shares its name. During your evening at leisure, explore picture-perfect Marsala or opt for an Optional Experience at a winery followed by dinner of regional dishes. (B) Hotel: Seawater

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Meet your host to learn about the civil anti-mafia movement whilst uncovering the lesser-known history of the ancient city of Palermo. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

#### DAY 4 Onwards to Agrigento and Ragusa

Today's first stop is Agrigento where you'll join a Local Specialist for a visit to the UNESCO-listed Valley of the Temples. You'll explore one of the world's most treasured centres of Greek art and architecture, including the seven sandstone Doric temples overlooking the city. There's time for lunch before you head to Ragusa, a city with two very different souls – the lower and older Ragusa Ibla and higher Ragusa Superiore are separated dramatically by a deep ravine, the Valle dei Ponti. (B, D) Hotel: Poggio del Sole

#### **DAY 5** Explore Beautiful Baroque Modica

This morning, uncover the story of Ragusa's dramatic rebirth after the 17th-century earthquake. Your Local Specialist will reveal how this devastating seismic event led to the development of an entirely new city. Later, visit the UNESCO-listed Baroque town of Modica for an orientation tour and discover the secrets behind its famous chocolate. Enjoy the evening at your leisure or consider an optional dinner at a local farm restaurant. **(B)** 

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

#### **DAY 7 Venture Past Mount Etna to**

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

DAY 8 Taormina Free Day Taormina is yours for the taking today. During your free time, you could choose to explore the elegant boutiques along Corso Umberto. Work up an appetite and stop for some of the city's signature cannoli or cool down with a famous Sicilian granita, a half-frozen dessert served with a piping-hot brioche. Movie buffs will delight in an Optional Experience to Mount Etna and Savoca, the hilltop village of 'The Godfather'. Later this evening, learn the art of Sicilian cuisine on a charming Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Daniela and her family at their Sicilian lemon farm, Il Limoneto, for dinner overlooking the UNESCO-listed Mount Etna, and learn about their farming traditions.



**DAY 9 Farewell Sicily** Your journey through Sicily comes to an end after breakfast. **(B) Transfers:** Arrive at Catania airport at 06:30 and 08:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Palermo, Monreale, Valley of the Temples, Ragusa, Syracuse and Taormina

#### **Discover on City Orientations**Erice and Modica

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

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

#### View Must-see Landmarks Mount Etna

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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#### **Travel Responsibly**

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

Martha

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### Southern Italy and Sicily

**4.4**/5 **feefo** Sarated by Past Guests

10 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

The sun-kissed south and Sicily are the star attractions on this mesmerising southern Italy trip from Rome to Palermo. Taste local Sicilian wine on the slopes of snow-capped Mount Etna, learn about the ancient Greek heritage of Agrigento and get lost in the medieval cobbled streets of Erice.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Rome** Ciao Roma! The 'Eternal City' is yours to explore on your own—stroll past ancient ruins, charming piazzas, and buzzing cafes—before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner this evening. **(D)** 

**Hotel: Midas Palace** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

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

DAY 3 Cruise to the Isle of Capri Take a ferry to Capri, the isle of sirens according to Greek mythology. You'll ascend to Capri town by funicular railway and see the famous Piazzetta during your guided walking tour with a Local Specialist. Spend some free time people-watching at one of the local cafes before returning to the mainland, where you can enjoy free time in Sorrento or perhaps choose to visit the famed town of Positano. Let the day's delightful discoveries sink in as you relax at dinner this evening. (B, D)

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

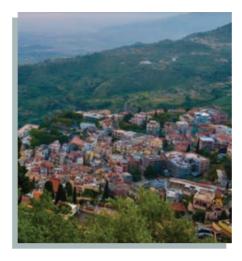
#### DAY 5 Gardens and More in Taormina

Your Local Specialist will take you on a walking tour of Taormina on the slopes of Monte Tauro, overlooking the sea. Visit the Greek theatre and see the terraced botanical gardens. Then, stroll along the elegant Corso Umberto and on to the Piazza IX Aprile for splendid panoramic views across the bay. Later, enjoy some free time to shop for souvenirs and handmade ceramics along the Corso, or indulge in a delicious gelato. (B)

**DAY 6 Taormina Riviera Your Way** Enjoy a full day to do as you please in this beautiful resort town. Shop, relax, see the sights of your choice, or consider an Optional Experience. Whatever you decide, your Travel Director will be on hand to help you get the most out of your day. Tonight, enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Daniela and her family at their Sicilian lemon farm, Il Limoneto, for dinner overlooking the UNESCO-listed Mount Etna, and learn about their farming traditions.



DAY 7 Journey to Ancient Agrigento Enjoy views of Enna on the way to Agrigento, where your Local Specialist will take you to the Valley of the Temples—the finest Greek sanctuary in Sicily. See the splendid Temple of Concord and the Temple of Juno overlooking the sea. (B) Hotel: Dioscuri Bay Palace

#### DAY 8 Explore Erice and on to Palermo

Journey to Erice, a famous hilltop medieval town in western Sicily with its cobbled streets, Norman castles and stunning views of the sea, salt pans and wooded hillsides. Perhaps take a walk to the ruins of Venus Castle with its Balio Gardens. Continue your day with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Palermo. This evening, you could choose to join an Optional Experience to a coastal village where the colourful fishing boats line the harbour. (B) Hotel: Garibaldi

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#### **DAY 9** Enjoy the Views in Monreale

Travel to Monreale for views of La Conca d'Oro and explore the magnificent 12<sup>th</sup>-century Norman Cathedral with your Local Specialist. Later, join your fellow travellers to celebrate your journey with dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 10 Journey Home** Say arrivederci to Sicily and your newfound friends at the end of a memorable holiday. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Palermo airport at 08:00.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** 

Pompeii, Capri, Taormina, Agrigento and Palermo

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

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

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The fortress town of Enna and Palermo Cathedral

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Cruise to the Isle of Capri

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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

Margaret

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### Best of Italy and Sicily

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

15 Days | 2 Countries | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

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



#### **DAY 1 Welcome to Palermo** The

multicultural capital of Palermo is the launchpad for your journey. Today, you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner and a city orientation.

(D) Hotel: Mercure Centro

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 12:00

and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

**DAY 2 Enjoy the Views in Monreale** Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour, which includes the Teatro Massimo and the old 'La Cala' harbour. Later, travel to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Caputo.

overlooking the almond, olive and orange groves of La Conca d'Oro. (B)

#### **DAY 3 Journey to Ancient Agrigento**

Journey to Agrigento to explore the impressive Valley of the Temples, a magnificent Greek archaeological site dating back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC, with a Local Specialist. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Dioscuri Bay Palace

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

**DAY 5 Taormina Your Way** Spend the day relaxing at your Sicilian resort. You can enjoy warm Mediterranean waters, shop on Corso Umberto, or join an Optional Experience to visit the village of Savoca and see Europe's most active volcano, Mount Etna. This evening, you'll be delighted by a **Be My Guest** experience at a local lemon farm. **(B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Daniela and her family at their Sicilian lemon farm, Il Limoneto, for dinner overlooking the UNESCO-listed Mount Etna, and learn about their farming traditions.

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

DAY 7 Visit the Isle of Capri Cruise to the Isle of Capri where you'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Capri town with a Local Specialist. Window-shop along Via Camerelle and observe the beautiful people in the Piazzetta before returning to Sorrento, where you'll have the evening at leisure to indulge in limoncello in one of the town's many cafes. (B)

#### DAY 8 Explore Pompeii's Ruins and

Rome This morning, visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed ruins of Pompeii, where a Local Specialist will take you on a walking tour of these preserved ruins. Later, your journey takes you past dramatic coastline to the 'Eternal City,' where Roman flavours will take centre stage at dinner. (B, D)
Hotel: Grand Tiberio

**DAY 9 Explore Ancient Rome** Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. From the Vatican City cross the Tiber River and, in Ancient Rome, see the Circus Maximus and visit the mighty Colosseum. **(B)** 

#### DAY 10 Off to Historic Assisi and

Pisa Today, drive north to the mystical medieval hilltop town of Assisi. Join a Local Specialist for a tour of the Basilica of St. Francis. Later, venture to Pisa to visit the Square of Miracles and view the famous Leaning Tower. (B, D) Hotel: AC Pisa by Marriott

DAY 11 Enjoy Colourful Cinque Terre and Florence A short drive north brings you to La Spezia, the 'Pearl of the Tyrrhenian Sea'. With a Local Specialist, explore Cinque Terre's centuries-old villages perched on rugged Ligurian cliffs. Later, continue to Florence, once a vibrant Medici-ruled republic famed for its art and culture. (B) Hotel: FH55 Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

#### **DAY 12 Experience Renaissance Florence**

See the marble Duomo, Santa Croce Basilica, Ponte Vecchio, and Piazza della Signoria on a walking tour with a Local Specialist through Florence's historic streets. Spend the afternoon exploring at your own pace—shop, enjoy a cafe, or join an Optional Experience to see Michelangelo's 'David' at the Accademia. Tonight, consider dining in the scenic Tuscan countryside. (B)

DAY 13 Journey to Venice Journey north through Emilia-Romagna to Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. Embrace the Italian lifestyle in your free time, perhaps take a passeggiata (stroll), sip a cocktail or embark on an Optional Experience to the island of Burano with dinner included. (B) Hotel: Le Boulevard Lido

#### **DAY 14 Cruise the Canals of Venice**

Embark on an orientation cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square, where you can see the Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Basilica and the Bridge of Sighs. You'll witness the centuries-old craft of glass making on a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience. Tonight, join your fellow travellers for dinner. (B, D)

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glassblowing and play a part in preserving
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and Communities.

**DAY 15 Farewell Venice** For now, it's a fond ciao Venezia as you prepare to depart for your journey home. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Palermo, Agrigento, Capri, Pompeii, Rome, Assisi, Cinque Terre and Florence

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Taormina, Sorrento and Venice

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Norman Cathedral at Monreale, the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, the Isle of Capri, the excavations at Pompeii, the Colosseum in Rome and a glassblowing factory in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

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

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

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My wife is of Italian origin. What a fantastic experience! Trafalgar showed us places we would never be able to see if we went alone... their presentation of history, culture and cuisine made this trip a memory for a lifetime.

Roman

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### Best of Italy and Greece

4.6<sup>/5</sup> feefo sarated by Past Guests

10 Days | 3 Countries | 14 Meals | Dynamic Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Sites that highlight the best of Italy and Greece, from Rome's art and architecture to Florence's rich cultural heritage, the awe-inspiring monasteries of Meteora and Delphi, the renowned oracle site of the classical world.



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**DAY 1 Ciao Rome** Benvenuti a Roma! Open your heart to a whirlwind of antiquities, vibrant piazzas and local flavours. This evening, get to know your Travel Director and fellow travellers over dinner. **(D)** 

**Hotel: Midas Palace** 

**Transfers:** Depart Leonardo da Vinci airport (FCO) at 09:30, 12:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Discover Ancient Rome Cross the Tiber to Ancient Rome to see the mighty Colosseum and Circus Maximus, once home to chariot races. This afternoon, explore Rome your own way or join an Optional Experience to discover the piazzas and fountains of the 'Eternal City' with a Local Specialist. Later, enjoy a private afterhours visit to the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin to explore the Mouth of Truth, its church, crypt and the relics of Saint Valentine. (B)

#### **DAY 3 Journey to Renaissance Florence**

This morning, head to the Vatican Museums with a Local Specialist and admire the Sistine Chapel. Visit St Peter's Basilica and view Michelangelo's Pietà. Later, drive north to Florence. Tonight, you'll enjoy dinner against the backdrop of the picture-perfect olive groves and vineyards at a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Starhotels Tuscany

#### Be My Guest

Meet Anna and Alberto at Castello del Trebbio to explore its cellars and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting before savouring a traditional Tuscan buffet.



DAY 4 Venture to Venice (Mestre) Your Local Specialist reveals Florence's rich cultural heritage during your walking tour. Visit Piazza della Signoria and view the marble Duomo, the famous Baptistery and Ponte Vecchio. Travel through the Apennines and cross the Veneto plains to Venice. This evening, you may choose an Optional Experience to take a gondola ride along the city's enchanting canals. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana

DAY 5 Explore the Floating City Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square to see the Bridge of Sighs, Basilica, and Doge's Palace. Then, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience witnessing traditional Venetian glassblowing and learn how your visit helps preserve this art. Explore Venice at leisure afterward, perhaps with a Venetian Spritz or an Optional Experience to nearby islands. (B)

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and Communities.

DAY 6 Onwards to Greece Today, travel through Lombardy. The region is Italy's commercial powerhouse bordering Switzerland with lakes and mountains in the north and plains to the south. Later, board your flight to Athens. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre

DAY 7 Monasteries of Meteora on the Way to Kalambaka Travel north along the foothills of the Athamanika mountains before arriving at the UNESCO-listed monasteries of Meteora. These are some of the largest and most important complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries in Greece. Your Local Specialist will guide you on a visit to one of the six monasteries built on sandstone rocks that tower above the town. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Kalambaka

#### **DAY 8 Onwards to Legendary Delphi**

Drive south towards Mount Parnassos and Delphi, where you will stay overnight. Join a Local Specialist and see the site of the most important oracle in the classical world and walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo where athletes competed in the Pythian Games. Join a fun, interactive Greek Culinary Optional Experience and taste your creations along with other dishes prepared by your cheery chef. (B) Hotel: Amalia Delphi

**DAY 9 Off to Historic Athens** Travel to Athens where you'll discover the city's rich heritage during your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Marvel at the Royal Palace, the Temple of Zeus and the Acropolis. See Hadrian's Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place in 1896. Indulge in dinner to celebrate the end of your adventure. **(B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Athens City Centre** 

**DAY 10 Farewell Athens** Say goodbye to your fellow travellers and Travel Director after an unforgettable journey. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Athens Airport at 07:00 and 10:00.

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Florence, Meteora monasteries, Delphi and Athens

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Vatican Museums, St. Peter's
Basilica and the Sistine Chapel in Rome,
Piazzale Michelangelo and Piazza della
Signoria in Florence, a glassblowing
factory in Venice, the monasteries
of Meteora, the Temple of Apollo in
Delphi and the Acropolis in Athens

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient sites of Rome, the Duomo and Baptistery in Florence, the Doge's Palace and the Basilica in Venice and the Parthenon, Royal Palace and the Temple of Zeus in Athens

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

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This trip hit so many highlights and surpassed all expectations. I still cannot believe how beautiful Italy and Greece are!

Megan

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#### Northern Italian Lakes & Countryside, Day 7

You'll visit the Enzo Ferrari Museum which celebrates the history of one of the world's most famous luxury sports cars. Explore the history and exhilarating treasures left behind by il Commendatore himself, Enzo Ferrari, a renowned Italian motor racing driver whose love affair with cars saw him win several Grand Prix. You'll learn about his story, the history of the car company and the significance of its prancing horse logo which remains to this day. This is a true journey into the beauty and passion of Italian car racing.

Northern Italian Lakes & Countryside was one of the best tours I've experienced. My fellow travellers were great and our Driver and Travel Director made it fun.

Shared by our guest Anna, on Northern Italian Lakes & Countryside

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

## Northern Italy including Cinque Terre

8 Days | 1 Country | 10 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Sep

The Italian Riviera meets Italy's beautiful Lake District on a gourmet-filled journey through the north and its many treasures. All you need to do is live the high life on this most epic Northern Italy adventure.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Milan, Parma, Cinque Terre and Genoa

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

A prosciutto factory near Langhirano, cheese factory in Montechiarugolo

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Cathedral, La Scala Opera House and Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II in Milan, Torrechiara Castle near Parma and the Renaissance Palaces in Genoa

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Meet the Cinque family for dinner at Villa Toscanini and learn about its history as the former hideaway of Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini

#### **Travel Responsibly**

**MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience:** Savour artisanal gelato, crafted with care, from a historic shop

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### Northern Italian Lakes and Countryside

9 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Discover local treasures on this journey through the Italian Lakes. Bask in the glamour of Lake Como, taste authentic balsamic vinegar in Modena and stroll through the romantic streets of Verona.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Verona and Modena

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

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

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Bergamo's Piazza del Duomo, Roman Arena in Verona, Modena Cathedral and Milan's Duomo and La Scala Opera House

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Dine with the Serenelli family at their didactic farm and learn about the founding of the Red Cross

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit a traditional acetaia in Modena to sample organic balsamic vinegar

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### Real Italy

10 Days | 2 Countries | 14 Meals | Dynamic Activity Departure months: Oct - Mar

From the canals of Venice to ancient Rome and a scenic cruise to the Isle of Capri, this is real Italy at its finest. Visit the Vatican with fast track access, discover the city of Pompeii and take in Renaissance Florence.



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#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rome, Bologna, Florence, Capri and Pompeii

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Sistine Chapel, the Vatican Museums and the Colosseum in Rome and a glassblowing workshop in Venice

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Doge's Palace and Basilica in Venice, the kissing towers of Bologna, the Duomo in Florence and the ancient sites of Rome

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Dine at the Landi family home near Florence, surrounded by Tuscan vineyards and olive groves, exploring eight generations of their history

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Discover the ancient skill of Venetian glassblowing and contribute to its preservation with your visit

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**DAY 1 Welcome to London** Embrace the pomp and pageantry of a city that marches to its very own vibrant tune. Dine with your Travel Director and fellow travellers later this evening to kickstart your holiday. **(D) Hotel: The Tower** 

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Discover Multicultural London Begin with an orientation tour of London alongside your Travel Director. See Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Then head to St. James's Palace to watch the Old Guard parade and Changing of the Guard procession. Armed with your travel pass. this afternoon is free for you to explore. You might join an Optional Experience walking through Soho's backstreets, sampling local favourites and hearing stories of the area's past. Later, choose another Optional Experience visiting the National Gallery with a Local Specialist who'll give insight into its most well-known works. Afterwards, there's time to explore Covent Garden, known for its shops, street performers and food spots. (B)

DAY 3 London Your Way Spend the day in London your way. With your travel pass in hand, you're free to explore the city's many neighbourhoods, museums and markets at your own pace. You might visit the British Museum, head to Camden for something to eat or explore the South Bank's riverside walkways and galleries. If you'd prefer to see more of England, there's the option to join a full-day Optional Experience to Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon and the Cotswolds. In Oxford, visit one of the historic colleges with a Local Specialist. In Stratford-upon-Avon, see the house where Shakespeare was born. And take in the countryside views as you pass through some of the region's prettiest villages. (B)

**DAY 4** Experience London's Markets and Museums This morning, enjoy London your way or choose to join a Local Specialist on an Optional Experience to explore St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London. Head to Borough Market where food stalls serve everything from pastries to global street eats. It's a great spot to try something new or grab a bite whilst soaking up the atmosphere. Later, you might stroll through Regent's Park, visit a museum or explore one of the city's characterful neighbourhoods. Don't miss your chance to join an Optional Experience to see a West End theatre show, a must whilst in London. (B)

DAY 5 Journey to Prehistoric Stonehenge and Windsor Leave London behind and head into the countryside with your Travel Director. Your first stop is Stonehenge, where you'll visit this iconic monument and hear stories about its ancient past. Then travel to Windsor to explore the world's

oldest and largest occupied castle, home to royalty for over 1,000 years. Walk through the State Apartments and St. George's Chapel before heading back to the capital. This evening, enjoy your **Be My Guest** experience at London Cru, an urban winery housed in a former Victorian warehouse. Learn how wine is made in the heart of the city, then sit down to a three-course meal, paired with a London Cru wine selected by your hosts. **(B, D)** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Step inside London Cru, the UK's first urban winery for an evening of great wine, delicious food and warm hospitality. Begin with a glass of English sparkling wine as your expert winemakers share their story, then sit down to a three-course menu of British favourites, perfectly paired with handcrafted wines. A truly local experience in the heart of London—cheers to that!

DAY 6 Explore Westminster Abbey and Kensington Palace Imagine the kings and queens who have glided gracefully upon the 13th-century mosaic floor of Westminster Abbey as you explore this architectural wonder with a Local Specialist. Later, visit Kensington Palace for a tour and dive into the lives of the Royal Family. Then, indulge in a delicious English afternoon tea in The Orangery surrounded by beautiful formal gardens (B, L)

**DAY 7 Cruise the Thames to Greenwich** Enjoy one last day in the lively streets of London. Consider taking a trip up the Shard, one of Europe's tallest buildings. Admire England's proud history reflected in its monuments to great people and victories, or see the treasures of the British Library. This afternoon meet with your Travel Director and travel companions for a leisurely cruise down the Thames to Greenwich. Sail under the famous Tower Bridge before enjoying a taste of sustainable London gin at the Old Royal Naval College during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Toast to your unforgettable week during dinner at a historic pub. (B, D)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Let your palate explore the finest British marine botanicals during a tasting of sustainable London Dry Gin that supports marine preservation projects. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: Life Below Water.

**DAY 8 Cheerio London!** After breakfast, say a fond farewell to London and your newfound friends as you prepare to return home after a memorable holiday in one of the world's greatest cities. **(B)** 

### Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists London

**Discover on City Orientations**Borough Market and Greenwich

Visit Must-see Landmarks Stonehenge, Windsor Castle in Windsor, London's Westminster Abbey, Kensington Palace

View Must-see Landmarks
Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament
and Buckingham Palace, Old
Royal Naval College and the
Cutty Sark in Greenwich

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**On the Thames from the Tower
Bridge to Greenwich

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 5 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly**See day 7 for how you'll make a positive impact

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We had such a wonderful time together, making memories to last the rest of our lives.

Suzanne

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### Real Britain

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#### 6 Days | 3 Countries | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

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



DAY 1 Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Cardiff Experience first-hand what's 'great' about Great Britain. Embark on a mesmerising sojourn past rolling hills and farmlands of England. Head west to Stonehenge's megaliths, whose centuriesold myths have yet to be fully revealed. The elegant Georgian architecture of Bath takes centre stage during our visit to this famous spa town. Here, you'll see the Abbey and visit the Roman Baths, before crossing the Severn Estuary to Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. Tonight, celebrate the beginning of an epic adventure over dinner. (D) Hotel: Clayton

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Through the Scenic Countryside to Liverpool Delve into the proud culture and heritage of the Welsh as you embark on an orientation of Cardiff to see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle. Consider an optional tour of Cardiff Castle before heading to Ludlow, described as 'probably the loveliest town in England' by Sir John Betjeman, an English poet, writer and broadcaster. See its charming half-timbered Tudor houses, medieval walls and historic castle. Then continue north through the Shropshire Hills and Cheshire landscapes to Liverpool, the 'World Capital City of Pop' and hometown of the Fab Four, The Beatles. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to see the sights of the city with a Local Expert. (B) **Hotel: Mercure Atlantic Tower** 

DAY 3 Venture to the Romantic Lake District and on to Edinburgh The enchanting views of the Lake District, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, provide a scenic backdrop en route to Scotland. Skirt the shores of Windermere, the largest natural lake in England at 10.5 miles long and enjoy views that inspired literary greats such as William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter. Stop at the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green, where blacksmith priests marry couples over the Marriage Anvil. Upon arrival in enchanting Edinburgh, Scotland's capital, consider attending a lively Scottish cèilidh with traditional haggis and bagpipes. Tickets to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a display of military precision, massed pipes and drums, and cultural performances set against the illuminated backdrop of Edinburgh Castle, are included on departures that align with performance dates. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn

DAY 4 Discover Edinburgh's Treasures
Ramble up the Royal Mile in the
mesmerising medieval city of Edinburgh,
where you'll join a Local Specialist on an
included sightseeing tour. See the Old
Town and view Arthur's Seat, an ancient
extinct volcano and Edinburgh's highest
hill, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the
official residence of the British monarch in

Scotland. Visit Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock overlooking the city. Spend the rest of the day exploring Auld Reekie's medieval relics and elegant Georgian and Gothic facades on your own or join your Travel Director on an Optional Experience to visit Rosslyn Chapel, famed for its intricate carvings, mysterious symbolism and featured in Dan Brown's novel The Da Vinci Code. (B)

DAY 5 Explore Hadrian's Wall and Onwards to York Trace the northern frontier of the Roman Empire at Hadrian's Wall before crossing the River Tyne and venturing south to York, the UK's first and only UNESCO City of Media Arts. Walk along The Shambles, one of Europe's bestpreserved medieval streets, and admire York Minster, one of the greatest Gothic cathedrals in the world. This evening, join a local family at their stately home for a Be My Guest experience and enjoy hearty, home-cooked British hospitality. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Centre

#### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a traditional British dinner hosted by a local family in the dining room of their historical country home overlooking picturesque scenery in the Vale of York.



DAY 6 Admire Stratford-upon-Avon and return to London Discover the legacy of England's greatest playwright in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon. Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre to explore the house where the 'Avon Bard' was born and raised, and learn about the life that inspired his timeless works. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage, the childhood home of Shakespeare's wife. Return to London this evening, where your memorable encounter with Britain's icons comes to an end. (B)

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Bath, Cardiff and York

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

View Must-see Landmarks
Cardiff Castle, Liverpool's iconic Liver
Building, the Lake District's magnificent
scenery, Hadrian's Wall, York Minster
in York, and Anne Hathaway's thatched
cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 5 for your unique local encounter

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Our family thoroughly enjoyed our trip of Great Britain and we are so excited about returning to see more.

Stephanie

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## **English Adventure**



10 Days | 1 Country | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Jun - Jul

Discover the country's most iconic sites and the stories behind them on this tour of England. Explore London's landmarks, walk through university towns like Oxford and Cambridge, and visit the landscapes that inspired legends from Robin Hood to Harry Potter.



DAY 1 Hello London Welcome to London. Settle into your hotel and meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers over dinner. Settle in with your group and get ready to explore England's history, landscapes and local traditions. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza **Kings Cross** 

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Depart the City for Cambridge Discover London on a guided tour with a Local Specialist, admiring Buckingham Palace, The Mall, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and a Thames cruise before heading north to Cambridge. Explore the historic university city on an orientation with your Travel Director, then relax over dinner with fellow travellers. (B, D) **Hotel: Novotel Cambridge North** 

DAY 3 Punt through the City of Cambridge Start your day with a Dive into Culture experience on a traditional punting trip through Cambridge, gliding past historic colleges and bridges as you hear stories of university life. Enjoy free time to explore or join an Optional Experience to Audley End House and Gardens. Later, there's the option to enjoy Sunday roast at a local pub. (B)

**DAY 4 Through Yorkshire to Manchester** Depart Cambridge and head north to Yorkshire, stopping in Halifax to visit The Piece Hall, a Georgian courtyard that is now home to shops, galleries and exhibitions. Continue across the Yorkshire Moors, taking in the scenic landscapes, before arriving in Manchester—a city of music, innovation and industry. Your evening is free to explore or unwind. (B) Hotel: Maldron Manchester **City Centre** 

DAY 5 Discover the 'Capital of the North' Start the day surrounded by nature at RHS Garden Bridgewater. Later, travel to Liverpool for your Be My Guest experience at Strawberry Field. Enjoy afternoon tea before returning to Manchester. Enjoy afternoon tea at Strawberry Fields where John Lennon played and see the piano used to compose 'Imagine'. (B)

#### Be My Guest

Visit Strawberry Field, once a Salvation Army children's home, this peaceful space was made famous by The Beatles and now shares its story with visitors from around the world



DAY 6 Journey through the Peak District to Nottingham Leave the city behind and head into the Peak District, stopping in the market town of Bakewell. Dive into Culture over morning tea and a traditional Bakewell Tart, a sweet treat that's become a national favourite. Take in the scenic landscapes en route to Nottingham, where a walking tour reveals the Old Market Square, Town Hall, the Lace Market and the Robin Hood statue. (B) **Hotel: Mercure Nottingham Sherwood** 

**DAY 7** The Home of Robin Hood Venture into Robin Hood country with a visit to Sherwood Forest. See the Major Oak, thought to be over 1,000 years old, and discover how this ancient woodland became linked to one of England's best-known legends. Back in Nottingham, enjoy free time to explore. Alternatively, join an Optional Experience to Nottingham Castle and its underground caves. (B, L)

DAY 8 Explore Birmingham Visit the Loughborough Bellfoundry Museum for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience attached to the world's largest working bell foundry. Join your Travel Director for an orientation of Birmingham, taking in Victoria Square, the Bullring, Selfridges Building, Birmingham Cathedral and the canals. Spend the rest of the day your way or choose from two Optional Experiences: step into chocolatey wonder at Cadbury World with afternoon tea, or uncover the city's street art and Peaky Blinders filming sites. (B) Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Coventry

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Take a guided tour of Loughborough Bellfoundry Museum, the world's largest working bell foundry. Learn how bells are cast, and meet the dedicated team keeping this rare skill alive. Your visit directly supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 9 Stroll the Cobblestones of Stratford-Upon-Avon Explore Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Walk through the town's historic streets and see the house where the world's most famous playwright was born. From here, the afternoon is yours to explore more of the town or join an Optional Experience to Warwick Castle. Back in Coventry, round off your holiday with a final dinner shared with your Travel Director and fellow travellers. (B, D)

**DAY 10 Oxford and its Dreaming Spires** Spend time in Oxford, one of England's most renowned university cities. Join your Travel Director for an orientation tour to see the Radcliffe Camera, the Ashmolean Museum and the historic colleges that have shaped centuries of learning. Travel back to London where your English adventure comes to an end. (B)

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

**Explore with Local Specialists** London, Nottingham

**Discover on City Orientations** Cambridge, Manchester, Birmingham, Stratford-Upon-Avon and Oxford

**Visit Must-see Landmarks** Piece Hall in Halifax, RHS Garden Bridgewater, Punt on the River Cam, Sherwood Forest, Shakespeare's Birthplace

Travel by Scenic Journeys Drive the Yorkshire Moors, The Cotswolds and the Peak District; Cruise the Thames

**One-of-a-kind Experiences** See day 5 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly** See day 8 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Architecture is my art, and the Piece Hall is a masterpiece— Georgian elegance reimagined as a vibrant hub for artisans, locals, and visitors. Ideal for a *lunch stop!* 

Jacqueline, Trafalgar Travel Experiences Team

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## Amazing Britain

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8 Days | 2 Countries | 11 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Discover Amazing Britain on this unforgettable trip. Explore Shakespeare's theatrical roots, the mystique of Stonehenge, and the fresh air and rugged landscapes of the Scottish Highlands. There, you'll visit a traditional whisky distillery and learn about the locals' favourite drink.



DAY 1 Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to Leeds Join your Travel Director this morning and indulge your love of theatre and poetry. Travel to romantic Stratford-upon-Avon, made famous by its favourite son, William Shakespeare, whose extraordinary works have been admired by audiences for over 500 years. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre for insights into the life of the 'Bard of Avon', before exploring the charming cobblestone streets of his hometown. Continue to the ancient cathedral city of York where you will enjoy an orientation walk to view its ancient city walls, picturesque Shambles and magnificent 800-year-old Minster. Enjoy a memorable dinner and delicious local pub fare before continuing to your hotel in Leeds. (D) Hotel: Clayton

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

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

**DAY 3 Discover Enchanting Edinburgh**Fall in love with the enchanting city of
Edinburgh during a city tour with a Local
Specialist. Ramble down the Royal Mile and
enjoy views of the Palace of Holyroodhouse
and Scottish Parliament. Visit Edinburgh
Castle perched atop Castle Rock. Tickets
to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are
included on departures that align with
performance dates. **(B)** 

DAY 4 Venture into the Scottish
Highlands Cross the Firth of Forth to the
ancient Kingdom of Fife and St. Andrews.
The famous Old Golf Course is renowned
for its 18th hole and 700-year-old Swilcan
Bridge. Continue into the dramatic Scottish
Highlands to visit picture-perfect Pitlochry
before arriving at your hotel in the Scottish
Highlands. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander

DAY 5 Onwards to Loch Lomond and Glasgow's Rich Legacy The arresting beauty of the Scottish Highlands provides a stunning backdrop for today's drive to Glasgow. View the World War II Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge and admire views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis. Join rangers in Glencoe for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and travel along Loch Lomond before arriving in Glasgow this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn/Clayton Hotel Glasgow

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Join a wildlife ranger in Glencoe and learn about the rich biodiversity of wildlife including insects, invertebrates and mammals, such as otter and fallow deer. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

DAY 6 Explore the Lake District and Journey to Liverpool Today's first stop is in the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green, where eloping couples would exchange vows over the Marriage Anvil. Returning to England, join Christine for a Be My Guest experience at Howbeck Lodge. See beautiful Lake District landscapes and skirt the romantic shores of Lake Windermere, arriving in edgy Liverpool of 'Fab Four' fame. (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Atlantic Tower

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet Christine at Howbeck Lodge. Enjoy a few hours of Cumbrian farm life, with some farm animals' company thrown in for good measure, before sitting down to a traditional homemade afternoon tea.



DAY 7 Through the Beautiful Welsh
Countryside to Discover Bristol This
morning, traverse the pretty Welsh
countryside before stopping at the
Shropshire market town of Ludlow with
some time to explore on your own. Later,
arrive in Bristol for an orientation drive
before you enjoy dinner in a local restaurant
with your Travel Director and newfound
friends. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn
City Centre

DAY 8 Soak up Bath and Stonehenge then off to London Before returning to London, visit the UNESCO-listed city of Bath to admire its elegant Georgian facades and the Roman Baths. Emerging from the Salisbury Plain, the imposing megaliths of Stonehenge are your final stop before continuing through the lush Wiltshire and Hampshire landscapes to London, where your amazing holiday comes to an end. (B)

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Edinburgh

Discover on City Orientations
York, Durham, Glasgow,
Bristol and Bath

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratfordupon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle,
Gretna Green, Ludlow, the Roman
Baths in Bath and the ancient
stone circle at Stonehenge

View Must-see Landmarks
Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage
in Stratford-upon-Avon, York Minster
in York, Hadrian's Wall and Jedburgh
Abbey, Old Course St Andrews
and Commando Monument

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

Judy

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## Best of Britain

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#### 11 Days | 3 Countries | 16 Meals | Leisurely Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

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



DAY 1 Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Exeter Meet your Travel Director and commence your journey through the rolling green and golden landscapes of rural Wiltshire to Salisbury Plain. We tread in the footsteps of druids and pagans at Stonehenge, before travelling to UNESCOlisted Bath with its elegant Georgian facades and the centuries-old Roman Baths. Your home for the next two nights is the historic cathedral city of Exeter, where you will enjoy dinner this evening at your hotel. (D) Hotel: Mercure Southgate

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Plymouth and More in the Southwest Stop in Plymouth to see the Royal Citadel and consider an Optional Experience cruise. Step back in time in the delightful village of Polperro before continuing along the brooding moorland of Dartmoor. At Buckfast Abbey, discover how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed here for over 1,000 years. (B)

**DAY 3 Onwards to Cardiff** Enjoy a scenic drive as you head to Somerset for an unforgettable **Be My Guest** experience with your hosts, the Dyer family. Our final stop today is Cardiff, where your Travel Director shows you the city's iconic sites. **(B, L) Hotel: Leonardo Cardiff** 

#### Be My Guest

Ian and Ann Dyer are your hosts at Blackmore Farm, their modern-day dairy farm. See the ancient manor house and learn what life is like in the rural countryside over a lunch featuring family favourites.

DAY 4 Explore Tudor History and on to Liverpool Explore Tudor history in Ludlow and Chester this morning, enjoying views of Chester's medieval city walls and red sandstone cathedral. Join a Local Specialist later in Liverpool to gain insight into the city's musical history. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Liverpool/Leonardo Manchester Piccadilly

DAY 5 Venture to the Romantic Lake
District and on to Glasgow Travel along
the shores of Windermere through
countryside made famous by the poet
William Wordsworth. Stop in Gretna
Green on the Scottish border, where many
eloping couples have tied the knot, before
arriving in Glasgow for an orientation
tour. This evening, enjoy locally-sourced
flavours at Mharsanta restaurant during
a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience.
(B, D) Hotel: Novotel Glasgow/Crowne
Plaza Glasgow

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER ® Experience

Dine at Mharsanta, a restaurant committed to reducing their carbon footprint through energy-efficient practices, waste reduction and a plant-rich menu. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

DAY 6 On to Fort William and the Scottish Highlands Journey along Loch Lomond, whose Bonnie Banks were immortalised in song. In Glencoe, remember the 1692 massacre then visit the World War II Commando Memorial near Fort William. Admire views of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, then finish your day in beautiful surrounds with a cosy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Laggan/Craiglynne Grantown On Spey

DAY 7 Discover the Isle of Skye Travel to the Isle of Skye, where a Local Specialist takes you to visit Portree where you can admire the backdrop of the Cuillin Mountains. Cross back to the mainland to view Eilean Donan Castle and travel through the Scottish Highlands back to your hotel. (B, D)

DAY 8 Journey to Enchanting Edinburgh Stop in Pitlochry before heading to St. Andrews. See the famous 18<sup>th</sup>hole before crossing the Firth of Forth to Edinburgh. Tickets to The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included on departures that align with performance dates. (B) Hotel: Delta by Marriott

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

DAY 10 Continue to York Explore the medieval market town of Alnwick this morning. Then it's on to Northumberland and York for an orientation walk past The Shambles and York Minster. Tonight, enjoy a final dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Centre

DAY 11 Onwards to Shakespeare's Stratford-upon-Avon and London Shakespeare's legacy and life are celebrated in his home town of Stratford-upon-Avon, which you will have an opportunity to visit today. See Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre. Later, travel back to London where your amazing holiday comes to an end. (B)

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

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

**Discover on City Orientations**Bath, Plymouth, Cardiff,
Chester, Glasgow and York

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

View Must-see Landmarks
Glencoe, Eilean Donan Castle, Alnwick
Castle used as Hogwarts in the
Harry Potter films, York Minster in
York and Anne Hathaway's thatched
cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon

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To see and experience the historical sites in Britain was a dream come true.

Wilma

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## Britain and Ireland Highlights 4.5/5 feefo •• As rated by Past Guests

8 Days | 5 Countries | 10 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Oct

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



DAY 1 Stratford-upon-Avon, York and on to Harrogate Join your Travel Director to delve into centuries of history in Stratford-upon-Avon, retracing the footsteps of Shakespeare. Visit his Birthplace and the Visitor Centre, then continue north to the Viking city of York. View the cobbled Shambles, see the ancient city walls and marvel at the magnificent York Minster. This evening, enjoy dinner in the Victorian spa town of Harrogate. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Through the Scenic Lake District to Glasgow Journey through the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the beautiful Lake District. Pass Windermere as you continue through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. Cross into Scotland and stop at the runaway wedding capital, Gretna Green. In Glasgow, an orientation tour will take you past Glasgow Cathedral and George Square. (B) Hotel: Novotel

DAY 3 Explore Enchanting Edinburgh
From Glasgow visit enchanting Edinburgh.
Join a Local Specialist and see the elegant
Palace of Holyroodhouse, new Scottish
Parliament and the Royal Mile. Visit
Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle
Rock, before returning to Glasgow for a
delicious locally-sourced meal at Mharsanta
restaurant during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
Experience. (B, D)

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER 8 Experience

Dine at Mharsanta, a restaurant committed to reducing their carbon footprint through energy-efficient practices, waste reduction and a plant-rich menu. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

DAY 4 Cross the Irish Sea to Belfast and Dublin Board the ferry to Northern Ireland, then join a Local Specialist to explore the crossroads of British and Irish culture in Belfast. View City Hall and the dock where the Titanic was built before continuing to Ireland's vibrant capital. (B) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge/The Address Connolly

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

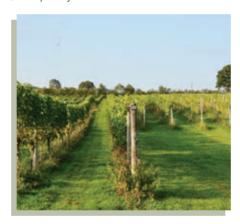
DAY 6 Journey to Kilkenny and on to Waterford Gain insights into rearing world-class thoroughbreds at the Irish National Stud, established in 1946. Enjoy a guided walk through the farm and take some time to stroll through its tranquil Japanese Gardens, regarded as the best in Europe. At your next stop, witness the delicate craft of Waterford Crystal. Watch master crafters at work during a tour of the workshop and see exquisitely crafted pieces in the showroom.

(B) Hotel: Marina/Fitzwilton

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

#### **Be My Guest**

Meet your hosts the Norris family at their award-winning Glyndwr Vineyard in Wales. See some of the resident animals that roam the land freely before enjoying a homemade meal and warm Welsh hospitality.



DAY 8 Soak up Bath and Stonehenge then off to London Traversing the Severn Estuary into England, arrive in the glorious UNESCO-listed city of Bath, with its elegant Georgian facades and visit the worldfamous Roman Baths. Journey across the scenic landscapes of Wiltshire, paying a visit to the mysterious megalithic stone circle of Stonehenge, then return to London where your memorable holiday in Britain and Ireland comes to an end. (B)

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin

**Discover on City Orientations** York, Glasgow, Cardiff and Bath

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratfordupon-Avon, Gretna Green, Edinburgh
Castle, Guinness Storehouse in
Dublin, the Irish National Stud and
Japanese Garden near Kildare,
the Waterford Crystal Showroom,
the Roman Baths in Bath and the
ancient stone circle at Stonehenge

View Must-see Landmarks
York Minster in York, Glasgow Cathedral
and George Square, City Hall in Belfast

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 7 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly**See day 3 for how you'll make a positive impact

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

Lisa

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**DAY 1 Stonehenge and Bath and on to Cardiff** Ponder the mysteries of the ancient megaliths of Stonehenge, before driving to Bath to visit the Roman Baths. Cross the Severn Estuary to Cardiff. Enjoy traditional Welsh meal and drinks at your evening dinner. **(D) Hotel: Leonardo Cardiff** 

**Welcome:** Meet your Travel Director for an early morning departure.

DAY 2 Onwards to Waterford This morning, view the Principality Stadium during your orientation of Cardiff. Enjoy some leisure time in this modern capital. Perhaps visit the Victorian Gothic fantasy of Cardiff Castle at the heart of the city. Cross the Irish Sea by ferry to the 'Emerald Isle' and travel to historic Waterford, where you'll dine in your hotel tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Marina/Fitzwilton

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

DAY 4 A Day on the Ring of Kerry
Experience the enduring beauty of Ireland's
most scenic coastal drive. Tonight, share a
memorable Be My Guest experience with
the O'Sullivan family. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

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



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

**DAY 6 Dublin Your Way** Dive into Culture when you explore the Guinness Storehouse, including a tasting in their Gravity bar. The

rest of the day is yours to soak up the cosy atmosphere of the Irish capital. Ramble through the buzzing streets of Temple Bar or visit Grafton Street, famous for its colourful street performers. (B)

DAY 7 The Sights of Chester and Liverpool Board the ferry to Wales. Admire the landscapes of Snowdonia National Park bound for Chester. Arrive later in Liverpool, joining your companions for a tasty dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo Hotel Liverpool/ Leonardo Hotel Manchester Piccadilly

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

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

**DAY 10 Venture to York** Journey south to the medieval market town of Alnwick. Travel to York, home of chocolate and the UK's first and only UNESCO City of Media Arts, where you'll walk through the cobblestone Shambles, and see the medieval walls and the York Minster. **(B) Hotel: Novotel Centre** 

DAY 11 On to Shakespeare's Stratfordupon-Avon Visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon to see where the 'Avon Bard' was born and raised. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage. This evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Walton Hall Hotel & Spa by Sunday/ Stratford Manor

DAY 12 Journey through the Cotswolds to Oxford and London Journey to the Cotswolds this morning and the little churchyard at Bladon where Sir Winston Churchill is buried. Arriving in Oxford, the oldest university city in the British Isles, you'll enjoy an orientation tour of the city to view the Radcliffe Camera and the Bodleian Library. Return to London this afternoon and bid a fond farewell to your Travel Director and newfound friends at the end of a wonderful holiday. (B)

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Dublin and Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Bath, Cardiff, Chester, York and Oxford

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath,
the Waterford Crystal Showroom,
Blarney Castle to kiss the stone, the
Rock of Cashel in Cashel, Gretna Green,
Edinburgh Castle and Shakespeare's
Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

View Must-see Landmarks
The Principality Stadium in Cardiff,
Alnwick Castle, York Minster in
York, Anne Hathaway's cottage in
Stratford-upon-Avon and Sir Winston
Churchill's grave at Bladon

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Drive the Ring of Kerry in Ireland

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 4 for your unique local encounter

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

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## Irish Highlights

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#### 7 Days | 1 Country | 9 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

A roundtrip from Dublin featuring all the Ireland highlights including Waterford Crystal, your newfound 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle and the irresistible Ring of Kerry. You'll also learn about the devastating Irish famine and peer over the edge at the Cliffs of Moher.



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

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:15.

DAY 2 Onwards to Limerick Journey to Galway, the 'City of Tribes', where you'll see its stone cathedral on the banks of the Corrib and spend some free time exploring its stone facades. Irish traditions and heritage are explored next, during a visit to Bunratty Castle and its Folk Park, a living history museum that reveals what life was like in Ireland during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Continue to Limerick, for an orientation tour and view the 13<sup>th</sup>-century King John's Castle overlooking the Shannon.

(B) Hotel: The Inn at Dromoland/ Greenhills Hotel Conference and Leisure Centre

DAY 3 Experience the Iconic Cliffs of Moher and on to Killarney Leave Limerick and stop at the spectacular Cliffs of Moher where you'll visit the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® **Experience** with your Local Specialist to truly appreciate this breath-taking landscape. After a scenic drive, take a short ferry journey across the Shannon Estuary. Join an Optional Experience for a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Killarney National Park. During your journey, your Local Specialist will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland. Later, join an Optional Experience embracing the folklore and spirit of old Ireland's life and times, when even the most everyday chore would be celebrated. Irish folk players will cast a charm you'll remember forever. Beforehand, enjoy a hearty Irish meal in a local restaurant. Ending your day, your home for the next two nights is the colourful little town of Killarney. (B) Hotel: International/Killarney

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Gain a deeper understanding of the Cliffs of Moher on a guided walk with a Local Specialist in conservation. Learn how wildflowers support rare bird species like the red-billed chough and explore the cultural ties between the land and local communities. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

DAY 4 A Scenic Day on the Ring of **Kerry** Circle the spectacular Ring of Kerry - its emerald, green hills and vivid blue seascapes provide a soul-stirring backdrop. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, renowned for being the last place in Ireland to get electricity and telephone networks. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Muckross House and its beautiful gardens. With a backdrop of oak-clad mountains, enjoy taking in the towering azaleas and rhododendrons, alongside the shores of the lake. The 19th-century house contains some wonderful examples of furniture and paintings, including a portrait of King James VI, for whom Shakespeare wrote Macbeth. (B)

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

**DAY 6 Through County Wicklow's** Countryside to Dublin Dive into Culture and witness the centuries-old tradition of crafting fine glass at the House of Waterford Crystal. Your next stop is in the town of New Ross, where you'll see the monument to John F. Kennedy who travelled to his ancestral family hometown in 1963. Visit the three-masted famine ship Dunbrody and Dive into Culture yet again, gaining insights into the tragic plight of the Irish emigrants. Continuing through County Wexford and the lush countryside of County Wicklow for a stop at Glenealy Farmhouse to meet the Fulvio family over dinner at your Be My Guest experience before continuing to Dublin. (B, D) Hotel: Roganstown Golf & **Country Club** 

#### **Be My Guest**

Traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist is served up at Glenealy House near Dublin with your host Catherine Fulvio who is one of Ireland's top culinary stars, and her family on hand to share their story.

**DAY 7 Farewell Ireland** For now, it's time to say a fond slán abhaile to your fellow travellers as you close the curtain on an unforgettable journey through the 'Emerald Isle'. **(B)** 

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

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists

Dublin

**Discover on City Orientations**Galway, Limerick and Waterford

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

View Must-see Landmarks St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Bunratty Castle, and King John's Castle in Limerick

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Drive the Ring of Kerry

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

Jay

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DAY 1 Welcome to Ireland Begin your journey in the capital of Dublin, joining a Local Specialist to see the sights. This evening sees you visiting EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, for some drinks and canapes. Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge/Sandymount

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:15.

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

DAY 3 Journey to Blarney and on to Killarney Today, travel through County Cork and pursue the 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle, where you'll have a chance to kiss the famous stone. Arrive in Killarney for a two-night stay. (B, D) Hotel: Killarney/Killarney Towers

DAY 4 A Day on the Ring of Kerry Ireland's soul-stirring Ring of Kerry takes centre stage today as you embark on a scenic drive past its mountains, lakes and lush green countryside - unquestionably one of the most scenic routes in Ireland. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, whose remoteness saw it become the last area in Ireland to receive electricity. Consider joining an Optional Experience of an Irish Ceilidh Evening. The Irish Ceilidh epitomises how music and dance were enjoyed in rural Ireland. The craic - welcoming, jolly, fun and informal - is accompanied with plenty of food and drink. There's no more enjoyable way to understand Irish culture. (B)

DAY 5 Onwards to Lively Limerick
Continue through the windswept
countryside, arriving in Adare, one of the
prettiest villages in Ireland. The next stop
is Limerick, where you'll enjoy views of St.
Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and
the 13<sup>th</sup>-century King John's Castle during
an orientation tour. Delve into an Ireland
of old, as you discover the day-to-day
life of the Irish during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
centuries on your included visit to Bunratty
Castle and Folk Park this afternoon.

(B) Hotel: Radisson Blu Hotel and Spa, Limerick

DAY 6 Admire the Cliffs of Moher and Onwards to Galway Journey to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher which plunge over 650 ft (200 m) into the Atlantic waters below. This UNESCO-listed highlight along the Wild Atlantic Way is one you will never forget, and you will visit the interactive visitor centre. Stop at a family run Irish smokehouse for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Later, arrive in Galway with some time at leisure to see its beautiful stone Cathedral or stroll through Eyre Square. (B) Hotel: Connacht

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Discover the art of traditional, sustainable salmon smoking at the family-run Burren Smokehouse. Guided by Brigitta, you'll uncover the secrets behind their awardwinning organic smoked salmon, produced with respect for Irish traditions and local ecosystems. Then, savour the distinct flavours of their delicious, sustainably sourced produce. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Production and Consumption.

DAY 7 A Day Exploring Stunning
Connemara Connemara's 'savage beauty'
is yours to explore today as you tread in
the footsteps of Oscar Wilde who described
its 'wild and mountainous splendour' as
magnificent. Admire the views on the scenic
drive to Kylemore Abbey, now a Benedictine
monastery, where you will embark on an
included visit to the country's most romantic
castle and walk through its exquisite
Victorian Walled Garden. (B, D)

DAY 8 A Pilgrimage to Knock and on to Sligo Your journey takes you to Glen Keen Farm to indulge in a memorable **Be My Guest** experience. Heading north, stop in the pilgrimage town of Knock to view the Marian Shrine where villagers witnessed an apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1879. Arrive in Sligo this evening, your home for the night. **(B, L) Hotel: Clayton** 

#### Be My Guest

Uncover centuries of Irish heritage as you explore Catherine and Jim Power's Glen Keen Farm. Marvel at collies herding sheep, and enjoy a traditional farmhouse lunch.

DAY 9 Return to Lively Dublin Continue south to Dublin. Here you will enjoy some free time to take a walk down Grafton Street or stroll along the Liffey. This evening, close the chapter on an epic journey through Ireland, joining your fellow travellers for a memorable dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Clayton Dublin Airport

**DAY 10 Farewell Ireland** Bid your Travel Director and fellow travellers a fond farewell as your Irish holiday ends. **(B)** 

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

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists

Dublin

Discover on City Orientations Waterford, Killarney, Limerick and Galway

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

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My best friend and I took the trip to celebrate our birthdays and anniversary of knowing each other. The pic is of her singing with the band at Malzards Pub. So much fun!

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DAY 1 Welcome to Ireland Discover the lively Irish capital before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers this afternoon for a sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist. See the stately Georgian Squares and Trinity College before enjoying a whiskey tasting at a local distillery.

(D) Hotel: Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge/Sandymount Hotel

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:15.

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

DAY 3 Venture to the Giant's Causeway and on to Derry/Londonderry Dive into Culture during a visit to the award-winning Titanic Belfast Experience. Leave the city behind, travelling to your Be My Guest experience near Ballycastle for lunch. Then, on to the Giant's Causeway as you walk in the footsteps of Finn McCool. Continue to Derry/Londonderry. (B, L) Hotel: City Hotel Derry/Waterfoot Londonderry

#### Be My Guest

Join your hosts, the Cole family, at their home, Broughgammon Farm near Ballycastle, where you'll enjoy farm life and a delicious meal of local favourites.



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

DAY 5 Onwards to Scenic Galway Journey through the lush countryside to Belleek, where you'll Dive into Culture and witness talented pottery crafters create the exquisite collectables. Arrive in Galway. (B, D) Hotel: Maldron Oranmore

**DAY 6 Connemara Excursion** The rugged beauty of Connemara was captured in the film 'The Quiet Man' with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Its loughs and mountains

are yours to explore today during a scenic drive. Arrive at Kylemore Abbey to visit the country's most romantic castle and ramble through the hidden nooks of its Victorian walled garden. (B)

DAY 7 Explore the Cliffs of Moher and Killarney See the imposing UNESCO-listed Cliffs of Moher, you'll visit the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition and join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Board a ferry across the tranquil Shannon Estuary river and continue through County Kerry, where you'll have an evening at leisure or join in the craic at an optional Irish ceilidh. (B) Hotel: Killarney Towers/Hotel Killarney

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Gain a deeper understanding of the Cliffs
of Moher on a guided walk with a Local
Specialist in conservation. Learn how
wildflowers support rare bird species like
the red-billed chough and explore the
cultural ties between the land and local
communities. Your visit directly supports
United Nations Sustainable Development
Goal 15: Life on Land.

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

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

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

**DAY 11 Farewell Dublin** It's time to say a fond farewell to Ireland and newfound friends as you prepare to end your wonderful Irish experience. **(B)** 

**Country Club** 

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

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Dublin, Belfast and Derry/Londonderry

**Discover on City Orientations**Galway and Waterford

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

View Must-see Landmarks
Belfast City Hall, the City Walls
and Murals of Derry/Londonderry
and Trinity College in Dublin

Travel by Scenic Journeys
Drive through Connemara and
along the Ring of Kerry;
Cross the Shannon Estuary

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

Stan

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# Highlights of Ireland and Scotland

4.6<sup>/5</sup> feefo es

11 Days | 3 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Tick off all the travel highlights of Scotland and Ireland on your trip filled with tons of craic and special moments with friends, whether you're hopping across the mythical stones of Giant's Causeway or passing the lovely lochs, Highlands and castles of Scotland.



**DAY 1 Hello Dublin** You're in for a lyrical love affair with Ireland's whimsical capital. On arrival, transfer to your hotel then spend the rest of the day exploring the city's effervescence on your own. This evening sees you visiting EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, for some drinks and canapes. **Hotel: Hampton by Hilton Dublin City Center** 

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:00.

DAY 2 Journey to Harbourside Galway Join a Local Specialist to delve into Dublin's tumultuous history and see some iconic sights including Guinness Storehouse and St Patrick's Cathedral. Then, leave the capital behind bound for the harbour city of Galway, known as the 'City of Tribes'. (B) Hotel: Maldron Sandy Road

DAY 3 Admire Stunning Connemara
Connemara's 'savage beauty' takes centre
stage on your full-day excursion through
the endless shades of green which once
captured the heart of Oscar Wilde. Visit
Kylemore Abbey, a magnificent castellated
structure built as a family home and now
inhabited by Benedictine nuns. Visit the
Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory where
you'll Dive into Culture and witness how
their famous crystal designs are made. (B)

DAY 4 Onwards to Donegal See why the rugged beauty of Cong was chosen as the backdrop of John Wayne's award winning 'The Quiet Man'. Meet the locals at Glen Keen Farm for a heart-warming Be My Guest experience with your hosts. Then, continue to Donegal, the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way. (B, L) Hotel: The Abbey

#### Be My Guest

Uncover centuries of Irish heritage as you explore Catherine and Jim Power's Glen Keen Farm. Marvel at collies herding sheep, and enjoy a traditional farmhouse lunch.



DAY 5 Venture to Derry/Londonderry and Belfast Visit Derry/Londonderry where a Local Specialist will take you on a stroll along its ancient walls. Follow the scenic Causeway Coastal Route to the Giant's Causeway. (B) Hotel: AC by Marriott Belfast

DAY 6 Discover Colourful Belfast Today you'll explore Northern Ireland's capital with your Local Specialist. Then, you'll visit the Titanic Belfast Experience and discover the tragic story of the famous ship that met its end in the Atlantic. Followed by a whiskey tasting at the Titanic Distillery. Take the rest of the afternoon to explore at your leisure. (B)

DAY 7 Cross the Irish Sea to Glasgow Bid Ireland farewell as you board your ferry to Scotland. Follow the rugged Ayrshire coast past Ailsa Craig, then continue to Glasgow, where you'll enjoy an orientation of the city. Explore the streets with an orientation from your Travel Director and see George Square, Glasgow Cathedral and the Clyde River. (B) Hotel: Maldron

DAY 8 Uncover Loch Ness and the Scottish Highlands Journey through the Scottish Highlands from Glasgow to Newtonmore. Loch Lomond sets the tone with views over the water to craggy Ben Lomond. Continue to Glencoe. Then, on to Fort William, before arriving in Loch Ness, where you'll keep a keen eye out for the beloved monster that lurks beneath its surface. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander

**DAY 9 Continue to Elegant Edinburgh**Visit the home of golfing gods, St. Andrews.
You'll view the famous 18<sup>th</sup>hole before
continuing to Edinburgh. Tickets to The
Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo are included
on departures that align with performance
dates. **(B) Hotel: Novotel Edinburgh Park** 

**DAY 10 Explore Edinburgh** Your Local Specialist will guide your sightseeing tour through its medieval Old Town to the elegant Georgian facades. See the Royal Mile and the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Explore Edinburgh Castle on your own before joining your travel companions for a rousing dinner. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 11 Journey Home** Imbued with Gaelic spirit, your holiday has come to an end. Bid your new friends a fond farewell as you prepare for your return journey home. **(B) Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Dublin, Derry/Londonderry,
Belfast and Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Galway, Cong and Glasgow

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory,
Kylemore Abbey, Cong, Donegal,
Giant's Causeway, Titanic Experience
and a whisky distillery in Belfast, Loch
Lomond, Fort William, Loch Ness,
Pitlochry, Edinburgh Castle and EPIC
- The Irish Emigration Museum

View Must-see Landmarks
Glencoe and the 18<sup>th</sup> hole at St.
Andrews, St Patrick's Cathedral
Dublin, City Walls and Murals of
Derry/Londonderry, Belfast City Hall,
Forth Rail Bridge and Arthur's Seat

**One-of-a-kind Experiences** See day 4 for your unique local encounter

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Our Travel Director was fantastic providing travel advice to see the 150<sup>th</sup> British Open at St. Andrews alongside our Trafalgar trip!

Jerry

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## Best of Ireland and Scotland

4.5<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests

15 Days | 3 Countries | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Embark on an unforgettable Ireland and Scotland tour, from the delicate Waterford Crystal to the golfing greats of St. Andrews. Kiss the Blarney Stone and you'll be sharing tales from Giant's Causeway, the Ring of Kerry, and the Scottish Highlands for years to come.



DAY 1 Welcome to Dublin Explore the Celtic heritage and hospitality of Ireland and Scotland on this grand adventure through beautiful landscapes and enchanting cities. Your first day sees you delve into the Irish capital, before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner.

(D) Hotel: Clayton Ballsbridge/Maldron Croke Park

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2 Discover Diverse Dublin** Drive through the streets of Dublin, joining your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour past the stately Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland. **(B)** 

**DAY 3 Journey to Waterford** Dive Into Culture and explore Ireland's world-class thoroughbred breeding at the Irish National Stud in Kildare. Travel to the House of Waterford Crystal, where talented master crafters work. **(B) Hotel: Fitzwilton** 

**DAY 4 Onwards to Blarney and Killarney**Kiss the Blarney Stone to acquire the 'gift of
the gab' before crossing the mountains to
County Kerry. **(B) Hotel: Killarney** 

DAY 5 A Day on the Ring of Kerry Embark on a scenic journey around the Ring of Kerry. See Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, the Black Valley and Moll's Gap with the Macgillycuddy's Reeks peaks in the distance. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Visit the working farms of Muckross, taking you back to a time of traditional farming. Learn how to churn butter and dine in the Quilles Farmhouse, set against the scenic backdrop of the lakes of Killarney.



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

DAY 7 Off to Donegal and on to Derry/ Londonderry Head north to Donegal with its 'Diamond' centre before joining a Local Specialist in Derry/Londonderry to stroll along its 17<sup>th</sup>-century walls. See the neighbourhood of the Bogside, known for its murals that depict events of the 'Troubles' like the Battle of the Bogside, which sparked the conflict. (B) Hotel: City Hotel Derry

DAY 8 Admire the Giant's Causeway and on to Belfast Tread in the footsteps of Finn McCool along the otherworldly 'steps' of the Giant's Causeway that descend into the sea. Later, arrive in Belfast and visit the Titanic Belfast Experience. (B) Hotel: AC Hotel by Marriott/Stormont

**DAY 9 Cross the Irish Sea to Glasgow** Join your Local Specialist in Belfast for a tour of the Big Fish at Donegall Quay, the Titanic Quarter, the Samson and Goliath cranes and City Hall. Then cross by ferry to Cairnryan in Scotland. **(B) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn City Centre/Maldron** 

DAY 10 Discover Glasgow's Rich Legacy
Delve into Scotland's cultural capital. Head
to a whisky distillery and learn how to make
Scotland's favourite honey-coloured drink
with a chance to sample a wee dram. You'll
then have some free time to explore the city.
(B) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn City Centre/
Maldron Glasgow

**DAY 11 Continue Over the Sea to Skye** Journey to the tragic site of the Glen of Weeping. Continue to Fort William and cross to the Isle of Skye. **(B, D) Hotel: Dunollie** 

DAY 12 Venture to Loch Ness and Culloden in the Scottish Highlands Leave the rugged beauty of Skye and see Eilean Donan Castle. Travel along Loch Ness and see the battlefield of Culloden. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander

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

**DAY 14 Uncover Edinburgh's Treasures** Your Ireland and Scotland tour is not over yet. Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour and visit to Edinburgh Castle. Toast to your journey at dinner with your new friends. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 15 Farewell Edinburgh** For now it's time to say a fond farewell to Scotland. **(B) Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists

Dublin, Derry/Londonderry, farmhouse
lunch., Belfast and Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Waterford, Adare, Galway and Glasgow

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Irish National Stud near Kildare, the
Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney
Castle, Giant's Causeway, Titanic
Experience in Belfast, a whisky distillery
in Glasgow and Edinburgh Castle

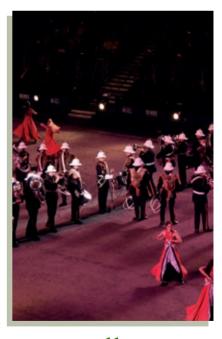
View Must-see Landmarks Glencoe, Eilean Donan Castle, the battlefield of Culloden and the 18<sup>th</sup> green at St. Andrews

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Drive the Ring of Kerry

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 5 for your unique local encounter

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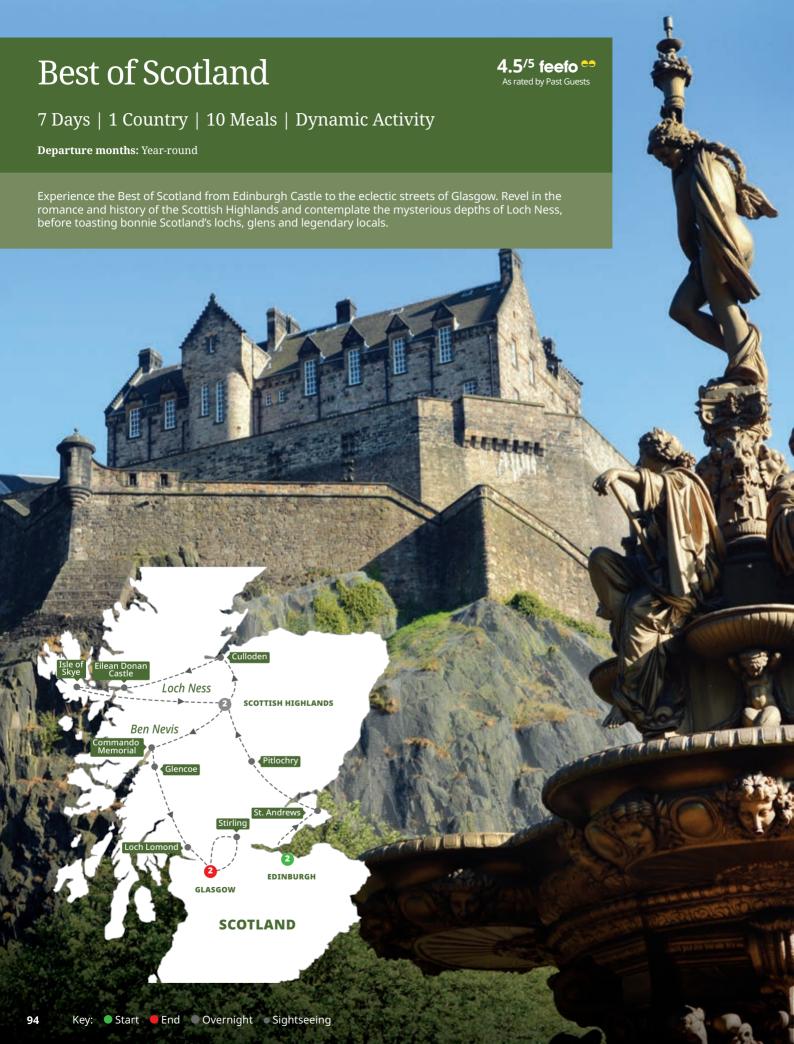


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The best moment was watching the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. My mother and I will always treasure those memories.

Stephanie

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DAY 1 Welcome to Edinburgh Get lost in the narrow lanes of Edinburgh – the Scottish capital with a mystical air that combines ancient heritage with the verve of a modern city. Spend your day at leisure delving into its rich history and embracing the warm culture of the Scots, before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for dinner. (D) Hotel: Novotel Edinburgh Centre/Delta Hotels by Marriott Edinburgh

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

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

DAY 3 Venture into the Scottish
Highlands Tread in the footsteps of the
world's golfing greats and head to St.
Andrews en route to the glorious Scottish
Highlands. A scenic drive takes us north
and across the Firth of Tay, past the city of
Dundee to Pitlochry. After lunch, explore
Pitlochry's vibrant high street at your
leisure or join an Optional Experience to
Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan
Murray. Your day in beautiful surrounds
comes to an end with a cosy dinner at
your hotel located within the Cairngorms
National Park in the Scottish Highlands.
(B, D) Hotel: Laggan/Highlander

DAY 4 Explore Culloden, Loch Ness and the Isle of Skye Visit the battlefield of Culloden, the site of the Jacobites' final defeat in 1746, and explore how this bloody clash brought an end to the Highland way of life. Travel through the Highlands past Loch Ness and Eilean Donan Castle, set at the meeting point of three sea lochs. Cross to the Isle of Skye for a scenic drive and hear how Bonnie Prince Charlie escaped with help from Flora MacDonald. Stop for lunch before returning to the mainland and continuing to your Highland hotel. (B, D)

DAY 5 Journey to Thriving Glasgow
Your first stop today is to commemorate
World War II history at the Commando
Memorial near Fort William, from which you
admire spectacular views of Britain's highest
peak – Ben Nevis. Journey through the
volcanic ruins and precipitous mountains
that lie just beyond Glencoe to see the
'Glen of Weeping'. Here you remember the
MacDonald clansmen who were massacred
in 1692. 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. Continuing towards the River Clyde, arriving at your final stop for the day – Glasgow. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Join a wildlife ranger in Glencoe and learn about the rich biodiversity of wildlife including insects, invertebrates and mammals, such as otter and fallow deer. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

**DAY 6 Walk the Walls of Stirling Castle** Madainn mhath! Whilst your Gaelic may be a little rusty, your orientation tour around this edgy city will be anything but. Begin your day seeing Glasgow's iconic sights. Enjoy views of the Necropolis, the regal George Square and River Clyde, for over 200 years the centre of shipbuilding. Continue to Stirling, to see its hilltop fortress, which stands as a symbol of national pride. Stirling Castle was once the seat of Scottish kings and queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots. View the Wallace Monument from the castle walls, paying tribute to the Scottish hero who fought for Scotland's independence. Later, Dive into Culture at a whisky distillery and enjoy a wee dram. Tonight, join a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

#### **Be My Guest**

Experience an intimate farewell to Scotland at Craufurdland Castle, hosted by the 29<sup>th</sup> Laird of Craufurdland, Simon Houison Craufurd, and his wife, Adity. Relish locally sourced dishes and an evening rich with the Craufurds' stories, Scottish history, and a commitment to sustainable hospitality.



DAY 7 Farewell Glasgow The rugged beauty and warmth of Scotland's people forever in your memory, enjoy one last hearty breakfast with your travel companions before wishing them and your Travel Director a fond farewell. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 06:30 and 09:00.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Glasgow

Visit Must-see Landmarks Edinburgh Castle, Pitlochry, Culloden Battlefield, the Isle of Skye, a whisky distillery in Glasgow, the Necropolis and Stirling Castle

View Must-see Landmarks
The 18<sup>th</sup> green at St. Andrews,
Eilean Donan Castle, Loch Ness and
Glencoe in the Scottish Highlands,
Loch Lomond, Glasgow Cathedral
and George Square in Glasgow

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 6 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly**See day 5 for how you'll make a positive impact

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It was the scenery and serenity of the Highlands that filled our hearts, especially the visit to the farm for a sheep dog herding demonstration.

Susan

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## Scotland's Highlands, Islands and Cities

4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

13 Days | 1 Country | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

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



Included highlights and must-sees

Explore with Local Specialists Edinburgh

**Discover on City Orientations**Dundee, Orkney Islands,
Glasgow and Stirling

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

**View Must-see Landmarks** Jedburgh Abbey, the 18<sup>th</sup> green at St. Andrews, Eilean Donan Castle and Glencoe

One-of-a-kind Experiences See day 12 for your unique local encounter

**Travel Responsibly**See day 12 for how you'll make a positive impact

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

Nancy

See more guest stories #TTScotHighlands

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

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

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

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

DAY 4 Explore Glamis Castle and on to Creative Dundee This morning, cross the Firth of Forth to St. Andrews, the home of golf. Visit Glamis Castle, former home of the Queen Mother and birthplace of Princess Margaret. After a guided tour and garden stroll, head to Dundee, known as the first UNESCO City of Design and a legendary birthplace of marmalade. (B) Hotel: Apex City Quay Hotel & Spa/Leonardo

City Quay Hotel & Spa/Leonardo Hotel Aberdeen

DAY 5 Venture to Culloden and Inverness Today, wind your way to the tragic battlefield and Visitor Centre at Culloden. Visit the site where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was defeated. Your final stop for the night is Inverness, the cultural capital of the Scottish Highlands. (B) Hotel: Columba

DAY 6 Journey to Loch Ness and Thurso Visit the mystical Nessie before heading to Dunrobin Castle, former home of Clan Sutherland. Explore the château and grounds, then enjoy a whisky tasting at a local distillery. Arrive in Thurso for dinner and your two-night stay. (B, D) Hotel: Pentland

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

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

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

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

DAY 11 Off to Glasgow A solemn reminder of the MacDonald clansmen, who were massacred at the 'Glen of Weeping', marks your journey south to Glasgow. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Royal Glasgow/Hilton Garden Inn Glasgow City Centre

DAY 12 Uncover Stirling Castle's Secrets Enjoy a visit to Stirling Castle's grounds. Then, visit the Royal Palace of King James V and view the renowned Stirling Heads, before embarking on an excursion to Bannockburn. This afternoon, Connect With Locals joining the Wood family for a memorable Be My Guest experience, then unlock Glasgow's urban artistry on an expert-led MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, L)

#### **Be My Guest**

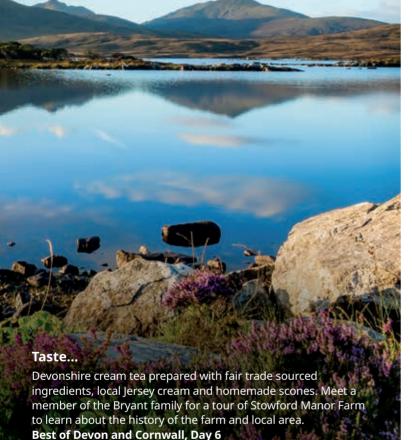
Join your hosts, the Wood family at their 15<sup>th</sup>-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard for a home-cooked Scottish lunch, amidst tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-tapping ceilidh tunes.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Explore Glasgow's character through its striking street art on a walking tour with a Local Specialist. Start your walk at The Clutha, a much-loved pub supporting young people through the Clutha Trust. Discover stories of shipbuilding, comedy, creativity and community as you pass powerful murals across the city. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 10 and 11: Reduced Inequalities & Sustainable Cities and Communities.

**DAY 13 Farewell Glasgow** It's time to say a fond farewell to our travel companions and Travel Director as our memorable holiday comes to an end. **(B)** 



Tradition, history and royal tales await and there's even more to love. Read the full itineraries at trafalgar.com.



#### Explore...

Buckfast Abbey. This extraordinary abbey's history spans over 1,000 years. Here you'll discover how the Benedictine monks now live and work in this active monastery, perhaps most famous for the fairly potent brew the monks have been making since the 1890s. Keep an ear out for the sound of its 15 bells!

Best of Devon and Cornwall, Day 3

#### Discover...

Your self-guided exploration of the Guinness Storehouse reveals the brewing process, its history and how it has become a globally recognised brand. At the end of your tour, you'll enjoy a pint at the Gravity Bar, the highest bar in Ireland. You'll come away with a rich understanding of the history behind all things Guinness. **Britain and Ireland Grandeur, Day 11** 

### **4.4**/5 **feefo** ••• As rated by Past Guests

# Best of Devon and Cornwall

6 Days | 1 Country | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Embrace the charm of Southwest England on this trip through Devon and Cornwall. Discover the seaside town of St. Ives, learn about the monks of Buckfast Abbey, and indulge in a traditional cream tea.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Discover on City Orientations** Windsor, St. Ives, Plymouth, Bath

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the artists' colony of St. Ives, Buckfast Abbey in Buckfast, the Roman Baths in Bath

#### View Must-see Landmarks

Windsor Castle, the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Enjoy cream tea at Stowford Manor, a family-run farm situated in the Frome valley

Travel Responsibly

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: The Eden

Project: A Sustainable Global Garden

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Trip code: BDEV

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4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

## Britain and Ireland Panorama

16 Days | 4 Countries | 21 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Dive right into history, culture and spectacular scenery on this immersive England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland trip. Step in the shoes of Highland warriors, 12<sup>th</sup>-century monks and welcoming Irish locals.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

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

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

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

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Eilean Donan Castle, Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon, York Minster in York, Glencoe 'Glen of Weeping', the 18<sup>th</sup> hole at St. Andrews, Dartmoor National Park and the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth

One-of-a-kind Experiences

Be My Guest experience: Join your host Christine
on her Cumbria farm for a local lunch

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Trip code: BPAN

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# 4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests Britain and Ireland Grandeur

20 Days | 5 Countries | 27 Meals | Dynamic Activity **Departure months:** Mar - Sep

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





#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists**Derry/Londonderry, Belfast, Dublin and Edinburgh

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney Castle, the Cliffs of Moher, Guinness Storehouse in Dublin, Isle of Skye, Edinburgh Castle, The Kelpies, Alnwick, and Shakespeare's Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Mayflower Steps in Plymouth, the Principality Stadium in Cardiff, King John's Castle in Limerick, the 18<sup>th</sup> hole at St. Andrews, Eilean Donan Castle, Culloden Battlefield, and York Minster in York

#### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Drive on a Cornish Excursion, experience the Ring of Kerry

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Trip code: BIGT

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# Castles and Manors

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** May - Sep

This grand Ireland trip is fit for royalty, including stays in the homes of Irish nobility. You'll travel to Kildare and learn all about the racehorses of Ireland, visit the Ring of Kerry and watch how delicate crystal is carved in Connemara.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists**Dublin, Killarney National Park and Cashel

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Kylemore Abbey, Connemara Celtic Crystal Factory, Cliffs of Moher, Rock of Cashel in Cashel and the Irish National Stud near Kildare

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Be My Guest experience: Marvel at collies herding sheep, and enjoy a traditional farmhouse lunch with Catherine and Jim Power at Glen Keen Farm Stays with Stories: Overnight at The Lodge at Ashford Castle Overnight at the historic Abbeyglen

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit DK Connemara Oysters, leading the way in sustainability, biodiversity and packaging for farming

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Trip code: BRCM

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## **Amazing Ireland**

14 Days | 2 Countries | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Sep

Discover the charm, culture and warm welcomes of Ireland from iconic sights like the Titanic Belfast and Giant's Causeway to a memorable home-cooked meal with a celebrity chef in Ballyknocken, this is Ireland at its finest.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists**Belfast, Derry/Londonderry and Dublin

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

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

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Join the Fulvio Family at Glenealy House to Enjoy Traditional Irish Fare with an Italian Twist

#### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit the Cliffs of Moher on a guided walk with a Local Specialist and learn the cultural ties between the land and local communities

For dates and prices, visit **Trafalgar.com** or speak to your Travel Agent.



Trip code: IRMZ

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

# Treasures of Ireland

6 Days | 1 Country | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Sep

Blaze a trail and tick off the Treasures of Ireland on this quick jaunt around the Emerald Isle, including stops in Dublin and Cork. Learn all about Viking history, kiss the Blarney Stone and watch in wonder as the Dingle Peninsula unfolds.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Trinity College, Glendalough, Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Foynes Flying Boat Museum and the Cliffs of Moher

#### View Must-see Landmarks

Custom House in Dublin, The Burren, Cliffs of Moher and the Shannon Estuary

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Drive the Dingle Peninsula

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Visit Muckross Farms, learn traditional butter churning, and enjoy a hearty meal at Quilles Farmhouse

## Travel Responsibly MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit Deenagh Lodge in Killarney National Park

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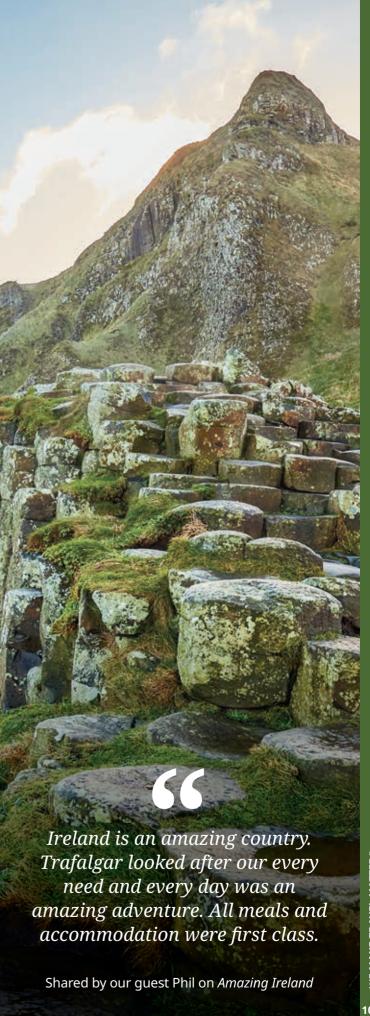
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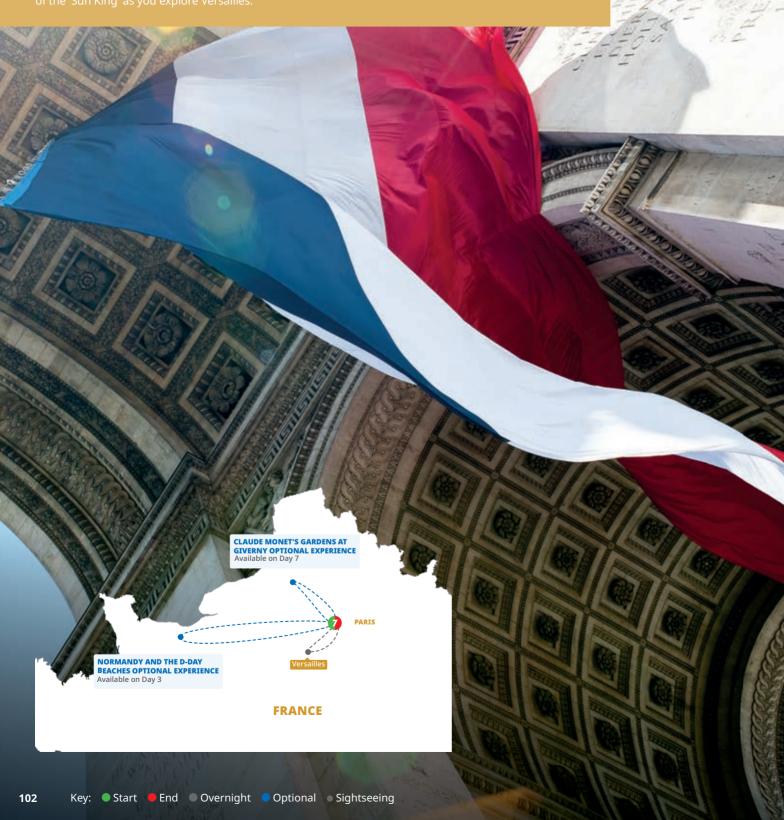
## Paris Explorer

4.7/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

#### 8 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Oct

Remember why you love to travel on this in-depth Paris trip. You'll learn the art of French cuisine, go behind the scenes and uncover the secrets of Montmartre's artists' quarter and imagine the charmed life of the 'Sun King' as you explore Versailles.



Paris Paris is yours to explore on this in-depth City Explorer. Check in to your hotel and spend the afternoon getting to know your surroundings. Wander along the leafy boulevards and winding lanes of the French capital, stopping for a leisurely cafe au lait whilst watching sophisticated Parisians go by. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a quintessentially Parisian

**Transfers:** Depart from Charles de Gaulle airport at 09:00 and 13:00.

dinner. (D) Hotel: Grand Chicago

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Paris Join your Travel Director this morning for a tour of this mesmerising city. View the grand Champs-Élysées, Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe, built for Napoleon in the 19th century and sitting at the heart of the Place de l'Étoile. Enjoy aerial views of the city when you embrace Paris on a different level. Rise from the base to the first floor of the Eiffel Tower for a memorable lunch with Paris at your feet, a truly iconic event. Next, you'll Dive into Culture at Fragonard Parfumerie for a visit with a certified 'nose' who will guide you in the creation of your own unique fragrance. (B, L)

#### **DAY 3** Optional visit to the D-Day Beaches

You may wish to experience a full-day Optional Experience on the Normandy coast to uncover the poignant history of the D-Day Landings. You'll visit the dramatic battle-scarred cliffs of Pointe du Hoc before descending on to Omaha beach itself and visiting the American Cemetery on the bluffs above. You'll also enjoy the superb new Operation Overlord Museum before visiting Juno Beach and the Canadian Cemetery (traffic allowing). Alternatively, spend the day soaking up the sights and sounds of this elegant European capital. Your Travel Director will suggest activities and attractions that will ensure a memorable day spent discovering Paris. Spend your evening at leisure exploring the city's glittering sights at night. (B)

DAY 4 A Day to Explore Versailles Tread in the footsteps of French nobility and explore the opulence and splendour of Versailles. Join a Local Specialist who will guide you through the palace's extraordinary Hall of Mirrors and Battles Gallery. Stroll through the picturesque Royal Gardens and visit the Petit Trianon to see first-hand how the French Royal Family lived in private, before discovering Marie Antoinette's Hamlet. Return to Paris later for an evening at leisure. Perhaps see the real-life inspiration behind the award-winning movie Moulin Rouge. You'll enjoy wine, dinner and Champagne during an unforgettable soirée at a spectacular Parisian Cabaret. (B)

DAY 5 Experience the Marais and French Cuisine Explore the beautiful Marais district on a walking tour. Enjoy a classic

French pastry on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Then, Dive into Culture, savouring the exquisite flavours of French cuisine as you meet a Parisian chef for a cooking class. (B, L)

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Discover Copains, a gluten-free boulangerie redefining French baking with organic ingredients and zero-waste practices.

Meet the team and hear their story whilst enjoying a private tasting of delicious pastries and bread. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

DAY 6 Enjoy Montmartre A leisurely start to our morning sees you take a private street trolley car back in time to Montmartre, home to the picturesque Sacré-Cœur. Dive into Culture discovering the hidden squares, artists' haunts and romantic hideaways along with ample time for shopping. Later, enjoy a guided visit to a world-renowned museum. Spend the rest of the day on your own embracing your inner bon vivant. (B)

DAY 7 Paris Your Way Perhaps admire some of the world's masterpieces in a modern and immersive experience at Atelier des Lumières or enjoy an Optional Experience to the inspirational gardens of Monet at Giverny. This evening, enjoy a memorable **Be My Guest** experience and dinner at Chez Paul, bringing you back to the Paris of the early 1900s. (**B, D**)

#### **Be My Guest**

Join Daniel and his family at their classic Parisian Bistro for dinner. You'll be one of the privileged few who get to enjoy a private visit.



DAY 8 Au Revoir Paris After breakfast, it's time to bid Paris au revoir as you prepare to return home after a memorable break in one of the world's greatest cities. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

The Royal Estate of Versailles including the Royal Palace, the Petit Trianon and Marie Antoinette's Hamlet 'Le Petit Hameau'

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Eiffel Tower and the 'village' of Montmartre

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Champs-Élysées, the Palais Garnier, the Arc de Triomphe and the Place de la Concorde

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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#### **Travel Responsibly**

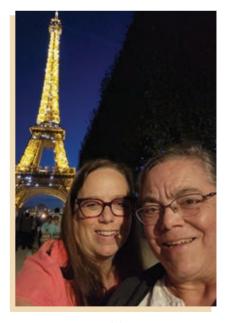
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Our Travel Director and Driver did an amazing job getting us to the Eiffel Tower to see it lit up in all of its glory.

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DAY 1 Bonjour Paris! After settling in, you'll join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner – the perfect chance to get to know each other over classic French flavours. If you're keen to see the city from a different angle, join an Optional Experience Seine river cruise and take in the sights of France's capital. (D) Hotel: Oceania Paris Porte de Versailles

**Transfers:** Depart from Charles de Gaulle airport at 09:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Discover Orléans Follow the story of Joan of Arc as you explore Orléans at your own pace, visit the medieval centre or browse the local boutiques. In Bourges, join a guided walking tour and visit two of its most impressive landmarks – the UNESCO-listed Cathédrale Saint-Étienne and the 15th-century Palais Jacques Cœur. If you're looking for something special this evening, you can choose an Optional Experience that includes a regional dinner and Nuits Lumière, where the city's historic buildings are lit up in a spectacular open-air show. (B) Hotel: Hôtel de Bourbon Mercure

DAY 3 From Bourges to Beaune Travel through the Bourbonnais countryside, where vineyards and fortified villages shape the landscape. Stop at Château de Vieux Chambord for a Be My Guest experience hosted by Marie and Stéphane Devaulx de Chambord. Later, continue to Beaune, the wine capital of the region. Join your Travel Director for a walk through the historic town centre, known for its colourful rooftops and medieval streets. Visit the Hôtel-Dieu a former hospital with a legacy that spans centuries. (B, L) Hotel: Mercure Centre/ Novotel beaune

#### **Be My Guest**

Join the Devaulx de Chambord family at their 14<sup>th</sup>-century château for a guided tour and lunch, rich with history, royal visits, and local flavours.

DAY 4 Flavours of Dijon Join your Travel Director in the mustard capital of France for an orientation of Dijon's historic centre. On market day, visit Les Halles – the covered market designed by Gustave Eiffel – and see Burgundy's food culture in full swing. Then Dive into Culture at the Moutarderie Fallot to learn how mustard is made and enjoy a tasting of unique flavours. Spend the afternoon as you please before returning to Beaune. (B) Hotel: Mercure Centre/

#### DAY 5 Through the Countryside to

Strasbourg Visit La Citadelle de Besançon, a UNESCO-listed fortress designed by Vauban, with panoramic views and exhibitions that explore its military legacy. In Colmar, your Travel Director leads a walking orientation through canal-lined streets and colourful timber-framed houses. In Strasbourg, you'll

see both French and German influences – from its open squares to the architecture that reflects its blended past. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Strasbourg

**DAY 6 Discover Strasbourg** Explore the city with a Local Specialist on a guided walk through the city's historic centre. Visit Strasbourg Cathedral, stroll through Petite France and see central landmarks like Place Kléber, each offering a glimpse into the city's unique character. As part of your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll stop in at Cafe Joyeux, where your visit helps champion equal access to employment through hospitality training. The afternoon is yours to explore further or relax. In the evening, join an Optional Experience to enjoy a regional dining experience featuring classic Alsatian dishes in a welcoming local setting. (B)

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Visit Cafe Joyeux Strasbourg, where people with disabilities gain hospitality careers. Enjoy refreshments whilst witnessing meaningful change through training, opportunity, and inclusive community connection. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities.

DAY 7 Journey to Wine Country Travel to Metz, where you can take in the cathedral and explore the city's historic centre.
Continue into the Champagne region and arrive in Épernay for a tasting of the drink that made the region world-famous. In Hautvillers, stop to see the statue of Dom Pérignon, the monk whose name lives on through one of Champagne's most prestigious labels. The day ends in Reims, where you'll gather with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a final dinner, toasting to the journey through Paris, the French countryside and villages. (B, D) Hotel: Reims Hotel Tribe

DAY 8 Through Meaux to Paris Visit a cheese dairy in Meaux and Dive into Culture as you learn how Brie de Meaux is made using traditional methods. Enjoy time to explore the local farmers' market, where stalls are filled with fresh produce and regional specialities. Back in Paris, spend the afternoon your way or join an Optional Experience to Fragonard Perfumery for a guided tour and fragrance workshop. In the evening, another Optional Experience invites you to enjoy dinner and a Parisian cabaret show: a lively night out filled with music and classic French flair. (B) Hotel: Oceania Paris Porte de Versailles

DAY 9 Your Journey Comes to a Close So, it's "adieu Paris," and farewell to your Travel Director and fellow travellers who've shared this journey through France. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

## Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Bourges and Strasbourg

**Discover on City Orientations**Paris, Beaune, Dijon, Colmar and Meaux

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

St Stephens Cathedral & Palais Jacques Coeur, Hotel-Dieu Museum, La Citadelle de Besançon, and Strasbourg Notre-Dame Cathedral

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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"This tour is quintessentially French, but there's something about Champagne — peaceful, beautiful, and every glass tastes better where it begins."

Jacqueline, Travel Experiences Team

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# Treasures of France including Normandy

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

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Travel from Paris to the D-Day Landing Beaches of Normandy and on to the beautiful Loire Valley on this in-depth France and Normandy tour. Imagine life as a French noble as you are welcomed to a 17<sup>th</sup>-century château and learn about the battles that were fought here through the ages.



DAY 1 Bonjour Paris Bienvenue! The 'City of Light' welcomes you as you prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey through France. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director this evening for a dinner and orientation drive to admire the glittering cityscape of Paris - past grand boulevards and iconic sites like the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe. (D) **Hotel: Occidental Paris Levallois** 

**Transfers:** Depart from Charles de Gaulle airport at 09:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

**DAY 2 Admire Normandy's Colourful** Honfleur Leave Paris behind and travel to Rouen, the city where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake. From here, you'll continue to Honfleur, a harbour town known for its colourful shopfronts and artistic heritage. Take time to explore its streets and soak up the views that have inspired painters for centuries. Changing pace, visit Distillerie Busnel, one of Normandy's oldest working distilleries. Walk through the distillery, learn about the time-honoured craft of Calvados production, and round off the experience with a tasting that captures the flavours of the region. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure **Omaha Beach** 

#### **DAY 3** Explore the D-Day Landing

Beaches Today we explore the poignant D-Day Landing Beaches in the company of your Local Specialist. Begin with a visit to the American Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives on the D-Day Landing Beach of Omaha, imagining the sense of terror and triumph felt on that fateful day when Allied forces set foot on mainland Europe. You'll stop for lunch in the seaside town of Arromanches, the setting for the Mulberry Harbour, once at the heart of the Normandy landings. (B)

**DAY 4 Journey through Picturesque** Normandy and Brittany Travel through the Normandy countryside admiring the land of Calvados before exploring the UNESCO World Heritage-listed bay of the Mont-Saint-Michel. Your Local Specialist reveals the history of the impressive medieval Benedictine Abbey perched on the hilltop. In Brittany enjoy the afternoon your way or perhaps, discover the beauty of the port city Saint-Malo with a Local Specialist on an Optional Experience. (B, D) Hotel: De l'Abbaye Le Tronchet

#### **DAY 5** Continue to the Beautiful Loire

Valley Journey onward through scenic countryside, stopping at a 17th-century château during a Be My Guest experience set within elegant grounds. Later, continue to the beautiful Loire Valley, where you'll spend the next two nights. (B, L) **Hotel: Novotel Amboise** 

**Be My Guest** 

Walk among the wild hyacinths in the beautiful gardens of the 17th-century Chateau d'Eporce. Enjoy a selection of local wines and taste some home-cooked specialities created by the chateau's resident culinary expert, Lydia.



**DAY 6** Discover the Stunning French Châteaux In the morning, you are invited to taste hand-crafted chocolate at Maison Bigot for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® **Experience**. Afterwards, you'll spend the day at the beautiful châteaux of the Loire Valley and join a Local Specialist for a visit to the Amboise Royal Château followed by a visit to the Château of Chenonceau. (B)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience Visit Maison Bigot in Amboise, a charming family-run chocolate shop. Immerse yourself in rich traditions as you learn about the craft and indulge in a lovely tasting experience. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

#### **DAY 7 Continue to Chartres and Paris**

Your first stop today is the town of Chartres and its beautiful Roman Catholic cathedral, regarded as one of the most authentic and complete works of religious architecture from the early 13th century. You'll then journey back to Paris this afternoon and spend the rest of your day in the 'City of Light'. Celebrate with your Travel Director and newfound friends this evening at a dinner with local wines at a Parisian bistro. (B, D) Hotel: Renaissance La Défense

DAY 8 Farewell Paris For now it's time to say a fond au revoir to France and your fellow travellers at the end of a memorable trip. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

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

**Explore with Local Specialists** 

Mont-Saint-Michel and Châteaux of the Loire Valley and Normandy **D-Day Landing Beaches** 

**Discover on City Orientations** 

Rouen, Honfleur, Chatres and Paris

#### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Normandy D-Day Landing Beaches, the monastery of Mont-Saint-Michel, the Châteaux of Amboise and Chenonceau and Chartres Cathedral

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Champs-Élysées, the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe in Paris

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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#### **Travel Responsibly**

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A wonderful way to recharge with our very detail oriented Tour Director. You can really sit back and relax.

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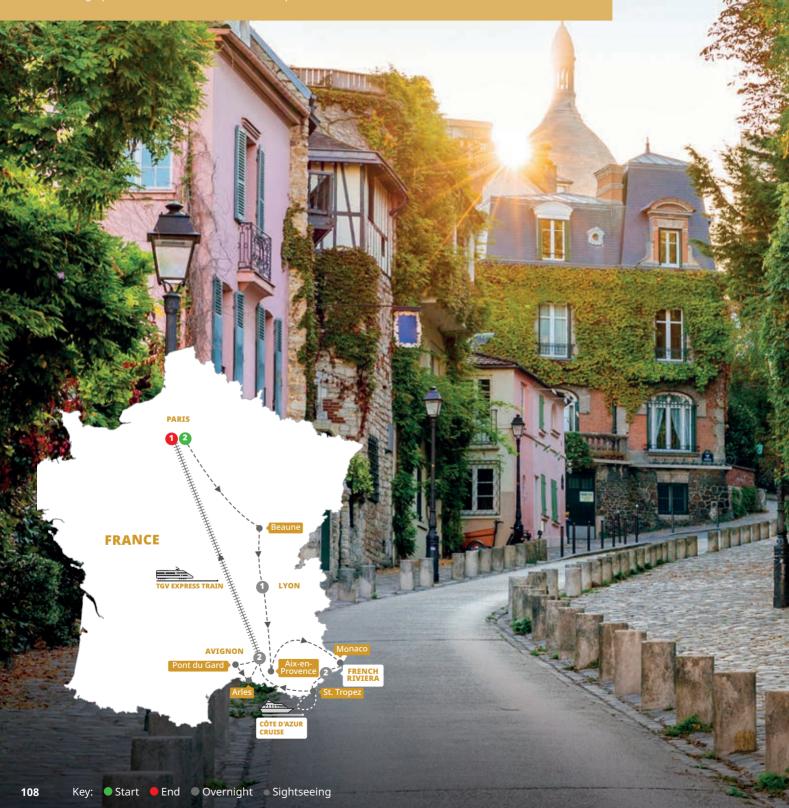


**4.4**/5 **feefo** As rated by Past Guests

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Combine the glamorous French capital with centuries of history and glorious sunsets on the French Riviera. This favourite French tour delivers it all in just nine days, from strolling around the Pont du Gard to soaking up the sun-kissed charm of Saint-Tropez and Monaco.



DAY 1 Bonjour France Discover romance, sophistication and French joie de vivre in Paris – the launch pad to a memorable journey through the French countryside. Explore the grand boulevards and picturesque avenues of the 'City of Light', before meeting your Travel Director and companions for a dinner. Take to the streets this evening to see some of the city's most iconic sights, including the Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe, standing in all its glorious splendour for you to admire. (D) Hotel: Renaissance La Défense

**Transfers:** Depart from Charles de Gaulle airport at 09:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Discover the Delights of Paris Join a Local Specialist to explore the Latin Quarter, a vibrant student hotspot and home to the Sorbonne University. View the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice, then soak up the authentic atmosphere and local day-to-day life of the Parisians as you stroll through one of its most historic neighbourhoods. Spend your evening embracing the pageantry of Paris and perhaps experience a traditional Parisian Cabaret. (B)

DAY 3 Journey through Burgundy to Lyon Travel through the picture-perfect Burgundy wine region and stop in its walled regional capital, Beaune – most famous for the colourful geometric-tiled Hôtel-Dieu. Continue to the gastronomic capital of Lyon, where you'll spend the night. Discover the historic treasures of its well-preserved Old Town or perhaps indulge in delicious Beaujolais flavours in a local bouchon – the choice is yours. (B) Hotel: Tribe Lyon Croix Rousse

### **DAY 4 Continue to Monaco and the**

French Riviera Enjoy some free time in Aixen-Provence for lunch and perhaps a taste of the sweet flavours of calissons. Continue to the glamorous Principality of Monaco, one of the smallest and wealthiest nations on Earth. View the palace, home to the Grimaldi family since the 13th century, and the cathedral where Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier were married. (B) Hotel: Novotel Nice Centre Vieux

### **DAY 5** The French Riviera Your Way The

lively shores of the French Riviera are yours to explore today. Consider relaxing on the beach with your fellow sun-worshippers or an Optional Experience could see you visit the hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, a popular haunt for actors seeking a relaxing retreat. In your free time, you have the opportunity to soak up the fresh sea air and perhaps indulge in a delicious salade Niçoise. **(B)** 

DAY 6 On to Saint-Tropez, Arles and Avignon Arrive by boat in glitzy Saint-Tropez and bask in its fashionable surroundings. Journey to the ancient city of Arles and discover its treasures with a Local Specialist. This afternoon, Provence flavours come alive when you meet the locals for a home cooked meal on your Be My Guest experience. Later, you'll make your way to Avignon where you'll spend the next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Avignon Gare TGV

### Be My Guest

Join Patrick at his home "La Table a Rallonges" and enjoy traditional Avignon recipes made from local produce.



DAY 7 Explore Ancient History in Pont du Gard and Avignon This morning, visit the impressive Pont du Gard – an ancient Roman aqueduct to cross the river Gardon. Its arches of stone, still standing since the 1st century AD when it was originally built to take water to the Roman settlement of the present day city of Nîmes. Take time in Avignon to explore its impressive Old Town, once the seat of the Papacy. (B, D)

DAY 8 Travel By High-Speed Train to Paris Take the high-speed TGV train to Paris where you'll have the rest of the afternoon free. This evening, enjoy fresh produce and seasonal cuisine at a local restaurant celebrating an unforgettable sojourn through France. (B, D) Hotel: Occidental Paris Levallois

**DAY 9 Au Revoir Paris** This morning after breakfast, it's time to bid Paris a fond au revoir as your fascinating journey through France comes to an end. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Paris and Arles

### **Discover on City Orientations**

Beaune, Lyon, Aix-en-Provence, Monaco and Avignon

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Pont du Gard

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomph, and the Champs-Élysées in Paris, Place Bellecour and the Basilica of Notre Dame in Lyon, the Royal Palace and Cathedral in Monaco and the Palace of the Popes in Avignon

> **Travel by Scenic Journeys** Cruise across to Saint-Tropez

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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My wife and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary on this trip and we got remarried in Paris. Trafalgar enabled us to have this memory for the rest of our lives.

Matthew

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DAY 1 Welcome to London From tragic battles to tales of triumph, this special-interest exploration of two World Wars kicks off in the vibrant British capital of London. Meet your Travel Director and fellow companions this evening for a hearty local meal. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Kings Cross

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 See the Sights of London Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey feature on this half-day introductory sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, which includes views of Buckingham Palace. This afternoon, you'll visit the Imperial War Museum, which tells the story of those whose lives were shaped by war, from World War I to today. (B)

DAY 3 Cross the English Channel by
Eurostar to Brussels You'll journey by
Eurostar to Brussels today. Your Travel
Director will show you the city's highlights.
See the Atomium, designed for the 1958
Brussels World's Fair, Mannekin Pis and the
exquisite Grand Place with its opulent and
ornate guildhalls. (B) Hotel: Cardo Brussels
Autograph Collection

DAY 4 Venture to Dunkirk, Fromelles, Vimy Ridge and Lens Today you'll travel to Dunkirk, where Operation Dynamo miraculously saw over 330,000 Allied troops evacuated to Britain. Stop in Fromelles, where there was a combined operation between British troops and the Australian Imperial Force, described as the 'worst 24 hours in Australia's military history'. Visit the memorial at Vimy Ridge dedicated to the Canadian soldiers who fought here in 1917. This horrific battle, and the bravery of the men who fought in it, came to symbolise Canada's coming of age as a nation. (B, D) Hotel: Louvre Lens

DAY 5 Off to the Ypres Battlefields and Menin Gate Explore major World War I sites at Ypres Salient in Belgium, including Tyne Cot, Langemark, and Vancouver Corner. Visit the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 in Zonnebeke, featuring a replica trench. See Essex Farm Cemetery, where Lt. Col. John McCrae wrote 'In Flanders Fields.' Spend the afternoon at leisure before attending the moving Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate, honouring over 100,000 fallen soldiers. (B)

DAY 6 Discover the Somme The bloody battlefields of the Somme take centre stage today. Stop at the Sir John Monash Centre in Villers-Bretonneux and the memorial to the Australian soldiers who lost their lives in WWI. Take part in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience in Auchonvilliers. Carry on to Thiepval to see the poignant memorial that honours the 72,337 missing British and South African men who died with no known graves. Journey to Amiens for an evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Mercure Cathedrale

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Step onto the historic battlefields of the Somme at Ocean Villas WWI Museum, founded by Avril Williams to preserve the memory of the war. Explore an original British trench, see recovered artefacts and visit the first private Remembrance Wall on the Western Front. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 7 Cross Normandy to Caen Travel south through Normandy today, stop in the city of Rouen for an orientation through its cobblestoned medieval centre. Next stop is Caen where you will stay for two nights. (B) Hotel: Novotel Côte de Nacre

DAY 8 Explore the D-Day Normandy
Beaches Visit Omaha Beach, Arromanches,
Pointe du Hoc and the American Cemetery
and Memorial to learn about the Canadian,
American, and Commonwealth involvement
in this unbelievable battle for supremacy.
This evening Connect With Locals on a
Be My Guest experience with the Ferrut
family. (B, L)

### **Be My Guest**

Set in the Normandy countryside, arrive at Centre Equestre Bayeux, where the Ferrut family welcomes you to their working farm that has grown through generations. Over a homemade lunch prepared by Pierre, a trained pastry chef, hear about their family's history and daily life in this rural corner of France.

DAY 9 Journey to Elegant Paris Journey inland through Normandy today, bound for the grand boulevards of Paris. Perhaps join an optional visit to the glittering Palace of Versailles before arriving in the French capital. This evening, consider a trip to one of the city's renowned cabarets. (B) Hotel: Courtyard Paris Porte de Versailles

### **DAY 10 Discover the Delights of Paris**

Join your Local Specialist to view the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice, then delve into the lives of Parisians, wandering through the enchanting hidden squares and secret passages of one of Paris oldest neighbourhoods. Your walking tour concludes in one of the city's loveliest squares which is a real favourite among the locals. Spend the rest of the day on your own to see the sights. On your last evening in Paris, join your travel companions and Travel Director for dinner in the city. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 11 Au Revoir Paris** After breakfast, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell as our memorable holiday comes to a close. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
London and Paris

### **Discover on City Orientations**

Brussels, Ypres, Amiens, Rouen and the Normandy and Somme Regions

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Imperial War Museum in London, the D-Day Landing Beaches, military cemeteries throughout northern France and Belgium, the Australian National Memorial, the Caen Memorial, WWI & WWII Battlefields, the Dunkirk War Museum and evacuation beaches, and the Memorial Museum Passchendaele

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Buckingham Palace in London, the Eiffel Tower, Amiens Cathedral in Amiens, Saint-Sulpice church and the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and the Menin Gate in Ypres

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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I purchased this trip for my husband's birthday and we had a wonderful time. We made new friends!

Elaine

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# Best of France 4.5<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests 13 Days | 2 Countries | 19 Meals | Balanced Activity Departure months: Mar - Oct LOIRE VALLEY Burgundy Wine Region **FRANCE** LYON Rhône Valley BORDEAUX BIARRITZ 112 Key: Start End Overnight Sightseeing

DAY 1 Bonjour Paris All the flavours of France come to life on this unforgettable journey that kicks off in Paris, the 'City of Light'. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a dinner and an orientation drive through the city. (D) Hotel: Mercure 17 Batignolles

**Transfers:** Depart from Charles de Gaulle airport at 09:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Journey through Burgundy to
Lyon Travel through Burgundy to medieval

Beaune before continuing to Lyon, the gourmet capital of France. Perhaps spend your evening delving into the epicurean delights for which Lyon is justifiably famous. (B) Hotel: Mercure Centre Saxe Lafayette

DAY 3 Onwards to Avignon, Monaco and the French Riviera Today you'll journey to the city of Avignon. Continue through the Provençal countryside to Monaco. View the cathedral where Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly were married, then in the evening enjoy dinner in Monaco before continuing along the Riviera to your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Hampton by Hilton St. Laurent Du Var

DAY 4 The French Riviera Your Way The sun-kissed shores of the French Riviera are yours to explore today. Consider relaxing on the beach or an Optional Experience could see you visit the hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. In your free time, soak up the fresh sea air and perhaps indulge in a delicious salade Niçoise. (B)

DAY 5 Admire Arles and Continue to Carcassonne Visit Arles and enjoy some time at leisure to explore this beautiful city. Alternatively, choose an Optional Experience to gain a deeper understanding of Vincent van Gogh and local history with our resident expert, before winding your way to the fortified city of Carcassonne. Dive into Culture on a guided exploration of this ancient town with your Local Specialist who will reveal the Cité, its double ring of ramparts and 52 towers. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure La Cité

DAY 6 Pilgrimage to Lourdes and on to Biarritz Drive toward the Pyrenees this morning and arrive in Lourdes. You'll have an opportunity to see the basilica, perched atop St. Bernadette's Grotto. Travel west to the Basque Coast where you'll spend the night. (B) Hotel: Novotel Anglet Biarritz.

**DAY 7 Venture to Bordeaux** Journey to the wine capital of Bordeaux. Spend some time seeing the sights during your orientation of the city. **(B) Hotel: FirstName Bordeaux** 

### **DAY 8 Discover Beautiful Saint-Émilion**

Drive to Saint-Émilion, whose wine heritage dates back to Roman times. Return to

Bordeaux for some free time to explore. Perhaps, tease your taste buds with delicious Bordelaise cuisine or stroll through the city's historical centre, admiring its beautiful architecture. (B)

DAY 9 Explore a Château in the Loire Valley Journey on toward the 'Garden of France,' stopping for your Be My Guest experience. Enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and visit the remarkable gardens at Château de Villandry before arriving at your hotel for the night - one of Trafalgar's Stays with Stories. (B, L, D) Hotel: Château de Beauvois/Château de la Bourdaisière

### **Be My Guest**

Return to 17<sup>th</sup>-century France and join the de Montferrier family for lunch on their farm near the famous Château de Villandry.

### **Stays with Stories**

A 15<sup>th</sup>-century retreat once favoured by Louis XIII, Château de Beauvois offers historic grandeur, set within a peaceful 40-hectare park in the heart of the Loire Valley.

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Get hands-on with environmental educator Elise, learning how organic gardening at Château de Villandry supports thriving biodiversity. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

DAY 10 Off to Mont-Saint-Michel and the Normandy Beaches Travel to the island settlement of Mont-Saint-Michel on the Normandy coast where you'll visit this island town. Follow the Liberty Highway passing Saint-Lô and on to Omaha Beach. Visit the D-Day Landing Zone to learn how the operation was planned and executed. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Omaha Beach

DAY 11 Journey to Paris Set off for Paris, stopping at Giverny to visit the house and gardens that once inspired Claude Monet's exquisite Impressionist works of art. This evening, consider a trip to one of the city's renowned cabarets. (B) Hotel: Mercure 17 Batignolles

**DAY 12 Discover the Delights of Paris** Join your Local Specialist on a journey through the historic neighbourhoods of Paris. View the remarkable church of Saint-Sulpice. This evening, celebrate your epic adventure with your Travel Director and newfound friends at dinner. **(B, D)** 

DAY 13 Farewell Paris For now it's time to bid a fond au revoir to the Best of France and your fellow travellers at the end of a magical and memorable holiday. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Charles de Gaulle airport at 08:00 and 11:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Carcassonne and Villandry

### **Discover on City Orientations**

Paris, Lyon, Avignon, Monaco, Arles, Lourdes, Bordeaux and Nice

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Hospices de Beaune, Château de Villandry, the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach and Claude Monet's home at Giverny.

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Papal Palace in Avignon, Royal Palace and Cathedral in Monaco, Promenade des Anglais and Place Massena in Nice, Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, Esplanade des Quinconces in Bordeaux, Abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel, the D-Day Beach of Omaha in Normandy, the Eiffel Tower, Champs-Élysées and Saint-Sulpice Church in Paris

### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Drive through the Dordogne and the Loire Valley

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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### **Travel Responsibly**

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Every day consisted of laughter, wine and great food. Our Travel Director David was really the icing on the cake.
Thank you.

Susan

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# Spanish Wonder

4.5/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

9 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

Savour shared moments with locals enjoying sangria in sun-dappled courtyards, zesty paella and the sounds of the Spanish guitar. On this journey, you'll explore the wonders of Spain, from the ornate walls of the Alhambra to the Gothic Cathedral and Giralda Bell Tower in Seville.



DAY 1 Welcome to Madrid The country's capital is your launchpad for a memorable encounter with Spain. Relax in the lush surrounds of Buen Retiro Park, shop on Gran Vía or people-watch over churros con chocolate in the Puerta del Sol. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for an orientation drive followed by dinner. (D) Hotel: NH collection Eurobuilding/Rafael Atocha

**Transfers:** Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Explore Vibrant Toledo Head to Toledo, the former capital of Spain and join a Local Specialist for a walking tour. Dive into Culture as you witness the age-old inlaid steel craft during a visit to a traditional factory. View one of El Greco's most famous paintings in the Church of Santo Tomé before returning to Madrid to admire the exterior of the Royal Palace and Cibeles Fountain with another Local Specialist. Later, delve into the sights and flavours of the city with an Optional Experience. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Córdoba and on to Seville Journey south through La Mancha to Córdoba. Visit the Mosque of the Caliphs with a Local Specialist before travelling to Seville, your home for the next two nights. This evening, join your hosts at a local olive oil farm for a Be My Guest experience. Learn how olives are grown and pressed, hear about life in the countryside and sample some of the oils produced on site. (B, D) Hotel: Zenit/Melia Lebreros/Exe Sevilla Macarena

### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a welcome sangria at Basilippo Hacienda, followed by an introduction to the region's olive oil traditions. Then savour a traditional Andalusian dinner hosted by your guide, Isaac.



DAY 4 Discover Seville's Sights Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Seville. Visit Plaza de España, the tomb of Christopher Columbus and the former Jewish Quarter. In the evening, consider an Optional Experience to see a traditional flamenco show. (B) DAY 5 Onwards to Granada Multicultural Granada takes centre stage today, as you visit the magnificent Alhambra in the company of a Local Specialist. An exquisite example of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra complex was built towards the end of Islamic rule in Spain. Wander through the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal Summer Palace, once linked to the other palaces by a covered walkway across the ravine. (B) Hotel: Occidental

DAY 6 Admire Iconic Architecture in Guadix and on to Valencia Journey to Guadix in the northern foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. See the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings carved into the ochrecoloured cliffs of the surrounding area, then travel to Valencia. Embrace the city's spirit of innovation at the City of Arts and Sciences and enjoy organic horchata, the celebrated drink of Valencia, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This evening, dine at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Valencia Lavant

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Try organic horchata from a family-run
vendor—this nut-based drink is crafted
with natural ingredients using traditional
methods. Your visit directly supports United
Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11:
Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 7 Off to Coastal Peñíscola and Barcelona Head north, along the coast through the Levant region, and stop at Peñíscola, the 'City in the Sea'. Continue along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona with its whimsical Gaudi architecture. Join a Local Specialist to admire the exterior of the unfinished Sagrada Família, see the upscale boutiques and Gaudí creations on the Passeig de Gràcia and pay tribute to Christopher Columbus. (B) Hotel: U232/Barceló Sants

DAY 8 Uncover Gaudi's Barcelona Explore centuries of history, contemporary culture and exquisite art and architecture on your day at leisure. Ramble down Las Ramblas or join an Optional Experience to the monastery perched atop the mountain of Montserrat to see the mystical Black Madonna, the patron saint of Catalonia. This evening, celebrate a memorable journey through Spain over dinner with your newfound friends and Travel Director. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Farewell Spain** Bid a fond adiós to Spain at the end of a memorable holiday. You can transfer to El Prat Airport in Barcelona or continue to Madrid with our complimentary service. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at Barcelona El Prat airport at 08:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Madrid, Toledo, Córdoba,
Seville and Barcelona

Discover on City Orientations
Valencia and Peñíscola

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

An inlaid steel factory, the Synagogue and Santo Tomé in Toledo, Córdoba's Mosque of the Caliphs, the Cathedral in Seville, Granada's Alhambra Palace

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Royal Palace and Cibeles Fountain in Madrid, the cave homes of Guadix, the Serrano and Quart Towers and the City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia and La Sagrada Família exterior in Barcelona

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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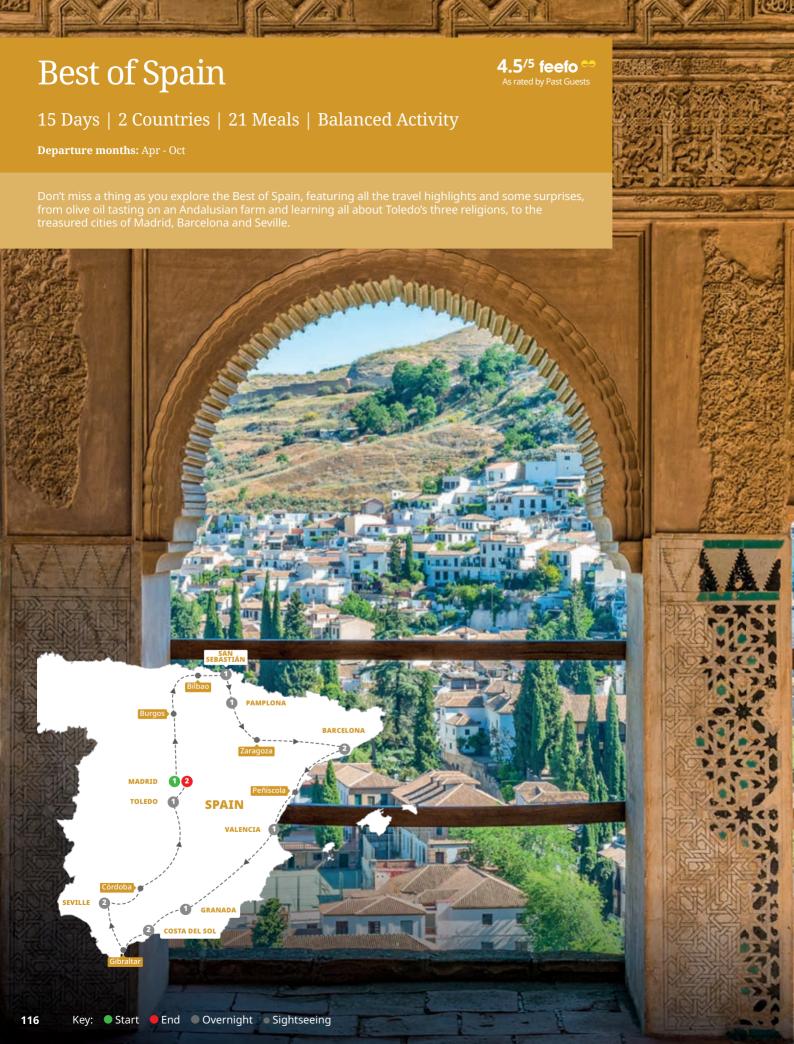


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A sensory overload of sights and smells at the Mercat de la Boqueria on the La Rambla in Barcelona.

Ross

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DAY 1 Hola Madrid Welcome to the fiery Spanish capital. Take in the vibrant essence of Madrid before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a memorable dinner and orientation drive to see some of the city's most iconic sights. (D) Hotel: Rafael Atocha

**Transfers:** Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

### DAY 2 Through Castile to San Sebastián

Leave Madrid and travel north through the Guadarrama mountains into the Castile plains. Stop in Burgos to explore the old town and its Gothic cathedral with your Travel Director. Continue to Bilbao in the Basque Country to admire the striking riverside exterior of the Guggenheim Museum. (B, D) Hotel: Tres Reyes San Sebastián

DAY 3 Onwards to Pamplona Spend the morning enjoying San Sebastián's charm—walk La Concha beach, explore the old town, or relax with coffee in a city square. Later, head to Pamplona, famous for bull-running and medieval streets. The afternoon is free to explore—uncover Pamplona's highlights on an Optional Experience or sample local pintxos. (B, D) Hotel: Tres Reyes Pamplona

DAY 4 Continue to Gaudí Barcelona Your journey continues through the Ebro Valley to Zaragoza where you'll view the Basilica of El Pilar and Cathedral of La Seo. Later, enjoy Barcelona at leisure or indulge in an optional dinner and drive to become better acquainted with the local sights.

(B) Hotel: Leonardo Royal Barcelona

(B) Hotel: Leonardo Royal Barcelona Forum/Barcelona Condal Mar/INNSiDE Barcelona Apolo

DAY 5 Discover Barcelona This morning, consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountain-top monastery of Montserrat to see the shrine of the Black Madonna, the patron saint of Catalonia. Afterwards, the whimsical fantasy world of Gaudí is on as you embark on a sightseeing tour to visit La Sagrada Família in the company of a Local Specialist. (B)

DAY 6 Off to Coastal Peñíscola and

Valencia Travel along the Costa Dorada, scented with oranges, to Peñíscola's ancient castle featured in 'El Cid'. Arrive in sunny Valencia where you will stay the night. On an orientation, see Valencia's modern City of Arts and Sciences. Enjoy horchata, Valencia's celebrated drink, in a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: Novotel Valencia Lavant

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

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DAY 7 Venture to Granada Journey by the dramatic Sierra Nevada Mountain range to the city of Granada where you'll meet a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the spectacular UNESCO-listed Alhambra. Check in to your hotel later, where you will dine tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Occidental

DAY 8 On the Road to Sunny Costa del Sol

Enjoy a leisurely morning on your terms, or consider taking an Optional Experience to the medieval Moorish Quarter of Granada, before leaving for the sun-kissed shores of the Costa del Sol. (B) Hotel: Meliá Costa Del Sol

DAY 9 Costa del Sol Your Way Another day in paradise for you to indulge in la buena vida. Consider an Optional Experience to the effervescent Andalusian capital of Málaga to explore centuries of fascinating history. (B)

DAY 10 Explore Gibraltar and on to Seville A scenic drive takes you past the millionaires' playground of Marbella and on to La Linea, before crossing to the Rock of Gibraltar for free time to explore. This evening, enjoy a Be My Guest experience at an olive farm. (B, D) Hotel: NH Sevilla Plaza de Armas

### **Be My Guest**

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DAY 11 See the Sights of Seville Join your Local Specialist this morning for a tour of Seville's leafy avenues. See the iconic Giralda Bell Tower, visit the Seville Cathedral and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. (B)

### DAY 12 Journey to Córdoba and Toledo

Journey to Córdoba to meet a Local Specialist for a visit to the astounding Mosque of the Caliphs, a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art. Continue to Toledo for an evening in Spain's former capital. (B, D) Hotel: Eurostars Toledo

DAY 13 Admire Ancient Toledo then on to Madrid Your Local Specialist takes you on a walking tour of Toledo where you'll Dive into Culture as you explore this ancient hilltop city. Arrive later in Madrid, where you join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour and visit to the Prado Museum. (B) Hotel: Rafael Atocha

DAY 14 Discover Stylish Madrid Spend today at leisure exploring the city. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner to celebrate your epic adventure through Spain. (B, D)

**DAY 15 Farewell Madrid** For now it's a fond adiós to Spain and newfound friends. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at Madrid-Barajas airport at 08:30 and 11:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Barcelona, Seville, Córdoba,
Toledo and Madrid

### **Discover on City Orientations**

Burgos, Bilbao, San Sebastián, Pamplona, Peñíscola, Valencia and the Rock of Gibraltar

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Alhambra Palace in Granada, the Cathedral in Seville, the Mosque of the Caliphs in Córdoba, the Synagogue and Santo Tomé in Toledo and Madrid's Prado Museum

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, La Concha Bay in San Sebastián, the Cathedral of Zaragoza, the Castle of Peñíscola, the Serrano and Quart Towers and City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia

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Barcelona with friends we made on a previous Trafalgar trip was especially memorable with the Sagrada Família and a scrumptious paella lunch.

Christine

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DAY 1 Welcome to Lisbon A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues saturates the seven hills of the romantic Portuguese capital, which you will have an opportunity to explore today before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a dinner and orientation. (D) Hotel: Turim Lisboa/Olissippo Marquês de Sá

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Discover Colourful Lisbon Delve into Lisbon's centuries-old seafaring heritage today. With our Local Specialist, see the shimmering white Monument to the Discoveries, the iconic suspension bridge spanning the Tagus and Belém Tower. Dive into Culture on a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery. There's time to join an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. In the evening, perhaps enjoy a traditional Portuguese dinner amidst the sounds of the fado. (B)

### **DAY 3 Journey to the Algarve Region**

Journey across the Tagus this morning and drive south towards the Serra da Arrábida Mountains and to the golden pastures of the Alentejo. The hearty aroma of traditional Portuguese cuisine fills the air at your **Be**My Guest experience, where you will visit a historic stud ranch and sit down to lunch in the ancestral family home. After lunch, you'll continue south, bound for the sun-kissed shores of the Algarve. (B, L) Hotel: Holiday Inn Algarve Albufeira

### Be My Guest

Saddle up for a stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love and a traditional home-cooked lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo.

### DAY 4 Cliffs, Beaches and More in the

Algarve Today, visit the historic resort town of Lagos – once home to Henry the Navigator and a key port during the Age of Discovery. Later, stop in the lively coastal town of Albufeira and enjoy some free time to stroll through its charming streets, then enjoy some free time relaxing at the beach or exploring local cafes and shops. (B)

### DAY 5 Onwards to Elegant Évora

Journeying north, travel to the ancient Alentejo city of Évora. Join your Local Specialist and visit the elaborate cathedral, Roman temple and the Chapel of Bones. Spend the rest of your day by joining an Optional Experience to the medieval village of Monsaraz. This evening, dine at your hotel in Évora. (B, D) Hotel: M'ar de Ar Muralhas

### **DAY 6 Venture Past Mountains to Viseu**

Your first stop today is in the hilltop town of Castelo de Vide. Travel north towards the Serra de Estrela mountains and arrive later in Viseu. Explore the city's rich art and architectural history, and see the 12<sup>th</sup>-

century Sé, standing imposingly on a hill overlooking the city. **(B) Hotel: Grão Vasco** 

### **DAY 7** Through the Douro Valley to Porto

Vineyard-clad hills provide an enchanting backdrop for your journey today through the Douro Valley, where Port wine is produced. Explore the magnificent gardens at the Baroque-style Palácio de Mateus, depicted on the label of the distinctive Mateus Rosé wine bottles. Continue via Guimarães for views of its impressive 10th-century castle, before arriving in the riverside town of Porto where you will spend the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Turim Oporto/Carris Ribeira

DAY 8 Explore Vibrant Porto Join a Local Specialist today for a sightseeing tour of Porto. See the remarkable bridges that span the river and the Gothic Church of St. Francis. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace with its splendid Arabian Hall inspired by Granada's Alhambra, before learning about the centuries-old tradition of local Port production with a tasting in a Port cellar. Spend the rest of the afternoon strolling through the historic centre of Porto admiring the azulejo-clad facades, or visit Livraria Lello, the city's oldest bookstore. (B)

DAY 9 On to Coimbra and Pilgrimage to Fátima Soak up the grand atmosphere of one of Europe's greatest and oldest universities with a Local Specialist, then stroll through the ancient streets and squares of Coimbra, before journeying to the Templar city of Tomar. Join a Local Specialist to visit the Convent of Christ. Later, you will arrive in the pilgrimage centre of Fátima. (B, D) Hotel: Fátima/Santa Maria

DAY 10 Experience Village Life Returning to Lisbon En route to Lisbon, with a Local Specialist, stop at the imposing monastery of Batalha – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The next stop is the fishing village of Nazaré, before visiting the medieval walled city of Óbidos. Celebrate your last evening in Portugal over dinner at a familyrun vineyard, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, D) Hotel: Olissippo Oriente/Moxy Alfragide Lisboa/Olissippo Marquês de Sá

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Bid farewell to your Portuguese adventures
at the award-winning organic vineyard Vale
da Capucha which prides itself in producing
organic and biodynamic wines. Your visit
supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goal 12: Responsible
Consumption and Production.

DAY 11 Farewell Lisbon Say a fond adeus to your fellow travellers at the end of an unforgettable Portuguese holiday. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 09:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Lisbon, Évora, Porto,
Coimbra and Tomar

Discover on City Orientations
The Algarve, Lagos, Castelo de
Vide, Viseu, Nazaré and Óbidos

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, the cathedral in Évora, the Palace Gardens at Palacio de Mateus, the Stock Exchange Palace, Arabian Hall and a local Port wine cellar in Porto, the University Library of Coimbra, the Convent of Christ in Tomar and Batalha's Gothic Monastery

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Castle of Guimarães and the Shrine at Fátima

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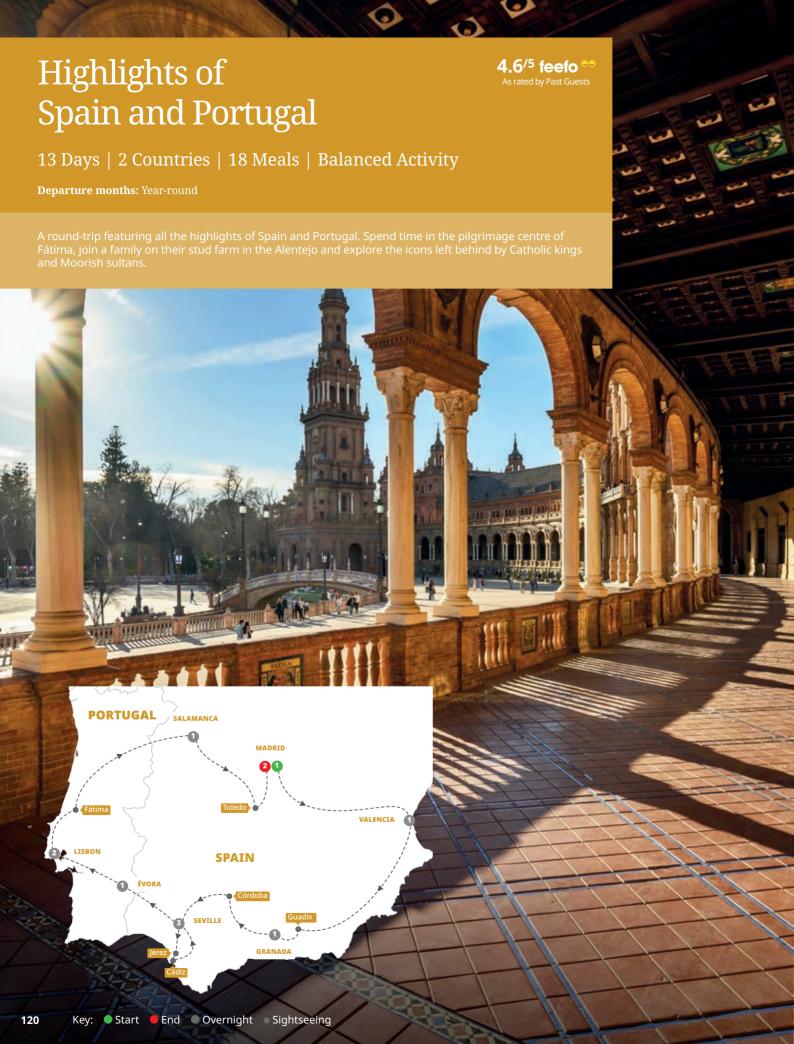


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To tour through Portugal and learn so much about the vast history truly was a treat. My favourite part was our knowledgeable Travel Director.

Geneviève

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DAY 1 Welcome to Madrid Embrace la buena vida and soak up the vibrant atmosphere in Madrid before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner and orientation of the city's glorious sights. (D) Hotel: NH Collection Eurobuilding

**Transfers:** Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Journey to Valencia Journey to Valencia, renowned for its modern verve and spirit of innovation. An orientation drive will include views of the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences, a large-scale urban recreation centre for culture and science and designed by Santiago Calatrava. Enjoy organic horchata, the celebrated drink of Valencia, during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: Novotel Valencia Lavant

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

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DAY 3 Off to Unique Guadix and on to Granada Travel through the Sierra Nevada bound for Guadix, where you'll witness how generations of locals have carved cosy abodes into their rocky surrounds. Next, you'll drive to Granada. (B, D) Hotel: Abades Nevada Palace/Occidental Granada

### DAY 4 Onwards to Córdoba and Seville

Tread in the footsteps of Spain's last emirs, joining your Local Specialist for a visit to the Alhambra, with its amazing palaces, gardens and fountains. Leave Granada behind for Córdoba where you'll join a Local Specialist to visit the mesmerising Mosque of the Caliphs. Your final stop for the day is enchanting Seville. (B, D) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros

### **DAY 5** Uncover the Secrets of Seville

Seville takes centre stage today. See the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower with a Local Specialist, then stroll through the imposing Plaza de España in Maria Luisa Park and visit the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience flamenco performance. **(B)** 

### DAY 6 Admire the Sights of Jerez and

Cádiz Indulge in the aromatic flavours of Jerez today as you Dive into Culture and into the centuries-old tradition of Spanish sherry production. The leafy boulevards and quiet plazas of romantic Cádiz are your next stop. Tread in the footsteps of Columbus, who used this historic port city as his launchpad to the 'New World'. (B)

DAY 7 Venture to Évora Leaving the zesty scents of Seville behind, head to the golden landscapes of the Alentejo for a **Be My Guest** experience at a traditional stud ranch, which has been rearing Lusitano horses since the 18<sup>th</sup> century. After that, continue to Évora for a guided sightseeing tour. With a Local Specialist you will visit Evora's cathedral and Chapel of Bones. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (**B, L, D**) **Hotel: M'ar de Ar Muralhas** 

### **Be My Guest**

Saddle up for a stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love and a traditional home-cooked lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo.

DAY 8 On to Lively Lisbon Arrive in the seafaring Portuguese capital of Lisbon this afternoon, where you'll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Dive into Culture visiting the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém. (B) Hotel: Olissippo Marquês de Sá

DAY 9 Lisbon Your Way Wander through Old Town Lisbon and the grand shopping boulevards that stretch from the shores of the Tagus and Lisbon Baixa to Rossio. Today is yours to embrace the captivating sights and sounds of the Portuguese capital on your own. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. (B)

DAY 10 Pilgrimage to Fátima and on to Salamanca Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, a site of celebrated religious miracles. Leave Portugal, travelling to the historic Spanish city of Salamanca with its golden-hued facades and ancient university heritage, where you will visit its 18th-century Plaza Mayor. (B) Hotel: Gran Corona Sol

### **DAY 11 Continue to Toledo and Madrid**

See the walled city of Ávila, the city of Saint Teresa of Ávila. Then, travel to the clifftop city of Toledo and join a Local Specialist for a guided walk. Later, Dive into Culture and witness local craftsmen at work creating inlaid steel the traditional way. Arrive in Madrid this evening, your home for the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: VOCO Madrid Retiro** 

DAY 12 Explore Fiery Madrid This morning, join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Madrid, where you'll see the Royal Palace and the Cibeles Fountain. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the city on your own terms. This evening marks the end of your memorable journey through the Iberian Peninsula. Join your fellow companions and Travel Director for

DAY 13 Adiós Madrid For now it's time to say a fond farewell to Spain and Portugal. (B)

dinner. (B, D)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Madrid-Barajas airport at 08:30 and 11:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists Córdoba, Seville, Évora, Lisbon, Toledo and Madrid

**Discover on City Orientations**Valencia, Cádiz, Fátima and Salamanca

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Alhambra Palace in Granada, the Cathedral Mosque in Córdoba, Seville Cathedral, the Cathedral of Évora, Plaza Mayor in Salamanca and the Church of Santo Tomé and the Synagogue in Toledo

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Towers of Serrano and Quart and the City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia, the cave houses of Guadix, the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon and the Shrine at Fátima

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This trip bonded me and my mother more than ever. Lighting the candle at Fátima in Portugal was my favourite memory.

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DAY 1 Hola Madrid Kick-start your epic encounter with Spain and Portugal in Europe's highest capital city, Madrid. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a dinner and orientation drive past some of Madrid's most iconic sites. (D)

Hotel: Barceló Imagine

**Transfers:** Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at

10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Admire the Sights of Toledo and Madrid Journey south for an excursion to the hilltop city of Toledo, where you'll join your Local Specialist for a walking tour. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé and the former synagogue of Santa Maria la Blanca. This afternoon, join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Madrid. (B)

### DAY 3 Journey to Segovia and Zamora

Venture to Segovia and see the Roman Aqueduct and the Alcázar of Segovia. Travel to the city of Zamora where you'll view the cathedral and the Church of Mary Magdalene. (B, D) Hotel: NH Palacio del Duero

DAY 4 A Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela Travel to Santiago de Compostela, where you'll join a Local Specialist, who will share insights into the 'Way of Saint James'. Visit the vast Cathedral and the Praza do Obradoiro. (B, D) Hotel: Eurostars Gran

DAY 5 Journey to Scenic Porto Dive into Culture with a Port tasting at a traditional cellar, then explore Porto with a Local Specialist. See the medieval Ribeira Quarter and the city port. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace. (B) Hotel: Carris Ribeira

### DAY 6 Onwards to Fátima and Lisbon

Follow the path taken by pilgrims for over 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, the site of a celebrated religious miracle. Later, arrive in colourful Lisbon. (B) Hotel: Locke de Santa Juana/VIP Grand Lisboa

DAY 7 Discover Lisbon's Treasures You'll see the Monument to the Discoveries and Belém Tower on a sightseeing tour of Lisbon with your Local Specialist. Dive into Culture visiting the Belém Quarter and enjoy a taste of Pastéis de Belém. (B) Hotel: VIP Grand Lisboa/Locke de Santa Juana

DAY 8 On to Seville Travel east through Alentejo before arriving in Seville. Explore the fine art of olive oil production at a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros

### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy a welcome sangria at Basilippo Hacienda, followed by an introduction to the region's olive oil traditions. Then savour a traditional Andalusian dinner hosted by your guide, Isaac. DAY 9 Explore Spectacular Seville Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour through the city. View the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower, see the tiled fountains, pavilions and lush palms in the María Luisa Park and explore the architectural gems of Seville's 1929 Ibero-American Exposition. Later, stroll through the historic Jewish Quarter before visiting the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. (B)

DAY 10 Off to Granada Multicultural Granada takes centre stage today as you visit the magnificent Alhambra in the company of a Local Specialist. A fine example of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra complex was built during the 14<sup>th</sup> century towards the end of Islamic rule in Spain. Wander through the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal Summer Palace, once linked to the other palaces by a covered walkway across the ravine, and admire the intricate design and detail around every turn. (B, D) Hotel: Abades Nevada Palace/Occidental Granada

DAY 11 Onwards to Valencia Journey to Guadix to see the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings lodged in the ochre-coloured cliffs of the surrounding area. Travel to Valencia for an orientation drive which will include views of the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences. Our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience will introduce you to the traditional drink of Valencia - horchata. (B) Hotel: Novotel Valencia Lavant/Exe Rey Don Jaime

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DAY 12 See the Sights of Barcelona Head north along the coast through the Levant region and stop at Peñíscola, the 'City in the Sea'. Continue along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona. Join a Local Specialist and see the exterior of La Sagrada Família, then explore the Plaça de Catalunya. (B) Hotel: INNSIDE Barcelona Apolo by Melia

DAY 13 Barcelona Your Way Embrace the charm of Barcelona. Consider a morning Optional Experience to the mountaintop monastery of Montserrat, and later stroll through the city at your own pace. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner. (B, D)

DAY 14 Journey Home It's time to bid adiós to Spain and Portugal as your unforgettable holiday comes to an end. You can transfer to El Prat Airport in Barcelona or continue to Madrid with our complimentary service. (B)

**Transfer:** Arrive at Barcelona El Prat airport at 08:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** 

Madrid, Toledo, Santiago de Compostela, Porto, Lisbon, Seville and Barcelona

**Discover on City Orientations** 

Segovia, Zamora, Fátima and Valencia

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Santo Tomé and the synagogue in Toledo, the cathedral and Praza do Obradoiro in Santiago de Compostela, the Stock Exchange Palace and a local Port wine cellar in Porto, Seville Cathedral, the Alhambra Palace in Granada

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Roman Aqueduct and Alcázar in Segovia, the cathedral in Zamora, the Shrine at Fátima, the Belém Tower and Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, the Giralda Bell Tower in Seville, the cave homes of Guadix, the Serrano and Quart Towers and the city of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia and La Sagrada Família in Barcelona

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 8 for your unique local encounter

### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 11 for how you'll make a positive impact

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A beautiful afternoon spent in Cascais with friends.

Christine

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DAY 1 Hola Madrid Kick off your unforgettable journey in Madrid. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner and a scenic orientation drive. (D) Hotel: Meliá Castilla/NH Collection Eurobuildina

Transfers: Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at 10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Explore Fiery Madrid Join your Local Specialist on this day of discovery, including views of the iconic Cibeles fountain and Paseo de la Castellana. (B)

### **DAY 3 Onwards to Toledo and Granada**

Join your Local Specialist for a walking tour of Toledo, during which you'll visit the Church of Santo Tomé and the synagogue. Visit a local steel and Damascene workshop. before continuing to Granada. (B, D) **Hotel: Occidental** 

DAY 4 Journey to the Sunny Costa del Sol Admire the impressive Alhambra Palace on a guided visit with a Local Specialist. Continue to the Costa del Sol. (B) Hotel: Meliá Costa Del Sol

### **DAY 5** Cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Fes

Travel along the sun-kissed shores of the Mediterranean and cross to North Africa by ferry. A memorable drive past the Rif Mountains brings you to Fes, your home for the next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Marriott **Inan Palace** 

### **DAY 6 The Medina and More in Fes Join**

a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour through the cultural and spiritual centre of Morocco. Spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. Visit a non-profit veterinarian centre on your MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Visit the non-profit American Fondouk and speak with the volunteer veterinarians. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

**DAY 7 Off to Vibrant Marrakesh** Departing

Fes, journey west through the golden landscape that deepens to rusty red as you approach vibrant Marrakesh. Past and present collide in the world-famous Jemaa el-Fnaa Square. (B) Hotel: Grand **Mogador Menara** 

**DAY 8 Discover Marrakesh** Visit Dar El Bacha with a Local Specialist. See Jemaa el-Fnaa Square in the Old Quarter. Visit a traditional Moroccan pharmacy and learn about the art of blending creams and cosmetics with regional ingredients. (B)

**DAY 9 Casablanca and Rabat** Journey north to Casablanca and enjoy a visit to the Hassan II Mosque with your Local Specialist, before arriving in the country's capital city. (B) Hotel: Impérial Boutique Rabat

**DAY 10 Continue to Tangier** Explore Rabat with your Local Specialist, stopping at the opulent Mohammed V Mausoleum and admiring the cityscape. Later, continue to Tangier, a gateway between Africa and Europe. Your unique **Stays with Stories** is an iconic hotel overlooking the Bay of Tangier and the sparkling Mediterranean beyond. (B, D) Hotel: El Minzah

### Stays with Stories

Immerse yourself in the proud heritage of El Minzah Hotel, a famous Hispano-Moorish hotel in the heart of the city commissioned by the fourth Marquis of Bute in the 1930s.

DAY 11 Sail the Strait to Seville Crossing the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry, return to Spain and journey past the region of Jerez, renowned as the origin of Spanish sherry. Drive through Andalucía and arrive in Seville. (B) Hotel: AZZ Sevilla Este

**DAY 12 Explore Spectacular Seville Join** 

your Local Specialist for a tour which will take you past Giralda Bell Tower. Admire the María Luisa Park and see the imposing Plaza de España. Visit the ornate tomb of Christopher Columbus, then enjoy a walk through the historic Jewish Quarter. (B)

DAY 13 Venture to Évora Head to Alentejo, where the Brito Paes family awaits your arrival for a **Be My Guest** experience on their traditional stud ranch. Afterwards, continue to Évora for a tour with your Local Specialist. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, L, D) Hotel: M'ar de Ar Muralhas

### **Be My Guest**

Saddle up for a stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love and a traditional home-cooked lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo.

**DAY 14 On to Lively Lisbon** Travel from Evora and enjoy a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist in Lisbon. Visit the Belém Quarter and view the exterior of the **UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery** before tasting traditional Pastéis de Belém. (B) Hotel: VIP Grand Lisboa

**DAY 15 Lisbon Your Way Consider joining** an Optional Experience to Cascais and Sintra today. In the evening, enjoy dinner with your newfound friends and Travel Director. (B, D)

**DAY 16 Journey Home** Your epic journey through Spain, Morocco and Portugal comes to an end. You can transfer to Humberto Delgado Airport in Lisbon or continue to Madrid with our complimentary service. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Lisbon Airport at 07:00 and 09:30.

### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** Madrid, Toledo, Fes, Marrakesh, Casablanca, Rabat, Seville. Évora and Lisbon

**Discover on City Orientations** Tangier

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Synagogue and Santo Tomé in Toledo, the Alhambra in Granada, Dar El Bacha and a Moroccan pharmacy in Marrakesh, the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, the Cathedral in Seville and the Belém Quarter in Lisbon

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Royal Palace in Rabat, the Belém Tower and the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 10 and 13 for your unique local encounter

### **Travel Responsibly**

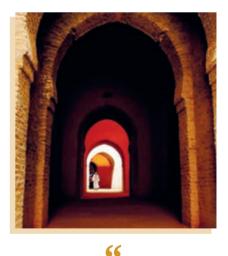
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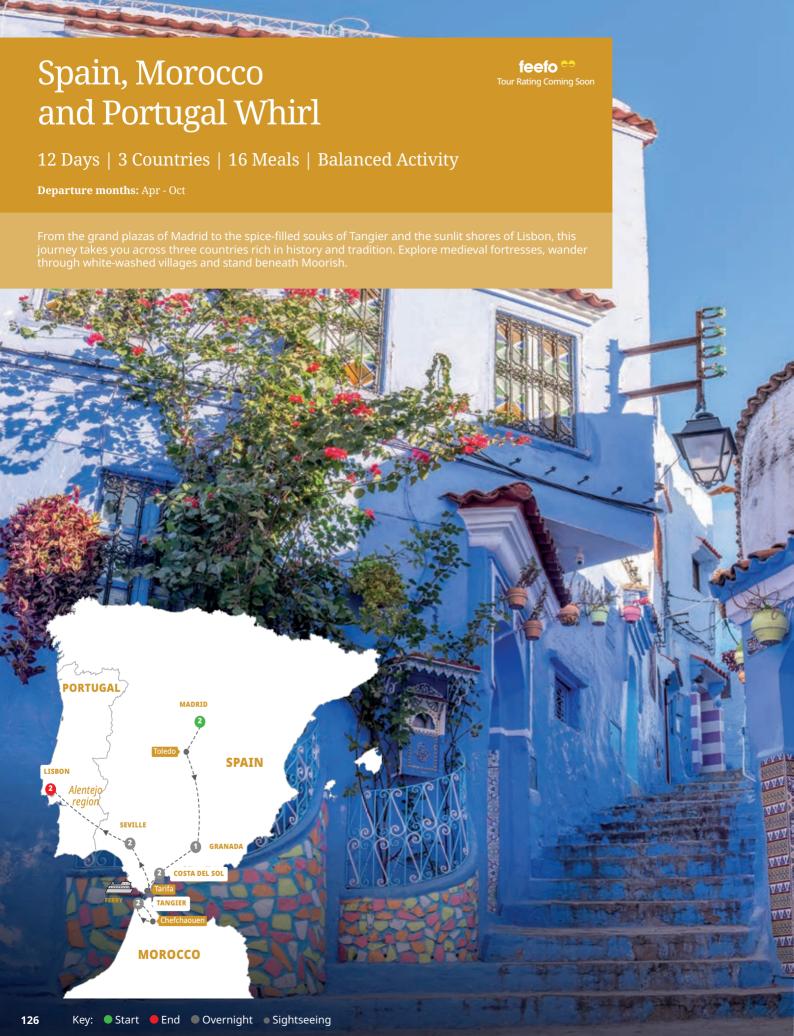




This picture embodies the majesty and mystery we discovered in Morocco. Like no other place I have ever been.

Jacquie

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DAY 1 Welcome to Madrid Hit the ground running in Madrid with an orientation drive, getting your first glimpse of the capital city's grand plazas and historic landmarks. In the evening, sit down to dinner with your Travel Director and fellow travellers. (D)

**Hotel: VOCO Madrid Retiro** 

**Transfers:** Depart Madrid-Barajas airport at

10:30, 13:00 and 15:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Explore Madrid Begin the day with a city tour of Madrid alongside a Local Specialist, discovering its history and iconic sights. Spend the afternoon exploring at your leisure or join an optional trip to UNESCO-listed Segovia to see its Roman aqueduct, medieval Alcázar and Gothic cathedral. (B)

### DAY 3 Madrid to Granada Via Toledo

Leave Madrid behind for Toledo, a UNESCO World Heritage city famed for its sword-making heritage. With a Local Specialist, visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to El Greco's masterpiece 'The Burial of the Count of Orgaz', and explore a historic synagogue. Watch artisans at work at Damasquinados Suarez, a sword-making workshop, before continuing to Granada, nestled at the foot of the Sierra Nevada, where dinner awaits. (B, D) Hotel: Barcelo Granada Congress

**DAY 4 En Route to Costa del Sol This** 

morning, explore the Alhambra with a Local Specialist – a Moorish masterpiece built in 1238 and later home to the Royal Court of Ferdinand and Isabella. Then, travel to the Costa del Sol to enjoy its golden beaches and relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere. Spend a free evening unwinding, strolling along the promenade, or savouring fresh seafood at a local restaurant. (B) Hotel: Melia Costa Del Sol

DAY 5 See Sunny Costa del Sol Spend the day your way on the Costa del Sol — relax on the beach or stroll the promenades soaking up the sun and the lively atmosphere. For those keen to explore this morning, an optional trip to Málaga offers a chance to discover the city's rich history, from its Moorish past to its connection with Picasso. (B)

DAY 6 From Spain to Morocco Cross the Strait of Gibraltar by ferry, leaving Spain behind for the vibrant streets of Tangier. With a Local Specialist, follow in the footsteps of Matisse, Jack Kerouac and Cézanne, uncovering the city's rich history and striking blend of Moroccan and Spanish influences. (B) Hotel: El Minzah

DAY 7 Explore the Blue City Venture into the Rif Mountains to explore Chefchaouen, the famed Blue City. Wander its maze-like streets, browse colourful souks and visit the Kasbah Fortress, a historic stronghold now home to a museum and peaceful gardens. Later, return to Tangier for one last night in Morocco. (B, D)

DAY 8 Cross the Strait of Gibraltar to Seville Sail back across the Strait of Gibraltar, swapping the spice-scented souks of Morocco for the sun-drenched landscapes of Andalusia. By evening, arrive in Seville, where the night is yours. For a true taste of Spain, why not join an Optional Experience at a flamenco show? (B) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros

DAY 9 Historic Seville Join your Local Specialist to see the Giralda Bell Tower, visit Seville Cathedral, the resting place of Christopher Columbus, and wander the former Jewish Quarter. Stroll through María Luisa Park, then admire the grand architecture of the 1929 Ibero-American Exposition. (B)

### **DAY 10** Across the Border to Lisbon

Travel through Portugal's Alentejo region for a special **Be My Guest** experience with your hosts Tiago and Vera on their family's stud farm. Later, arrive in Lisbon, with the evening free to explore. **(B, L) Hotel: VIP Grand Lisboa** 

### **Be My Guest**

Saddle up for a stud farm visit, the tragic story of unrequited love and a traditional home-cooked lunch with Tiago and Vera in Portugal's beautiful Alentejo.



DAY 11 Get to Know Lisbon Uncover Lisbon's rich history on a city tour with your Local Specialist, followed by a delicious Pastel de Nata tasting, the country's famous custard tart. The afternoon is yours—explore at your own pace or join an optional trip through the Golden Triangle, visiting Estoril, Cascais and one of Lisbon's stunning royal palaces. Your final night is here, join your travelling companions and Travel Director for one last delicious meal together. (B, D)

DAY 12 Goodbye Lisbon It's time to bid farewell to your fellow travellers, your Travel Director and the incredible sights of Spain, Morocco and Portugal. (B)

**Transfers:** Arrive at Lisbon Airport at 07:00 and 09:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Madrid, Toledo, Tangier,
Seville and Lisbon

### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Church of Santo Tomé in Toledo, the Alhambra in Granada, the Kasbah Fortress in Chefchaouen and the Cathedral in Seville

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Damasquinados Suarez in Toledo and the Giralda Bell Tower in Seville

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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As a foodie, Spain always hits the spot - especially the tapas bars in Seville. With over 3,000 scattered across the city, it's my favourite place to stop, sip and savour.

Tim, Travel Experiences Team

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## Northern Spain

11 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Sep

Go beyond the normal northern Spain trip and immerse yourself n the region's distinctive culture and history. On this trip, you'll trace the footsteps of pilgrims, witnessing oreathtaking landscapes and cimeless traditions.





### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Barcelona, Santiago de Compostela, Salamanca and Madrid

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Holy Cave of Covadonga, the fishing village of Luarca, St. James Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela and the Prado Museum in Madrid

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and the Cathedral and University of Salamanca

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Enjoy dinner and cider tasting with the Castañón family at their Cider Mill near Oviedo

### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Dine at Mescladis, an initiative aiding victims of social exclusion in Barcelona

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### Great <u>Iberian</u> Cities

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Blaze a trail on this Spain and Portugal trip as you travel from Gaudí's Barcelona to Portugal's 'Golden Age of Discoveries' in Lisbon. See the tomb of Columbus, visit the Prado Museum and enjoy sweet sangria in Andalusia.





### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo, Seville and Lisbon

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Prado Museum in Madrid, Church of Santo Tome and the Synagogue in Toledo and the Cathedral in Seville

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

La Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Giralda Bell Tower in Seville, the Monument to the Discoveries in Lisbon

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Enjoy a traditional Andalusian dinner with the Carrion family

### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Dine at Mescladis, an initiative aiding victims of social exclusion in Barcelona

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# Best of Morocco

11 Days | 1 Country | 20 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Year-round

An in-depth Morocco trip featuring sights, sounds and flavours befitting its status as the gateway to Africa. Explore the ancient alleyways of Fes, marvel at the Saharan sunset and enjoy the rich tapestry of Moroccan culture.



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### Included highlights and must-sees

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Rabat, Fes, Marrakesh and Casablanca

### Visit Must-see Landmarks

Mausoleum of Mohammed V in Rabat, a traditional tannery and dye-pit in Fes and Dar El Bacha in Marrakesh

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Royal Palace of Fes, the Todra Gorge and the UNESCO-listed village of Aït Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains and the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Dine at Khalid's 19<sup>th</sup>-century riad **Stays with Stories:** Overnight at the panoramic Dades Xaluca Hotel

### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit the non-profit American Fondouk and speak with volunteer veterinarians

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### Best of Holland

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7 Days | 1 Country | 9 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Sep

Delight in the best of the Netherlands on this in-depth exploration. Visit Delft and Volendam to learn about regional traditions. You'll see the works of great masters at the Rijksmuseum and soak up some of that characteristic gezellig spirit with a family on their farm.



DAY 1 Welcome to Amsterdam What better place to start your jaunt through the Netherlands than Amsterdam? Spend your day strolling through its pretty streets beside tree-lined canals, stopping to enjoy coffee and speculaas along the way. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening on a scenic canal cruise, including a light meal and drinks, admiring the centuries-old facades. (D) Hotel: Bilderberg Garden

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 Explore Amsterdam's Art and Architecture Delve into the Dutch Golden Age and its extraordinary art, architecture and history, traversing the city's inner labyrinth of canals and narrow streets, along which hundreds of sturdy Dutch bicycles rattle day and night. Enjoy a small group sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum, featuring the works of great Dutch masters, including Rembrandt's 'The Night Watch'. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Aalsmeer/Keukenhof, The Hague and Rotterdam Rise with the birds this morning to visit Aalsmeer and its vibrant flower auction, filled with the vividly-hued blooms for which Holland is so famous. Alternatively, during the flowering season (late March until mid-May), you'll enjoy an included visit to the tulip gardens of Keukenhof. The mesmerising sight of millions of flowering bulbs planted across 32 hectares will leave you awestruck. This afternoon, travel via The Hague to the historic town of Delft and visit the Royal Delft Pottery workshop, where you'll gain insights into the production of this delicate hand-painted blue and white porcelain. Continue to edgy Rotterdam, which was rebuilt from the ground up after being destroyed during World War II. Your orientation tour will reveal an innovative city with architectural treasures worth capturing on camera and a vibrant multicultural scene around every turn. (B) Hotel: Novotel **Rotterdam Brainpark** 

DAY 4 Onwards to Arnhem, Oosterbeek and Tiel Enjoy a morning at leisure, or perhaps consider joining an Optional Experience to visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed village of Kinderdijk, famous for its 19 monumental windmills. Later, travel east to Arnhem to see the John Frost Bridge, so named as a tribute to the commander of the British forces that held the bridge for four days with a mere 750 soldiers, during the World War II Battle of Arnhem. Learn about this famous battle, inspiration behind the film 'A Bridge Too Far', on an included visit to the Airborne Museum at Oosterbeek. Continue your journey to Tiel, your home for the night. (B, D) Hotel: Van der Valk Tiel

DAY 5 Off to Stunning Zwolle and Leeuwarden Today, head north to the beautiful Hanseatic city of Zwolle, where you'll join your Local Specialist for a walking tour through its historic centre. Later, continue to Friesland where your Local Specialist will reveal the delights of Leeuwarden on a guided walk around this vibrant city full of art, beautiful architecture and medieval canals and streets. (B) Hotel: Fletcher Paleis Stadhouderlijk Ho

DAY 6 Venture to Volendam and Return to Amsterdam Embark on a beautiful drive through Friesland en route to Volendam, a former fishing port on the edge of IJsselmeer. Learn about the craft of wooden clog making and Dutch cheese. Then meet Tom, miller of Katwoude, for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This evening, enjoy a celebratory Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure City

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Visit a mill in Katwoude and learn about the important role the mill plays in managing rising water levels. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 13: Climate Action.

### **Be My Guest**

Go Dutch and share a relaxed dinner, savouring delicious local cheeses with the Pauw family on their dairy farm.



**DAY 7 Farewell Amsterdam** For now we say a fond tot ziens to Amsterdam and our newfound friends, closing the door on a memorable Dutch experience. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam,
Zwolle and Leeuwarden

**Discover on City Orientations**Amsterdam and Rotterdam

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Aalsmeer or Keukenhof (when open), Royal Delft Pottery, the Airborne Museum in Arnhem and a cheese and clog producer in Volendam

**View Must-see Landmarks**The John Frost Bridge in Arnhem

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The tour, Travel Directors and the friends I made were all amazing. The country, food and sea of tulips were beautiful.

Jeanine

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# Best of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg

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10 Days | 3 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Oct

Experience all the highlights of the Low Countries on this Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg trip. Buzzing capitals, quaint merchant towns and lush countryside are the backdrop to the fascinating stories of these nations.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Brussels** Launch your holiday in Brussels. Later, you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D) Hotel: NH Brussels EU Berlaymont** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:30 and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Brussels Your Way Today, your Travel Director will take you on an orientation tour of Brussels, see the Atomium, designed for the 1958 Brussels World's Fair, Mannekin Pis and the exquisite Grand Place with its opulent and ornate guildhalls. After you will have an opportunity to explore the capital as you wish, stroll past the Royal Palace and through the leafy lanes of Brussels Park or indulge in tasting delicious chocolate. Or join an Optional Experience in Waterloo. In 1815 Napoleon fought his famous last battle here against the Duke of Wellington. You'll also see the famous iron lion monument built by widows of veterans. Your Travel Director will assist you to make the most out of your remaining time at leisure. (B)

### **DAY 3 Continue to Ghent and Bruges**

Delve into centuries of trade heritage in the medieval port city of Ghent. See the three famous towers - Saint Nicholas Church, the Belfry and Saint Bavo's Cathedral - before continuing to Bruges. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Ypres and Last Post Ceremony. Travel with your Local Specialist to the historic town of Ypres, a 'city of peace' known for its involvement in World War I. Visit the famous Last Post Ceremony, which commemorates the fallen of the British Army and its allies on the surrounding Flanders Fields. (B) Hotel: Radisson Blu Bruges

### **DAY 4 Uncover the Treasures of Bruges**

Wake up in beautiful Bruges and join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the town. Take to the water and enjoy a whimsical sightseeing cruise along the city's wonderful canals lined with Gothic facades. Next, admire the delicate art of Belgian lace. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B, D)

DAY 5 Journey to Luxembourg En route to the Duchy of Luxembourg, stop in Dinant, a picturesque town set on the banks of the Meuse River, protected by a rocky cliff. This afternoon, you'll visit Orval Abbey on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, D) Hotel: Parc Hotel Alvisse/DoubleTree by Hilton/Novotel Luxembourg Kirchberg

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Visit the 12th-century Orval Abbey, an
ancient site steeped in history. The Trappist
Cistercian monks of Orval have brewed
on this site for hundreds of years. Your
visit directly supports United Nations
Sustainable Development Goal 12:
Responsible Consumption and Production.

### **DAY 6** See the Sights of Luxembourg

City This morning, pay tribute to Allied Forces hero, General George S. Patton, whose final resting place is the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial. Later, you'll embark on a leisurely walking tour of Luxembourg City with a Local Specialist. Your route takes you past the Cathedral and the Grand Ducal Palace and includes spectacular views of the gorge of the rivers Alzette and Petrusse. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 7 Onwards to Bastogne, Maastricht and Amsterdam Continue on to Bastogne, the site of bloody skirmishes in the World War II Battle of the Bulge. Next the fortified city of Maastricht takes centre stage, rich in history and culture with the buzz of a thriving university. Spend some time strolling through its town centre before journeying to the magical city of Amsterdam. (B) Hotel: Bilderberg Garden

### **DAY 8 Explore Amazing Amsterdam**

Explore Amsterdam's historic city centre this morning then join a small group sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum with a Local Specialist. Celebrate spring and enjoy an included visit to Keukenhof (subject to season) where you'll stroll through an enchanting wonderland of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. **(B)** 

### **DAY 9 Discover Delft and Rotterdam**

View the Peace Palace in The Hague followed by a visit to the Royal Delft Pottery workshop to admire the delicate blue and white porcelain. Continue your journey south, arriving in the edgy port city of Rotterdam, where you'll enjoy an informative orientation tour. Tonight, you'll come together for a **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, D)** 

### **Be My Guest**

Go Dutch and share a relaxed dinner, savouring delicious local cheeses with the Pauw family on their dairy farm.



### **DAY 10 Depart Amsterdam Bid**

Amsterdam a fond farewell this morning as you prepare to close the curtain on a memorable holiday. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Bruges, Luxembourg City and the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam

### **Discover on City Orientations**

Brussels, Ghent, Maastricht, Amsterdam and Rotterdam

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

A lace making workshop in Bruges, Dinat, Orval Abbey and General George Patton's Grave in Luxembourg City

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The American Memorial at Bastogne

### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Cruise on the canals of Bruges and Amsterdam

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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Amazing trip with great food, stunning views, new friends and the best Travel Director!

Carmen

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# Best of Germany

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12 Days | 1 Country | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity



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**DAY 1 Welcome to Frankfurt** On your first day in Germany, see the sights of Frankfurt on your own before meeting your Travel Director for an orientation of Römerberg and the financial district. Later, enjoy a light dinner with your fellow travellers.

**Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:00 and 13:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:00.

DAY 2 Cruise Along the Rhine and Journey to Cologne Board your leisurely Rhine cruise, before stopping for a **Be My Guest** experience. Travel then to Cologne to view the Gothic spires of its cathedral during an orientation. (**B**, **L**) **Hotel:** Steigenberger Köln

### Be My Guest

Enjoy lunch overlooking the Rhine Valley and learn about local legends and knights who once lived here.

DAY 3 Onwards to the Port City of Hamburg Journey through the lush landscape of Lower Saxony to the international trade centre of Hamburg for an orientation tour. Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the city's seafaring heritage. Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza City Alster

DAY 4 Journey to Berlin Cross the former 'Tron Curtain' to Berlin where your Local Specialist will reveal the city's iconic landmarks, including the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden. Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Catalonia Berlin Mitte

DAY 5 Discover the History and Icons of Berlin Ascend the iconic Berlin TV Tower for 360° views of the city and Spree River. You'll learn how this landmark changed from being a symbol of the communist regime of East Germany to a symbol of a reunited Berlin before enjoying some time this afternoon to explore Berlin your way. You could choose to join an Optional Experience to delve into the secrets of Berlin's past, including a visit to the site of Checkpoint Charlie. (B)

**DAY 6 Off to Dresden** Visit Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe' and learn about the restoration of the city's beautiful Baroque facades following its devastation during World War II. See the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and the fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. This afternoon, you could choose an Optional Experience to visit the Dresden Royal Treasury, one of the richest treasure chambers in Europe, followed by a visit to Moritzburg Castle. **(B) Hotel: Bilderberg Bellevue Dresden** 

### **DAY 7 Venture to Historic Nuremberg**

Learn more about a divided Germany at Mödlareuth's open-air museum and see a section of the original wall with its security features. This afternoon, arrive in Nuremberg, once the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. During your orientation, see the mighty castle ramparts and stand in the Hauptmarkt main square, then spend the rest of your evening at leisure, perhaps indulging in grilled Nürnberger Rostbratwurst with sauerkraut. (B) Hotel: Park Plaza Nuremberg

DAY 8 Continue to Medieval Rothenburg and Munich Stroll through the medieval centre of Rothenburg, seemingly frozen in time and encircled by a fortified town wall that remains intact after centuries. Admire its beautiful market square and the Old Town Hall before following part of the Romantic Road through villages and the countryside to Munich. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark

DAY 9 Explore Munich During your time in Munich, see the distinctive towers of the Cathedral, stroll through Marienplatz, and admire the impressive town hall with its charming Glockenspiel. A short walk from here takes you to the 13th-century St. Peter's Church, the Viktualien food market square, and a traditional beer hall. Later, join a Local Specialist for a guided visit to the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial, a powerful experience that offers insight into this dark chapter of history. (B)

DAY 10 Admire Neuschwanstein Castle and the Black Forest Snap your fingers and be transported to a land of fables and folklore. Visit King Ludwig II's fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle (subject to availability), then continue to the Black Forest, whose mystical landscape inspired fantasy and fiction from the famous Brothers Grimm. This evening, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, D) Hotel: Hofgut Sternen

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Join a Local Specialist at Hofgut Sternen, a
sustainable destination in the Black Forest.
Learn how they conserve the environment
by harnessing energy from their own
plant and utilising local natural resources.
Your visit directly supports United Nations
Sustainable Development Goal 15:
Life on Land.

DAY 11 On to Heidelberg and Frankfurt Witness the centuries-old craft of cuckoo clock making. Then view the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, as well as the Baroquestyle Old Town. Tonight, enjoy dinner with your newfound friends. (B, D) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

**DAY 12 Farewell Germany** After breakfast, say a fond farewell after a memorable holiday. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Berlin

### **Discover on City Orientations**

Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Dresden, Nuremberg, Rothenburg, Munich and Heidelberg

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Berlin TV Tower, Mödlareuth Open Air Museum, Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial and Neuschwanstein Castle

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Cologne Cathedral and Heidelberg Castle

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Cruise along the Rhine River

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 2 for your unique local encounters

### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 10 for how you'll make a positive impact

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This was a magical place. We had a wonderful day at Neuschwanstein Castle and the scenery is magnificent.

Robert

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# Highlights of Germany

4.6/5 feefo Sar rated by Past Guests

8 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Oct

Unlock the highlights of Germany, from Berlin's Brandenburg Gate to Nuremberg's impressive Frauenkirche. Delve into the history of Dresden and discover divided Germany's legacy at the open-air museum in Mödlareuth. Visit fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle and travel through the Bavarian countryside to the vibrant city of Munich.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Berlin** Start your Central European adventure in Berlin. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers, spend time exploring this remarkable city before enjoying dinner. **(D) Hotel: NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:30 and 13:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Explore Bustling Berlin Explore an iconic landmark of Berlin during an experience at the Berlin TV Tower, you'll enjoy inspiring 360° views of the city and Spree River. See the Neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden with a Local Specialist during your included sightseeing tour. Enjoy some free time this afternoon exploring the city on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience delving into Berlin's secret past. This evening, enjoy a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

### **Be My Guest**

Join Camilla and Elisa in their cafe in Berlin's Prenzlauer Berg for a warm evening featuring a traditional three-course German dinner and local stories that bring this vibrant neighbourhood's history and culture to life.



DAY 3 Off to Dresden A short drive south brings us to Dresden, the 'Florence on the Elbe', where you'll hear about the city's restoration following its devastation during World War II as you admire its beautiful Baroque facades. See the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and the fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. Consider delving into the treasures of Dresden, joining an Optional Experience to explore this elegant city. (B) Hotel: Bilderberg Bellevue Dresden

### **DAY 4 Venture to Historic Nuremberg**

Gain insights into a divided Germany at Mödlareuth's open-air museum and see a section of the original wall with its security features. This afternoon, arrive in Nuremberg, once the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. During your orientation, see the mighty castle ramparts and stand in the Hauptmarkt main square, then spend the rest of your evening at leisure, perhaps indulging in grilled Nürnberger Rostbratwurst with sauerkraut.

(B) Hotel: Park Plaza Nuremberg

DAY 5 On to Rothenburg and the Black Forest Stroll through the cobbled lanes of Rothenburg. Wander past the Old Town Hall at your own pace before heading into the Black Forest to discover a treasured tradition at a local cuckoo clock workshop. This evening, unwind at your Stays with Stories hotel and enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Hofgut Sternen

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sustainable property in the Black Forest.
Learn how they conserve the environment by
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Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

### **Stays with Stories**

Set at the entrance to Ravenna Gorge, Hofgut Sternen has welcomed travellers for centuries. Marie Antoinette, Goethe and Napoleon III all passed through this former coach stop, now a sustainably run property sharing the traditions of the Black Forest.

DAY 6 Admire Neuschwanstein Castle and Munich Travel through the beautiful countryside to a land of fables and folklore. This morning, tread in the footsteps of shy King Ludwig II and visit his Neuschwanstein Castle (subject to availability), built as a retreat for the king to withdraw from public life. Continue through the beautiful countryside to Munich. (B) Hotel: The Rilano München

DAY 7 Explore Munich Take in the distinctive towers of the Cathedral, strolling through Marienplatz and seeing the impressive town hall with its charming Glockenspiel. A short walk leads to the 13<sup>th</sup>-century St. Peter's Church, the Viktualien food market square, and a traditional beer hall. Spend the afternoon with a Local Specialist at the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial, a powerful experience that offers insight into this dark chapter of history. End the day over dinner with your fellow travellers, reminiscing about the journey and the moments that made it unforgettable. (B, D)

**DAY 8 Farewell Germany** After breakfast, say a fond farewell at the end of a memorable journey through the highlights of Germany. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 09:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Berlin

Discover on City Orientations
Dresden, Nuremberg,
Rothenburg and Munich

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Berlin TV Tower, Mödlareuth Open Air Museum, Neuschwanstein Castle and the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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### **Travel Responsibly**

See day 5 for how you'll make a positive impact

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We celebrated our 29th anniversary with a fairy-tale journey, including a visit to Steigenhaus-Hofgut Sternen.
The life-sized cuckoo clock was a magical highlight!!

Keith

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### Switzerland and Austria

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

13 Days | 3 Countries | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

Embark on one of our most popular trips and scale new heights through Austria and Switzerland. With the majestic Alps taking centre stage, waltz through imperial Vienna, soak up alpine charm in Innsbruck, enjoy breathtaking views in car-free Zermatt and stroll lakeside promenades in Lucerne.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Vienna** Waltz your way through Vienna, the 'City of Music' — a fitting introduction to an unforgettable journey through some of Europe's most enchanting landscapes. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. **(D) Hotel: Max Brown 5th District** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:00

and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 Discover Artistic Vienna See the State Opera, Hofburg, St. Stephen's Cathedral and Parliament with a Local Specialist. This evening, you may wish to attend a Viennese concert in one of the city's magnificent performance venues. (B)

### DAY 3 Off to Picturesque Salzburg The

UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley's landscapes provide a picturesque backdrop on your drive past vineyards and fortresses to Salzburg. See the Benedictine Melk Abbey above the Danube and learn its history. In Salzburg, take a walking tour of the Old Town with a Local Specialist. Later, enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience and dinner on a farm. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Salzburg City

### **Be My Guest**

Join Eva and her family at their Wastlbauer Farm near Salzburg, run by the same family since 1768, for dinner and to learn about the principles of permaculture, selfsufficiency and organic farming.

**DAY 4 On to Innsbruck** Today, you'll drive into the mountains of Tyrol with a stop at the magical Swarovski Crystal World on your way to Innsbruck. Here you'll have an opportunity to admire Emperor Maximilian I's Golden Roof, St. James Cathedral and see the Olympic ski jump. **(B) Hotel: Grauer Bär** 

**DAY 5 Innsbruck Your Way** Spend your free time exploring Innsbruck's iconic sites and delving into Tyrol's complex history and culture, or simply relax and admire this dazzling city with its magnificent Alpine backdrop. **(B)** 

### DAY 6 Venture to St. Moritz This

morning, cross the Swiss border and travel through the enchanting landscapes of the Engadine Valley. Arriving in the chic winter sports resort of St. Moritz, you'll have the afternoon on our own to explore the scenic landscape or perhaps take the Bernina line train. (B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria

DAY 7 Journey to Lake Maggiore and on to Zermatt Drive via the Maloja Pass, past Lake Como, to Lake Maggiore. Explore the lakeside town of Stresa, before perhaps joining an Optional Experience to discover the Borromean Islands? Then, head towards the Simplon Pass en-route to Zermatt, where you'll dine at your Stays with Stories hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Ambassador Zermatt

### **Stays with Stories**

Arrive by train into car-free Zermatt, where the Matterhorn and village life sit right on your hotel's doorstep.

**DAY 8 Zermatt Your Way** Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air and panoramic vistas. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views. **(B)** 

### **DAY 9** On to Lake Geneva and Montreux

Journey through the Rhône Valley to Lake Geneva, view Chillon Castle and continue to Montreux, set against snow-covered peaks and vineyards. (B) Hotel: Mona Montreux

### DAY 10 Cross the Brünig Pass to Lucerne

Travel via Bern to Interlaken, set in the heart of Switzerland in the shadow of the mighty Jungfrau. Then, cross the Brünig Pass to lakeside Lucerne, where you'll view the ancient wooden Chapel Bridge suspended over the Reuss and visit the poignant Lion Monument to pay tribute to the brave Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe Lucerne

**DAY 11 Lucerne Your Way** Snow-capped peaks surround you as you wander through the medieval streets of Lucerne, lined with colourful muralled facades. Spend a full day on your own exploring the Old Town, enjoy a leisurely Swiss lunch or consider an Optional Experience ascending a nearby mountain for panoramic views. **(B)** 

### **DAY 12 Discover Cosmopolitan Zürich**

You'll continue to Zürich to discover its historic centre including the Munster Bridge, Paradeplatz, Lindenhof Square and other enchanting locations. Then join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This evening, toast to your epic journey over dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D) Hotel: Hyatt Place Zurich Airport The Circle

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Join Diana and her team of socially
engaged local guides on a fun and
educational walking tour to uncover
Zürich's Old Town. Your visit directly
supports United Nations Sustainable
Development Goals 10 & 12: Reduced
Inequalities & Responsible Consumption
and Production.

**DAY 13 Journey Home** Say a fond farewell to Switzerland and your newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 08:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Vienna and Salzburg

Discover on City Orientations
Innsbruck, Stresa, Zermatt,
Lucerne and Zürich

Visit Must-see Landmarks Swarovski Crystal World

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Golden Roof and Hofburg Palace in Innsbruck, the Matterhorn and Jungfrau mountains (weather permitting), Chillon Castle, the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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### **Travel Responsibly**

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This was a dream trip! Our Travel Director arranged a Gornergrat cog-railroad trip to see the Matterhorn. The trip and views were breathtaking!

Rich and Deb Kind

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### Contrasts of Switzerland

4.6/5 feefo As rated by Past Guests

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

All aboard the world's first-ever 'Swisstainable' tour. Experience the local culture and delight in regional produce as you support the ecology and economy of Switzerland. Every hotel, experience, meal and transport is accredited as 'Swisstainable' - Switzerland's national benchmark certificate for sustainability.



DAY 1 Welcome to Zürich Zürich is your springboard to a spectacular journey through Switzerland. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers to explore the city's ancient heritage and modern verve during your orientation tour this afternoon. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers to launch your Swiss experience for dinner. (D) Hotel: Hyatt Place Zurich Airport The Circle

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 15:30.

### DAY 2 Onwards by Train to St. Moritz

Your love affair with the snow-capped peaks of Switzerland begins on a scenic train journey via Chur to the stylish resort of St. Moritz, set against the beautiful backdrop of Lake St.Moritz. Admire the inspiring natural setting and perhaps travel on one of Switzerland's most spectacular rail routes across the Bernina pass this afternoon, before enjoying dinner at your hotel tonight. **(B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria** 

### DAY 3 Catch the Glacier Express to

Zermatt Watch the epic alpine landscapes drift past as you chug along one of the world's most unforgettable rail journeys from the comfort of the Glacier Express (subject to availability). Cross hundreds of bridges and the Oberalp Pass at 2,044 m (6,700 ft) above sea level. Enjoy an included lunch on board as you journey to the resort town of Zermatt, your Stays with Stories destination. Upon arrival, your Travel Director will take you on an orientation of the town. (B, L) Hotel: Ambassador Zermatt

### Stays with Stories

Arrive by train into car-free Zermatt, where the Matterhorn and village life sit right on Ambassador Zermatt's doorstep.

**DAY 4 Zermatt at Leisure** Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air and panoramic vistas. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views. **(B)** 

### DAY 5 A Train Journey to Lakeside

Geneva Travel by train to Geneva and continue to La Ferme Enchantée for a memorable Be My Guest experience over lunch. This sustainable farm also hosts beehives, and you'll even meet the beekeeper during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This afternoon, return to Geneva where the orientation will include views of the Old Town, Jet d'Eau and the Flower Clock. Later, explore the city on your own. Stroll through the ancient maze of medieval streets and quiet squares or consider a cruise – enjoying views of the lakeside villages. (B, L) Hotel: Warwick Geneva

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Meet the passionate beekeeper of
Apidae, a local organisation raising

awareness and promoting education on bees, wildflowers and pollinators, for a talk on bees and biodiversity in Geneva County. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

### **Be My Guest**

Your hosts at La Ferme Enchantée, located on a hill in the middle of the vineyards, welcomes you for lunch with Swiss hospitality and local produce.



### DAY 6 Journey on the Golden and Brünig Pass to Interlaken and Lucerne Picture-

perfect landscapes are your constant companion as you journey from Geneva along the Golden Pass route. Stop at Interlaken in the heart of the Swiss Alps, located at the foot of a trio of famous peaks — the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Spend some time at leisure and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. Follow the Brünig Pass to the lakeside town of Lucerne in central Switzerland, where you'll stay for the next two nights. See the Iconic Chapel bridge and the poignant Lion Monument, built in memory of the Swiss Guards who bravely defended Louis XVI during the French Revolution on your orientation tour. The evening is free to spend as you wish. (B) Hotel: Radisson Blu

### **DAY 7** Explore Medieval Lucerne

Mountain peaks surround you as you spend a day at leisure in beautiful lakeside Lucerne. Later consider an Optional Experience to a nearby mountain peak or explore the Old Town and shop for delicious Swiss chocolate. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow travel companions for dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 8 Journey Home Say a fond farewell to Switzerland and newfound friends at the end of a remarkable holiday. Your Travel Director will give you tickets for the short train journey from Lucerne to Zürich Airport, which can be used at your convenience for your onward journey. Alternatively, join a coach transfer to Zürich Airport. (B)

**Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 09:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Discover on City Orientations**Zürich, St. Moritz, Zermatt,
Geneva and Lucerne

### View Must-see Landmarks

The Matterhorn (weather permitting), the Jet d'Eau in Geneva, the Swiss Alps in Interlaken, the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Train ride on the Glacier Express from St. Moritz to Zermatt and a train journey from Geneva to Lucerne

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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### **Travel Responsibly**

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A beautiful day overlooking Lake Geneva with our son.

Tom

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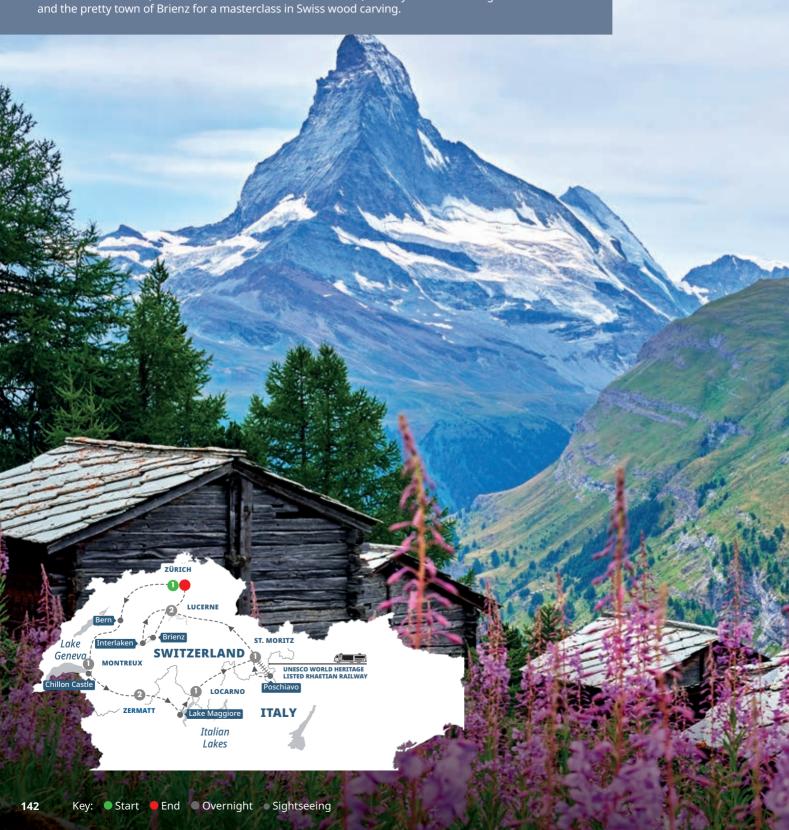
### Best of Switzerland

4.6<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Apr - Sep

All the Best of Switzerland with a side visit to Italy. What could be better? Your travels will take you to Lake Geneva for local wine, cheese and delicious desserts in Lavaux, Lord Byron's enchanting Chillon Castle and the pretty town of Brienz for a masterclass in Swiss wood carving.



DAY 1 Welcome to Zürich Begin your spectacular journey through Switzerland in Zürich, the country's largest city. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience for a social-impact guided walking tour. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner to launch your Swiss experience. (D) Hotel: Hyatt Place Zurich Airport The Circle

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 14:45.

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engaged local guides on a fun and
educational walking tour to uncover
Zürich's Old Town. Your visit directly
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Development Goals 10 & 12: Reduced
Inequalities & Responsible Consumption
and Production.

DAY 2 Journey to Lake Geneva Leave the bright lights of Zürich behind and stop in Bern with its Old Town, admiring its medieval streets, ornate fountains and arcaded walkways. Journeying to Lake Geneva, you'll arrive in the resort town of Montreux, set against the pristine backdrop of snow-covered peaks and vineyards. After lunch, consider joining an Optional Experience to cruise Lake Geneva, including a visit to the Charlie Chaplin museum in his former estate, Manoir de Ban. (B) Hotel: Mona Montreux

DAY 3 Onwards to Chillon Castle and Zermatt This morning, you'll visit Chillon Castle, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. For nearly four centuries, this water fortress was the residence of the Counts of Savoy and an important stop for traders. Your next stop is the Lavaux region, a charming wine village above Lake Geneva, where you'll enjoy a Be My Guest experience. Continue your journey to the resort town of Zermatt, set against the backdrop of the snow-capped Matterhorn. (B, L) Hotel: Mirabeau

### **Be My Guest**

Enjoy Swiss hospitality with a vineyard owner and savour the flavours of local wines, cheeses and breads, all set against the enchanting views of the Lake Geneva.



**DAY 4 Zermatt Your Way** Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air and panoramic vistas. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views. **(B)** 

DAY 5 Venture to Lake Maggiore and On to Locarno Leave the alpine charm of Zermatt and journey to the shores of Lake Maggiore. Take a lunch break by the water, soaking up the Italian elegance of this spot. You might choose to join an Optional Experience by private launch to Isola Bella, where a Local Specialist will guide you through the grand Baroque palace and its tiered gardens, once a playground for aristocrats. Continue on to Locarno in Switzerland's Italian-speaking region, known for its lakefront promenade. (B) Hotel: Hampton by Hilton Locarno

DAY 6 Off to Alpine St. Moritz Leave Locarno behind and travel deep into the Swiss Alps, arriving in St. Moritz with time to explore. You might stroll along the lakefront, browse the shops in the town centre or simply take in the mountain views from a local cafe. For something different, there's the Optional Experience to Roseg Valley by horse and carriage. Later, board the Rhaetian Railways and travel the UNESCOlisted route past the glaciers of Piz Bernina towards Poschiavo. Return to St. Moritz where a relaxed group dinner rounds off the day. (B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria

### **DAY 7 Journey to Lakeside Lucerne**

Journeying through lush green landscapes, past Lake Zürich, you'll arrive in lakeside Lucerne. Pay tribute to the brave Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending King Louis XVI at the Lion Monument and admire the iconic wooden Chapel Bridge before strolling past the city's colourful facades. Consider joining a cruise on the tranquil lake waters, then ride the world's first double deck 'CabriO' cable car to the top of Mount Stanserhorn. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe Lucerne

DAY 8 Admire Scenic Brienz and Interlaken Travel to Interlaken, at the heart of Switzerland, nestled in the shadow of the Jungfrau Mountain. En route, stop in the village of Brienz and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of wood carving for which this village is so famous. Spend some time on your own and take in superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. This evening, enjoy dinner with your Travel Director and fellow travellers toasting the highlights of Switzerland you have experienced along the way. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Homeward Bound** As your journey through the Best of Switzerland comes to an end, bid your newfound friends a fond farewell. **(B)** 

Transfer: Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Discover on City Orientations
Zürich, Bern, Zermatt, Stresa,
Interlaken and Lucerne

Visit Must-see Landmarks Chillon Castle and Brienz Woodcarving Museum

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Matterhorn and Jungfrau mountains (weather permitting), Lake Maggiore and Lake Como, the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne

### **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Train ride from St. Moritz to Poschiavo on the UNESCO-listed Rhaetian Railway.

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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Incredible views, culture, food and wine experiences paired with an incredible group of people from all over the world.

Ashlinn

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DAY 1 Welcome to Prague The gleaming spires of Prague shine brightly on this sojourn through the imperial capitals of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Admire the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque facades, before joining your Travel Director and travel companions for an unforgettable dinner to kick off your holiday. (D) Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Prague

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 11:00 and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

**DAY 2 Discover Historic Prague** Delve into centuries of history as you join your Local Specialist for a guided walk past the city's iconic sights. Visit the final resting place of Bohemian kings, St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the precincts of Prague Castle. Then, admire the Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. Spend the afternoon exploring the spectacular cityscape at your own pace. Later, meet a local bee expert for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Consider joining a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava, where you'll hear legends, myths and hidden secrets of this enchanting city. During the cruise, enjoy a lunch of local specialities. (B)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Join Jindřiška Hinge for a workshop on
beekeeping and the rooftop bee projects.
Learn about bee-flower relationships and
how climate change affects pollinators.
Your visit directly supports United Nations
Sustainable Development Goal 15:
Life on Land.

**DAY 3 Prague Your Way** Today is yours to explore the legends, castles and palaces of Prague. Follow the 'Royal Route', discover historic treasures and admire picturesque views of the city from Petřín Hill. Spend your evening at leisure, enjoying some of the local beer for which the country is famous. **(B)** 

DAY 4 Journey to Slovak Bratislava and on to Vienna Travel south from Prague through lush Moravian landscapes to Bratislava, passing its quaint Old Town, before continuing your journey to Vienna – your home for the next three nights. Admire the city's musical talents and consider attending a fun dinner with musical entertainment. (B) Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton Vienna Schonbrunn

DAY 5 Explore Vibrant Vienna The heritage of one of Europe's most influential royal families is explored this morning during a small group sightseeing guided visit to the spectacular Kunstkammer. Admire the valuable objects collected by the emperors and archdukes of Habsburg over the centuries before the doors are open to the general public. Later, join an

included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to view the Hofburg Palace, the official residence of the President of Austria and former home of the Habsburg Dynasty. See such sights as the Parliament Building, the magnificent Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral with its geometrically tiled roof. **(B)** 

DAY 6 Vienna Your Way Today is yours to explore the 'City of Music' on your terms. Tread in the footsteps of the great sons of Vienna - Mozart, Haydn and Strauss - as you delve into the city's rich musical heritage nurtured by aristocrats throughout the centuries. Consider a visit to the beautiful Baroque Schönbrunn Palace to see the former imperial summer residence. (B)

DAY 7 Onwards to Budapest Cross the hilly Transdanubia region — its orchards and vineyards providing a picturesque backdrop — as you continue along the path of the Danube and stop in the former trade-route town of Győr. Amble along Baross Gábor Street and admire the Baroque facade before continuing to the romantic city of Budapest, where you'll spend the next three nights. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

DAY 8 See the Sights of Budapest Join a Local Specialist this morning for a walking tour. Pay tribute to the seven chieftains of the Magyars in Heroes' Square before enjoying time at the Castle Hill District. Meet local winery owners over dinner for a Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

### **Be My Guest**

Join the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian dinner and hear the story of their winery, which dates back to the 19th century.



**DAY 9 Budapest Your Way** Venture up Gellert Hill for spectacular views of the Budapest skyline, relax in the Széchenyi Baths or consider an Optional Experience to Szentendre, a riverside village popular with artists and craftworkers. On your final evening, toast to a magnificent journey through the Imperial capitals of Europe over dinner in a local restaurant. **(B, D)** 

**DAY 10 Farewell Budapest** Say a fond farewell to your companions and Travel Director today after an unforgettable trip. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 11:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists** Prague, Vienna and Budapest

**Discover on City Orientations**Bratislava and Győr

Visit Must-see Landmarks
St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old
Town Square of Prague

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Castle and Old Town of Bratislava, the Hofburg Palace and Imperial Boulevards of Vienna and the Parliament Building in Budapest

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 8 for your unique local encounter

# Travel Responsibly

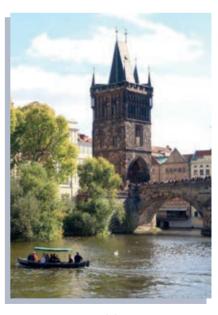
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We were delightfully surprised by Prague. The landmarks, people, and charm were second to none.

Kurtis

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# Imperial Europe

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10 Days | 5 Countries | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

The towering spires of Imperial Europe may seem to touch the sky, but you'll want to keep your feet on the ground so you don't miss any of the many travel highlights and heart-warming surprises delivered on your visits to Prague, Salzburg, Budapest and Vienna.



### **DAY 1 Welcome to Munich The**

sophisticated city streets of Munich kick off your adventure through the capitals of Imperial Europe. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for an orientation tour, including views of the Marienplatz and its iconic Glockenspiel, before enjoying dinner together. (D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:00 and 13:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 15:00.

DAY 2 Journey to Medieval Regensburg and Prague This morning, visit Regensburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an unspoilt medieval gem. Cross the Czech border and head to Prague, your home for the next two nights. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, an educational lecture with a local bee expert. You'll have the evening to spend your way. Consider joining an Optional Experience to explore beautiful Prague by night with a Local Specialist (B) Hotel: Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Prague

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Join Jindřiška Hinge for a workshop on
beekeeping and the rooftop bee projects.
Learn about bee-flower relationships and
how climate change affects pollinators.
Your visit directly supports United Nations
Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life
on Land.

DAY 3 Discover Colourful Prague Delve into centuries of history as you join a Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour of Prague. View the impressive architecture of St. Vitus Cathedral in the grounds of the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle. Cross the river on your walking tour to the Old Town Square to see the Astronomical Clock, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. The afternoon is yours to explore the city on your own. Perhaps take a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava, where you'll hear legends, myths and hidden secrets of this enchanting city whilst you enjoy a lunch of local specialities. (B)

DAY 4 Onwards to Slovak Bratislava and Budapest Cross the lush landscapes of Moravia and stop in Bratislava to admire its eclectic Gothic, Baroque and Art Deco architecture. Continue across the Hungarian border before arriving in Budapest, the 'Paris of the East'. (B) Hotel: Novotel Danube

DAY 5 Explore Riverside Budapest Admire all the highlights of Budapest on a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the famous Chain Bridge which connects two ancient settlements that straddle the Danube and the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district. Spend the rest of the day at leisure or join an Optional Experience visit to Szentendre, a picturesque medieval

town located on the banks of the Danube. Afterwards, perhaps strike a bargain in the shops that sell beautiful Hungarian embroidery, ceramics and paprika. Later, you'll join the local winery owners for a **Be My Guest** experience. (**B, D**)

# **Be My Guest**

Join the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian dinner and hear the story of their winery, which dates back to the 19th century.



DAY 6 Venture to Vienna A leisurely start to your morning could see you joining an Optional Experience guided tour of the magnificent Parliament Building. Cross the hilly landscapes of Transdanubia stopping in Győr to soak up its medieval atmosphere. Arrive in Vienna for an evening at leisure to indulge in the captivating melodies, art and architecture of a city that was once home to famous composers. (B) Hotel: MAXX by Steigenberger

DAY 7 See the Sights of Vienna Join a Local Specialist and explore the imperial splendour of Vienna. Admire the Hofburg Palace, the grand State Opera House and Ringstrasse, then see the ornate colourful roof of St. Stephen's Cathedral, one of the city's most beloved icons. Perhaps consider a visit to the Baroque Schönbrunn Palace with its tranquil gardens or enjoy Vienna's musical talents at one of the performances for which the city is famous. (B)

**DAY 8 Off to Picturesque Salzburg** See the Benedictine Melk Abbey perched on a rocky outcrop above the Danube. Arrive in Salzburg later and embark on a walking tour with a Local Specialist. Dine in your hotel this evening. **(B, D) Hotel: Arcotel Castellani** 

**DAY 9 Return to Munich** Leave Austria behind, bound for the Bavarian Capital, Munich. This evening, celebrate an unforgettable journey through some of Europe's most memorable cities during dinner with your Travel Director and fellow travellers. **(B, D) Hotel: Leonardo Royal** 

**DAY 10 Farewell Munich** Say a fond auf Wiedersehen to Germany at the end of your exhilarating European experience. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 09:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Salzburg

# **Discover on City Orientations**

Munich, Regensburg, Bratislava and Győr

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Marienplatz in Munich, St. Vitus' Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague, the Imperial Boulevards of Vienna

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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# **Travel Responsibly**

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From all the amazing friends we met, some of the best food and beer, and too many spectacular sights to list made it a special trip.

Sean

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# Best of Romania, Transylvania and Hungary

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Tour Rating Coming Soon

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

**Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Uncover the medieval heart of Transylvania, as you journey from Bucharest to Budapest. Walk in the footsteps of Vlad the Impaler, explore UNESCO-listed citadels and soak up the charm of Sibiu and Timisoara.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Bucharest Welcome** to Bucharest, Romania's vibrant capital, where grand boulevards and Belle-Époque elegance hint at a rich past. Settle into the rhythm of the city before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a local dinner. Raise a glass to the journey ahead as you share your first taste of Romania's warm hospitality - the perfect way to begin your adventure. (D) **Hotel: Novotel Bucharest City Centre** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 12:00 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

**DAY 2 Bucharest Sightseeing Step** into Bucharest's history on a walking tour with a visit to the colossal Palace of Parliament, one of the world's largest and heaviest buildings, built during Romania's communist era. Passing through Revolution Square, a key site in the country's fight for freedom, you'll finally arrive at the Arch of Triumph, the city's tribute to its WWI victory. The afternoon is yours to explore, shop or simply enjoy the Romanian capital's energy. (B)

DAY 3 Peles Castle & Hărman Leave Bucharest behind as you wind through the wooded Carpathian Mountains, arriving in the elegant resort town of Sinaia. Visit Peles Castle, a neo-Renaissance palace built for Romania's first king and filled with original furnishings, weaponry and decorative arts. Travel onward to the Saxon village of Hărman, where you'll step inside a fortified church built to protect the community during medieval times. Continue through the countryside to a traditional Saxon home, carefully restored by your host, for a Be My Guest experience. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

# **Be My Guest**

Ioin your host at their traditional Saxon home for a homemade dinner prepared with locally sourced ingredients and enjoy their warm hospitality as they share stories of local life.

# DAY 4 Dracula's Castle and Braşov Bran

Castle—better known as the home of Bram Stoker's Dracula—sets the scene this morning. With its towering spires, hidden passageways and dramatic history, it's easy to see why this fortress fuels the legend. Dive into Culture as your Local Specialist reveals the real story, from royal retreat to eerie icon. Then, wander the medieval streets of Brasov, uncover its Saxon past and visit the fire-scarred Black Church. Tonight, your evening is yours to enjoy as you wish. (B)

# DAY 5 Heart of Transylvania to

Sighișoara Begin your day in Sighișoara, a UNESCO-listed gem and one of Europe's best-preserved medieval towns. Stroll its cobbled lanes and explore the old town

on foot, seeing the covered wooden stairs, the landmark clock tower and the house where Vlad the Impaler was supposedly born. Continue to Sibiu, a city rich in Saxon character and charm. Join a Local Specialist to uncover the Great Square, Huet Square, Goldsmiths' Square and the Liar's Bridge. See the Gothic Cathedral of St. Mary, known for its ornate interior and the resting place of a Wallachian prince. (B) Hotel: Mercure Sibiu Arsenal

# DAY 6 On to Corvin Castle and Timisoara

This morning, you may choose to join an Optional Experience to Muzeul Astra, one of Europe's largest open-air museums, showcasing over 300 original buildings that reflect Romania's rural architecture, crafts and farming heritage. Later, visit Corvin Castle, a spectacular Gothic fortress known for its towers, turrets and tales of Vlad the Impaler. Continue west towards Timișoara, a city celebrated for its grand architecture and cultural heart. Often called 'Little Vienna', Timișoara is known for its public squares, Art Nouveau architecture and its key role in the 1989 revolution that shaped modern Romania. (B) Hotel: Mercure Timisoara

**DAY 7** Across the Great Hungarian Plain to Budapest Cross the border from Romania into Hungary and head for Bugac Puszta, part of the Great Hungarian Plain. This is the region where goulash originated, and you'll stop to enjoy a bowl of the hearty stew before watching a horsemanship display that showcases the riding skills of local herdsmen. Later, continue to Budapest, where wide boulevards and river views mark your arrival in the capital. This evening, you may choose to explore the city from the water on an Optional Experience dinner cruise along the Danube, passing landmarks lit up in gold. (B, L) **Hotel: Mercure Korona** 

**DAY 8 Budapest Sightseeing Start your** final day uncovering the grandeur of Budapest with your Local Specialist. Stand in the vast Heroes' Square, surrounded by statues of Hungary's great leaders, before crossing the Danube to Buda. Ascend Castle Hill, to see the striking Matthias Church. Nearby, take in views over the city from the Fisherman's Bastion, with its fairytale turrets overlooking the Hungarian Parliament. The afternoon is yours to explore at leisureperhaps a soak in the city's famous thermal baths? Tonight, toast to an unforgettable journey over dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Depart Budapest** Your journey comes to an end as you bid farewell to Budapest and your travel companions. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 11:00.

# **Included highlights** and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** Bucharest, Braşov, Sighişoara, Sibiu and Budapest

**Discover on City Orientations** Timisoara

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Palace of Parliament in Bucharest. Peles Castle in Sinaia, Hărman Fortified Church, Bran Castle in Brasov and Corvin Castle in Hunedoara

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

Vlad Dracul House in Sighișoara and the Castle District in Budapest

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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This journey is a feast for every sense — iconic castles, cobbled streets. hearty cuisine, and surprising stories woven through elegant cities, medieval towns, and stunning landscapes.

Tim, Travel Experiences Team

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# Bohemian Highlights

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13 Days | 6 Countries | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Year-round

A jam-packed Bohemian trip showcasing the stories of central Europe. Learn about its colourful folklore and the tragedies of war as you visit the heart of Old Town Kraków, slice through the Carpathians and see all the highlights of five of Europe's Bohemian capitals.



**DAY 1 Welcome to Berlin** Start your Central European adventure in Berlin. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers and spend time exploring this remarkable city before dinner. **(D) Hotel: NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:30 and 13:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 16:30.

DAY 2 Explore Bustling Berlin Explore an iconic landmark of Berlin during an experience at the Berlin TV Tower. Enjoy inspiring 360° views of the city, then see the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden with a Local Specialist. Spend some free time this afternoon exploring the city on your own. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Poznań and on to Warsaw Travel through patchwork farm landscapes stopping in Poznań, before arriving in the modern Polish capital, Warsaw. Spend the evening at leisure exploring the sights, or perhaps join an Optional Experience to discover Warsaw's rich history. (B) Hotel: Radisson Blu Sobieski

DAY 4 Discover Historic Warsaw Join a Local Specialist this morning to explore Warsaw's colourful historic centre, including the Old Town, which the Nazis destroyed in retaliation for the brave Warsaw Uprising. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city's sights on your own. Consider a visit to the Wilanów Palace, a priceless testimony to the splendour of Poland's royal past, before joining your travel companions this evening for a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 5 Onwards to Auschwitz and Kraków Today, journey south from Warsaw to the Auschwitz Memorial Site of the former Concentration Camp, a poignant reminder of one of the greatest tragedies and crimes of human history. Your visit includes a guided tour of Auschwitz. Continue to the enchanting city of Kraków. (B, D) Hotel: Golden Tulip Krakow City Center

DAY 6 See the Sights of Kraków Take to the beautiful streets of Kraków and join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the medieval Old Town. Visit the Mariacki Church, see Wawel Castle, then enjoy panoramic views of the city from Wawel Hill. The rest of the day is yours to explore the sights on your own. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, renowned as the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland. (B)

DAY 7 Venture through Slovakia to Budapest Drive south through the Tatra mountains and across the border into Slovakia. Continue to Hungary and arrive later in the majestic capital of Budapest. (B) Hotel: Mercure Korona

# **DAY 8 Uncover the Treasures of Budapest**

Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Spend the rest of the day exploring on your own or consider a trip to Szentendre, a lively riverside town renowned for its art life. This evening, enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, D)** 

# **Be My Guest**

Join the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian dinner and hear the story of their winery, which dates back to the 19th century.

DAY 9 Off to Vienna Today, leave beautiful Budapest, cross the hilly Transdanubia region as you continue along the path of the Danube and stop in the former trade-route town of Győr. Amble along Baross Gábor Street and admire the Baroque facades, before departing to Vienna, your home for the next two nights. When in Vienna, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B) Hotel: Imperial Riding School

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Visit Weingut Wien Cobenzl, a city-owned,
sustainably certified winery in the Vienna
Woods. Enjoy a taste of high-quality
organic wines and views of the region.
Your visit directly supports United Nations
Sustainable Development Goal 12:
Responsible Production and Consumption.

DAY 10 Admire Vibrant Vienna Tread in the footsteps of Mozart, Haydn and Strauss, admiring Vienna's imperial elegance with a Local Specialist. See the Parliament Building with its marble statues, the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Hofburg Palace, State Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Spend the rest of the day discovering the city at your own pace. Consider joining an Optional Experience to enjoy traditional Austrian cuisine and a musical performance. (B)

**DAY 11 Venture to Prague** Travel north to the Czech Republic and visit Tábor, once a Hussite stronghold. Arrive in the remarkable city of Prague this afternoon. **(B, D) Hotel: NH City** 

# DAY 12 The Old Town and More in Prague

Join a Local Specialist this morning for an exploration of the city's labyrinthine lanes and beautiful squares. Admire the impressive St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle, cross the Vltava to the Old Town Square and view the 14th-century Astronomical Clock. Celebrate the end of your Bohemian adventure over dinner with your Travel Director and fellow travellers. (B, D)

**DAY 13 Farewell Prague** Say a fond farewell to your Travel Director and fellow travellers today after an unforgettable trip. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00 and 10:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Berlin, Warsaw, Kraków,
Budapest, Vienna and Prague

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Berlin TV Tower, Poznań, the former concentration camp at Auschwitz, St. Mary's Church and the Cloth Hall in Kraków, Győr, Tábor, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The famous Reichstag and Tiergarten in Berlin, Kraków Cathedral and Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków and the Castle District in Budapest

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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This was my first Trafalgar trip and the greatest experience was the wonderful people who I continue to travel with! Lifelong friendships.

Flissa

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Zagreb** This epic Croatia and Slovenia tour kicks off in the political and cultural capital of Zagreb, where you'll discover the treasures of its past. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers later this evening for a light dinner and orientation drive. **(D) Hotel: The Westin** 

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 11:30 and 14:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

DAY 2 Sightseeing in Zagreb Zagreb's medieval heart is the star of the show today, as your Local Specialist reveals its charming upper town. The beauty of Bled isn't far off and you'll head through Slovenia's green landscapes to this popular lakeside resort town. Admire the surrounding Alpine landscape, which is simply irresistible, as you'll come to discover over the next few days. (B) Hotel: Park

DAY 3 Explore the beauty of lakeside Bled There's time for a scenic boat ride on Lake Bled today to view the 17th-century Church of Assumption as an Optional Experience, before today's exclusive Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

### Be My Guest

Visit Ślibar farm, discovering how it has been in the family for six generations. You'll enjoy an exclusive dinner and a guided tour with Monika, Gregor, their children and the resident farm animals, learning how the focus has been to live off the farm and forest sustainably.

# DAY 4 Onwards to Ljubljana and Opatija

Leaving Bled behind, travel to Ljubljana. You'll see the Old Town with its two medieval town squares linked by narrow lanes, the Prešeren Square, the Opera House, the National Museum and Castle. Next, stop in Postojna to visit the caves before crossing into Croatia's riviera, where you'll slow down and settle into the coastal town of Opatija. (B) Hotel: Bristol/Astoria Design/Paris

# DAY 5 Enjoy a Day in Pula and Rovinj

Start your day in Pula on Croatia's Istrian Peninsula where your visit to the 1st-century Pula Arena with a Local Specialist will reveal the city's role as a strategic location for the Romans, Ostrogoths, Venetians and the Allied Forces in World War II. The fishing port of Rovinj is up next and you'll wander through the Old Town, exploring its Mediterranean influences. Returning to Opatija later, you'll have time for a quiet walk along the town's Lungomare; perhaps spending a few soul-stirring moments paying tribute to the statuesque nymph cradling a seagull in her outstretched hands. (B)

# **DAY 6 Off to Stunning Plitvice Few**

experiences will match today's guided walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Plitviče, one of the oldest and largest national parks in Croatia. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, you'll choose one of two walks revealing the cascading lake waters shifting from azure to green, grey to blue. (B, D) Hotel: Palcich

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Admire the irresistible beauty of Plitvice
Lakes National Park, a UNESCO-listed
protected area and home to bears,
wolves and many rare bird species. Your
visit directly supports United Nations
Sustainable Development Goals 14 & 15:
Life Below Water & Life On Land.

DAY 7 Admire Historic Trogir and on to Split Join your Local Specialist in Trogir to explore its charming medieval heart. You'll visit Diocletian's Palace around which the city of Split was built and hear how Emperor Diocletian settled on this stunning landscape for his retirement. Your Local Specialist will share the remnants of luxurious squares and temples that still stand many centuries later. (B) Hotel: Atrium

**DAY 8 Split Your Way** Discover why Split has earned its nickname 'the most beautiful city in the world' with a full day to explore its heart and beyond. You could choose instead a full-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian Islands. **(B)** 

### DAY 9 On to the 'Pearl of the Adriatic'

The impressive walls of Dubrovnik beckon, as you travel through the scenic beauty of the Adriatic taking in the unforgettable views. All the highlights of Dubrovnik and some local favourites are revealed on your Sightseeing tour of the city with your Local Specialist. In the afternoon, you may choose an Optional Experience to a nearby village to see how olive oil is pressed the traditional way, followed by a home-cooked lunch. Another Optional Experience invites you on a sunset cruise along the Adriatic, with dinner served on board. (B) Hotel: Lero

# **DAY 10 Free Time to Explore Dubrovnik**

Today is free to get your final fix of Dubrovnik before your Croatia and Slovenia tour comes to an end. You could join an Optional Experience to Cavtat, strolling the old town with a Local Specialist, before you visit a winery in the Konavle Valley for wine with pršut and cheese. On your last evening, come together for a memorable dinner toasting to the beauty of the Adriatic and new friendships forged. (B, D)

**DAY 11 Farewell Dubrovnik** Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 05:00, 08:00 and 11:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists

Zagreb, Pula Rovini, Plitvice

Zagreb, Pula, Rovinj, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Trogir, Split and Dubrovnik

**Discover on City Orientations** Bled, Ljubljana, and Opatija

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Postojna caves, the arena in Pula, and Diocletian's Palace in Split

View Must-see Landmarks
The Park of St. Jakov in Opatija

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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This was my wife's retirement trip and it was amazing!
Breathtaking scenery, awesome cultural experiences and great food. We will always fondly remember this time in our lives.

Terrance

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# Balkans Coast Explorer

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9 Days | 3 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: All year round

Discover the treasures of the Balkan Riviera on this unforgettable journey through Albania, Montenegro



DAY 1 Welcome to Tirana A city of contrasts, Tirana welcomes you with bold colours, Ottoman relics and creative spirit. Get your bearings uncovering its hidden corners before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner in Albania's lively capital. (D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Tirana

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:30 and 15:00.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:30.

DAY 2 Sights of Tirana Tirana's layered history comes to life as you explore with your Local Specialist. See Skanderbeg Square, where Albania's national hero takes centre stage, along with the Et'hem Bey Mosque and Clock Tower. Then, head underground at Bunk'Art, a former communist bunker turned museum. This afternoon, explore at your own pace or join an Optional Experience to Kruja, the historic hometown of Skanderbeg, who led Albania's resistance against the Ottoman Empire. (B)

### DAY 3 To Ottoman Berat and on to Vlorë

Travel through Albania's hills to Berat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its Ottoman-era houses — the 'City of a Thousand Windows'. Explore the citadel before visiting Gladiola Çipi for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Continue to Vlorë, where the Adriatic meets the Ionian. Stroll the promenade, then enjoy a Be My Guest experience with a local family. (B, D) Hotel: Vlora International

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Meet Gladiola Çipi in her 250-year-old
Ottoman-era home in UNESCO-listed
Berat. As you sample rose juice, rakija and
Turkish Delight, hear how she's part of a
growing movement of women in heritage
tourism. Your visit directly supports United
Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5:
Gender Equality.

# Be My Guest

Join your host for a traditional meal made with ingredients from their land and enjoy their warm hospitality as they share stories of local life.



# **DAY 4 Explore the Albanian Riviera**

Set out from Vlorë for a day exploring the Albanian Riviera with your Local Specialist. Soak up the charm of Himarë and maybe take a dip at Spile Beach, shop for souvenirs or enjoy fresh local seafood. Then visit Porto Palermo and step inside the 19th-century castle, built by an Ottoman Albanian ruler

as a symbol of love for his wife, whilst taking in amazing views of the Ionian Sea. After a day by the coast, it's back to Vlorë for the evening. **(B)** 

DAY 5 North to Montenegro Travel north from the Albanian Riviera into Montenegro, where rugged mountains frame the coast. Stop en route for a traditional agrotourism lunch, prepared with organic produce grown on site and served with local hospitality. Continue to Budva, a coastal town known for its fortified Old Town and history as one of the oldest settlements on the Adriatic. After checking in, there's time to explore the surrounding area at your own pace, walk along the seafront or take in the local atmosphere. (B, L) Hotel: Eurostars Queen of Montenegro (or similar standard)

DAY 6 Discover Kotor and Budva Explore the medieval town of Kotor, today, with your Local Specialist, winding through its cobbled streets and ancient city walls. Back in Budva, the afternoon is yours. You could stroll through the charming old town, unwind on the beach or join an Optional Experience on a happy hour boat cruise to uncover the hidden gems of the Budva Riviera. (B)

**DAY 7 Cross the Border to Croatia Start** your morning with a scenic boat ride across the UNESCO-listed Bay of Kotor to the island of Our Lady of the Rocks. Join your Local Specialist to step inside its famed church and hear the legend behind this unique pilgrimage site. Then travel through coastal landscapes as you cross the border into Croatia and continue into the Dalmatian region. After checking in and settling into your surroundings, the afternoon is yours to explore or relax. This evening, you may choose to join an Optional Experience sunset cruise along the Dalmatian coastline, complete with dinner on board and views of the coast bathed in golden light. (B) **Hotel: City** 

DAY 8 Discover Dubrovnik Join a guided walking tour of UNESCO-listed Dubrovnik this morning with a Local Specialist. Explore its centuries-old streets, admire views from the city walls and hear stories of the republic that once ruled these shores. You'll have time to walk the ramparts or find some familiar scenes from Game of Thrones. In the early afternoon, you might choose to join an Optional Experience to the nearby coastal town of Cavtat, with a chance to sample local wines. Come together with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner to celebrate the highlights and memories of your trip. (B, D)

**DAY 9 Farewell Dubrovnik** With unforgettable memories of the Balkan Riviera, it's time to say goodbye to Dubrovnik as you depart for your journey home. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 05:00, 08:00 and 11:30.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Tirana, Albanian Riviera,
Kotor and Dubrovnik

### Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Bunk'Art Museum in Tirana, Porto Palermo Castle and Our Lady of the Rocks in Perast

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

Skanderbeg Square in Tirana, Budva's old town, the Rector's Palace and city walls in Dubrovnik

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

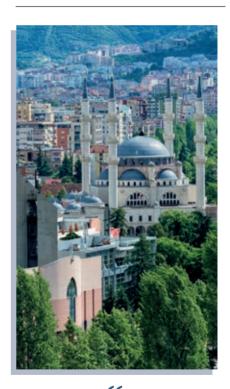
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Enjoy a sun-soaked journey through lively Tirana, the beaches of Budva, the Vlorë Riviera, and timeless Dubrovnik - authentic & unforgettable!

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DAY 1 Welcome to Bucharest You'd be forgiven for thinking you were in Paris when you explore the Belle-Époque atmosphere of Romania's capital, Bucharest. Your first day will be free to explore the city your way. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D) Hotel: Mercure

Bucharest Unirii

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 12:00 and 15:00.

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Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 18:00.

DAY 2 Journey to Transylvania and

**Braşov** Join a Local Specialist in Bucharest to delve into the city's tumultuous history. Venture to Sinaia and view Peleş Castle, the summer retreat of Romania's first king. Then, continue to Braşov and check in to your hotel in Poiana Braşov ski resort. **(B, D) Hotel: Ana Bradul** 

DAY 3 Dracula's Castle and More in

**Braşov** The highlight of the day is this morning's visit to Bran Castle, the legendary home of Dracula to learn about its history with a Local Specialist. Then journey to the medieval streets of Braşov, where you'll take a step back in time. Your evening is free to indulge in some of the local Transylvanian favourites. **(B)** 

# **DAY 4 Continue to Medieval Veliko**

**Târnovo** Head south, through ancient villages and tranquil landscapes across the Danube River into Bulgaria. Your journey ends in Veliko Târnovo, the 'City of the Tsars' and former capital of the Bulgarian Empire. Relax after your scenic drive and join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Yantra Grand** 

DAY 5 Onwards to Historic Sofia Join your Local Specialist in fairy-tale Veliko Târnovo to learn about its rich medieval history and local culture. Your next stop is the UNESCOlisted town of Arbanasi. Visit the Church of Holy Nativity before continuing to Sofia. (B) Hotel: Astoria Grand

DAY 6 Sofia Your Way You'll join a Local Specialist for an in-depth sightseeing tour of Bulgaria's modern-day capital including views of the golden-domed St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and St. Sofia Church. You could choose to join an Optional Experience to the UNESCO-listed Rila Monastery. (B)

# DAY 7 Journey to Macedonian Skopje

Cross the Macedonian border today, bound for Skopje, the capital, a religious crossroads, and a vibrant medieval trading centre. See the Ottoman Empire's legacy in the mosques and bazaars as you join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour this afternoon. **(B) Hotel: Solun Hotel & Spa** 

**DAY 8 Off to Albania and Tirana** Leaving North Macedonia behind, head to the Albanian capital of Tirana where, on arrival, you'll join a Local Specialist or a sightseeing tour. Tonight, enjoy a dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Tirana

**DAY 9 Journey to Budva** Soak up Montenegro's natural beauty as you drive towards Budva. Enjoy free time for lunch and to explore and soak up the beachside vibe of the fortified old town. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B) Hotel: TQ Plaza** 

DAY 10 Visit Kotor, Venture to Mostar and Sarajevo After an orientation in Kotor, join a Local Specialist in Mostar for a guided tour. Head to Sarajevo where you'll delve into the rich heritage that has earned it the nickname, the 'Jerusalem of Europe'. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Mövenpick Sarajevo

DAY 11 Discover Sarajevo Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of Sarajevo. Visit the War Tunnel, an underground tunnel of hope that was built in 1993 during the Siege of Sarajevo. Then, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Local flavours and stories are on the menu tonight as you meet your host on your Be My Guest experience. (B, D)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Meet third-generation coppersmiths
Adnan and Kenan and learn how they
preserve Bosnia's Ottoman-era metalwork
traditions by crafting coffee sets, jewelry

traditions by crafting coffee sets, jewelry and decorative pieces from repurposed war materials. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

# Be My Guest

Spend quality time with the locals when you join an exclusive experience featuring local hospitality and cuisine.

**DAY 12 On the Road to Belgrade** Travel through lush forests, pastures and the Bosnian Mountains into Serbia – a scenic day of driving that will end in Belgrade. **(B) Hotel: Radisson RED Belgrade** 

# **DAY 13** Explore Riverside Belgrade

Your Local Specialist will share the sights and sounds of Belgrade from an insider's perspective this morning. This evening, reunite one final time for a rousing dinner to reminisce over your shared travel experience. (B, D)

**DAY 14 Farewell Belgrade** All that's left is to say a fond doviđenja as you bid your new friends farewell. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 11:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Bucharest, Braşov, Veliko Târnovo,
Sofia, Skopje, Tirana, Mostar,
Sarajevo and Belgrade

**Discover on City Orientations**Budva and Kotor

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Bran Castle in Braşov, Tsaravets Fortress in Veliko Târnovo, the Church of Holy Nativity in Arbanasi, and the War Tunnel in Sarajevo

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

Peleş Castle in Sinaia, St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and St. Sofia Church in Sofia, the Palace of Culture and the National Library in Tirana and Mostar's Stari Most

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 11 for your unique local encounter

# **Travel Responsibly**

See day 11 for how you'll make a positive impact

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The Balkan countries are beautiful and have a rich history, culture and artwork! This trip opened our eyes to a wonderful section of the world.

Sheila

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DAY 1 Welcome to Copenhagen Hans
Christian Andersen would have been right
at home in 21st century Copenhagen. The
Danish capital hasn't lost any of its fairy-tale
charm over the centuries, as you'll come
to discover on your first day exploring
this colourful city. Start your Scandinavian
adventure with your Travel Director and
fellow travellers, and enjoy dinner together
to kick things off. (D) Hotel: Phoenix

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

# **DAY 2** Explore Historic Copenhagen

Connect with the heartfelt hygge of your Danish hosts when you join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will reveal all the highlights of Copenhagen's Old Town. See Christiansborg Palace and the Little Mermaid, demurely seated on a rock overlooking Langelinie Promenade. See the home of Denmark's beloved royal family, Amalienborg Palace, then spend the rest of the day exploring Copenhagen your way. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Oslo Cross the Øresund by ferry and wind your way north, through the Swedish countryside on the way to Norway. You'll want to keep your camera at the ready to capture the scenic landscapes that line your route to Oslo, Norway's modern buzzing capital. (B)

**Hotel: Scandic Helsfyr** 

DAY 4 Vikings and More in Oslo Tread in the footsteps of the Vikings this morning as you join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will reveal Oslo's long-standing seafaring heritage. See the medieval fortress of Akershus, the elegant Royal Palace and Oslo Opera House. Visit a wonderland of Norwegian sculptures left behind by Gustav Vigeland, then enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city on your terms. You could choose instead to embark on an Optional Experience to delve deeper into Norwegian heritage. (B)

DAY 5 Onwards to Stockholm Enjoy a scenic drive south through Norway's lush forest landscapes to Sweden, bound for its enchanting capital. Journey past Lake Vänern, the largest lake in Sweden, before stopping at Egastronomi AB for a special Be My Guest experience. Later, arrive in Stockholm and indulge in a free evening to explore 'Beauty on Water'. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the first Ice Bar in the world. (B, L) Hotel: ProfilHotels Nacka

# Be My Guest

Indulge in a delicious Swedish meal at a family-run organic restaurant, Egastronomi AB. Enjoy lunch with Niklas and Anna and discover their passion for using local produce.



# **DAY 6 Discover Beautiful Stockholm**

Discover Stockholm with your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour this morning. See Stockholm's historic mother church, Storkyrkan, the Royal Palace and the Swedish Parliament, then Dive into Culture on a visit to the City Hall, home to the annual Nobel Prize banquet. This afternoon you could do as the locals do and indulge in fika (coffee and cake), embracing the Swedish philosophy of lagom. Tonight consider an Optional Experience to cobbled Gamla Stan to admire its medieval history followed by a traditional Swedish meal in a local restaurant. **(B)** 

# **DAY 7** Embark on an Overnight Cruise

Consider spending your free morning on an Optional Experience to Drottningholm Palace. The cool capital of Finland beckons as you board your overnight cruise to Helsinki, passing through Stockholm's archipelago across the Baltic Sea. (B)

**DAY 8 Arrive in Vibrant Helsinki** Continue your cruise across the Baltic, arriving in Helsinki in time to join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. See the modern marble facades of Finlandia Hall, the Senate and the colourful stalls in Market Square. Enjoy dinner to celebrate your time with new friends. **(B, D) Hotel: Clarion Helsinki** 

**DAY 9 Helsinki at Leisure** Explore Helsinki at leisure or perhaps join a full-day Optional Experience to cruise to the beautiful capital of Estonia, Tallinn. With its walled, cobblestoned Old Town, you will feel like you've stepped into the pages of a fairytale. **(B)** 

**DAY 10 Farewell Scandinavia** Say a fond farewell to your new friends and prepare for your return journey home. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:30 and 12:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore with Local Specialists
Copenhagen, Oslo,
Stockholm and Helsinki

Visit Must-see Landmarks
Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo
and the City Hall in Stockholm

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Little Mermaid and Nyhavn in Copenhagen and Finlandia Hall in Helsinki

**Travel by Scenic Journeys** Cruise across the Baltic Sea

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See day 5 for your unique local encounter

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This trip was special to me because I got to spend quality time with my Mum, see her happy and be able to learn new things together while making long lasting memories.

Flla

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DAY 1 Welcome to Copenhagen Spend the day discovering Copenhagen before joining your Local Specialist on a late afternoon orientation drive, followed by a light supper with your Travel Director and travel companions. (D) Hotel: AC by Marriott Bella Sky

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

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 17:00.

# **DAY 2** Explore Historic Copenhagen

Enjoy time to explore on your own, strolling through the city's streets, or embrace your inner child in Europe's oldest amusement park, the Tivoli Gardens. You could choose instead to join an Optional Experience visit to the idyllic fishing village of Dragør with its maze of alleyways and tiny yellowwalled thatched cottages in the old Danish style. **(B)** 

**DAY 3 Journey Past Stunning Scenery to Randers** Journey to Odense, then continue across pastoral landscapes to Randers. Tonight, you'll enjoy a **Stays With Stories** at Hotel Randers. **(B) Hotel: Randers** 

# **Stays with Stories**

Hotel Randers is one of the oldest hotels in the area, dating back to 1856, with its original artwork and VIP-rich questbook.

**DAY 4 Set Sail for Stavanger** Set sail from Hirtshals across the Skagerrak to Kristiansand in Norway. Drive north past fjords, lakes and forests to Stavanger, one of Norway's oldest settlements. **(B, D) Hotel: Clarion Hotel Energy Stavanger** 

# **DAY 5** Onwards to Colourful Bergen

Embark on an island hop from Stavanger to Bergen and see the Haakon's Hall, fish market and colourful Bryggen Quarter. This evening, you will Connect with Locals over dinner at a special **Be My Guest** experience, visiting the Øvre-Eide farm. **(B, D) Hotel: Thon Orion** 

# **Be My Guest**

Visit Øvre-Eide Farm and enjoy a traditional dinner with the family on their livestock farm in Norway.



**DAY 6 Bergen Your Way** Enjoy a full free day in Bergen your way. **(B)** 

DAY 7 Enjoy the Spectacular Flåm Railway and on to Leikanger Drive east to the mountain town of Voss before boarding the Flåm Railway. On this Dive into Culture experience, you'll journey through the Flåm Valley and past the Kjosfossen Falls. End the day in Leikanger set on the Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord. (B, D) Hotel: Leikanger

# **DAY 8 Continue to Geirangerfjord**

Norway's incredible glacier countryside surrounds us on the way to Geirangerfjord. Tonight's stay places you in the heart of Geirangerfjord, a spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B, D) Hotel: Havila

**DAY 9 A Day at the Breathtaking Geirangerfjord** Spend a full day admiring this natural wonder. Consider an Optional Experience to the Trollstigen, Norway's most famous mountain road. **(B, D)** 

DAY 10 Venture to Historic Lom and Lillehammer Today you will Dive into Culture and visit a 12<sup>th</sup>-century wooden stave church. Continue through the Gudbrands Valley before arriving in Lillehammer, the proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Hafjell

**DAY 11 On to Oslo** See the Olympic ice arena at Hamar as you travel to Norway's cultural capital, Oslo. Join a Local Specialist and enjoy views of the medieval fortress of Akershus, the Opera and 19<sup>th</sup>-century Royal Palace. Visit the fascinating Vigeland Sculpture Park, before spending the rest of the day at leisure. **(B) Hotel: Scandic Solli** 

**DAY 12 Journey to Stockholm** You'll cross into Sweden today and continue via Karlstad on Lake Vänern, the largest lake in the European Union. Tonight perhaps consider an Optional Experience to the beautiful and atmospheric Old Town - Gamla Stan. **(B) Hotel: Clarion** 

### **DAY 13** Discover Beautiful Stockholm

Meet our Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour where you'll Dive into Culture on a visit to the City Hall, home to the annual Nobel Prize banquet, see the medieval Storkyrkan, Riddarholm Church and the Royal Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for dinner this evening. (B, D)

**DAY 14 Farewell Scandinavia** Bid Stockholm and your newfound friends a fond farewell. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:30 and 11:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm

# **Discover on City Orientations**

Odense, Stavanger, Bergen, Geirangerfjord, Flåm and Lillehammer

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Stave Church in Lom, Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo and Stockholm's City Hall

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Little Mermaid and Nyhavn in Copenhagen and Haakon's Hall in Bergen

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 3 and 5 for your unique local encounter

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Trafalgar's sterling staff take you to a dizzying stratosphere of excitement with all the additional frills.

Mita

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A delight for every explorer, with history waiting around every corner. Read the full itineraries at trafalgar.com.



# Guest favorite: Schieszl Family

One of your many Highlights of Eastern Europe will be this incredible opportunity to meet the warm Schieszl family, joining the friendly patriarch, Konrad, for a tour of their restaurant and wine cellars. You'll hear about the harsh realities of life during World War II as well as a fascinating family story of tragedy and triumph that will leave you thoroughly captivated.

Enlightened by the colourful stories, you'll settle in for a cosy three-course meal featuring Hungarian favourites. After saying your goodbyes, you'll leave feeling closer to history having gained a unique insight into Hungarian family life. Highlights of Eastern Europe, Day 7 and three other trips.

4.7/5 feefo Sas rated by Past Guests

# Best of Germany and Austria

13 Days | 2 Countries | 18 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Sep

Modern cities, medieval towns and all the sights in between make this experience one you'll remember. Beyond the beauty of the Rhine and Wachau, you'll explore Vienna's musical treasures and Alpine landscapes.





# Included highlights and must-sees

# **Explore with Local Specialists** Berlin, Salzburg and Vienna

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Berlin TV Tower, Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial and Neuschwanstein Castle (subject to availability) in Schwangau

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Be My Guest experience: Enjoy lunch overlooking the Rhine Valley and learn about local legends and knights who once lived here Stays with Stories: Overnight at the Prinzhotel in Rothenburg ob der Tauber Overnight at the Arabella Sheraton Munich

# **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Meet Eva for a tour of Wastlbauer Farm, learn about permaculture and indulge in Austrian coffee and cakes

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Trip code: GBGA

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# Highlights of Eastern Europe

17 Days | 8 Countries | 24 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Oct

Shine a spotlight on Prague's colourful medieval streets and good times with a local Hungarian family at their winery. On this exciting trip you'll get to know all the highlights and hidden gems of eight spellbinding countries.





# Included highlights and must-sees

# **Explore with Local Specialists**

Vienna, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Budapest, Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin and Prague

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Lake Bled in Slovenia, Castle Hill District in Budapest, the former concentration camp at Auschwitz, Berlin TV Tower, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague and Tábor

### One-of-a-kind Experiences

**Be My Guest experience:** Join the Schieszl family at their winery for a hearty Hungarian dinner and learn about its 19<sup>th</sup>-century history

# **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit Stift Klosterneuburg, Austria's first carbon-neutral winery, enjoy a tasting and learn its monastic and cultural wine traditions

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Trip code: CHEE

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# Best of Poland

11 Days | 1 Country | 16 Meals | Balanced Activity

Departure months: Mar - Sep

Get stuck into Polish comfort food as you experience the Best of Poland. Discover Warsaw's proud history, Kraków's enduring beauty and Gdańsk's glowing amber trade as you discover the resilience of the Polish people.



4.7<sup>/5</sup> feefo •••
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# Included highlights and must-sees

# **Explore with Local Specialists**

Warsaw, Gdańsk, Toruń, Wrocław and Kraków

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Cathedral, Salt Square and the Old Town Hall in Wrocław, Wawel Royal Castle and the Cathedral in Kraków

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Visit the Kwasne Jablko farm for a traditional lunch made with home grown produce **Stays with Stories:** Overnight at the Hotel Nosalowy Dwór

# **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Taste traditional handmade Polish doughnuts featuring flavours like Lavendar and rose petal during a visit to a local bakery

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Trip code: BPOL

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# Balkan Delight

11 Days | 3 Countries | 15 Meals | Balanced Activity Departure months: Apr - Oct

The secrets of the Balkans are revealed on this history-packed trip. Go underground to learn how Sarajevo once relied on its Bosnian War Tunnel and explore Adriatic beauty from Dubrovnik to Kotor.





# Included highlights and must-sees

# **Explore with Local Specialists**

Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Trogir, Split, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik and Kotor

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Diocletian's Palace in Split and the War Tunnel in Sarajevo

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Be My Guest experience: Meet Matea Botaro and her family at a local winery to gain appreciation for Croatian hospitality and enjoy dinner with wine

# **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Admire the irresistible beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Meet coppersmiths Adnan and Kenan and learn how they preserve Bosnia's Ottoman-era metalwork traditions

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Trip code: BALK

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# Best of Norway

9 Days | 1 Country | 14 Meals | Leisurely Activity **Departure months:** May - Sep

Relax into the simplicity of life along the king and gueen of the fjords. Soak up the cosmopolitan vibe of Oslo and the Hanseatic heritage of Bergen as you travel through some of the most spectacular scenery on Earth.





# Included highlights and *must-sees*

### **Explore with Local Specialists** Oslo

# **Discover on City Orientations**

Bergen

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

Hardangerfjord, Geirangerfjord and Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Be My Guest experience: Dine with the Øvre-Eide family on their working farm in Bergen

# **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit Hardanger Bygdeysteri, a cheese factory owned and operated by local farmers and learn about the history of traditional cheese-making

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Trip code: SBON

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# Nordic Adventure

20 Days | 4 Countries | 28 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Apr - Aug

This exhilarating trip will feature fjords, glaciers and staggering scenery. Meet Santa Claus in Lapland, experience the friluftsliv of your Norwegian hosts and venture across the Arctic Circle.





# Included highlights and must-sees

# **Explore with Local Specialists**

Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki and Olso

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

City Hall in Stockholm, Santa Claus Village, North Cape Visitor Centre, the Northern Lights Cathedral in Alta, Lom Stave Church, and Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Dine in Jyväskylä and learn about the 'Athens of Finland' **Stays with Stories:** Overnight at Scandic Pohjanhovi

### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences: Dine at Vækst, a restaurant committed to minimising food waste and promoting a sustainable future, and Join Terhi, your biologist guide, for a walk through Urho Kekkonen National Park to learn about Artic nature

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Trip code: SCNO

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# Iceland Highlights

6 Days | 1 Country | 7 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Year-round

Embrace adventure on this Iceland journey with the Blue Lagoon, featuring all the natural and manmade highlights of this ethereal world of fire and ice.



4.5<sup>/5</sup> feefo As rated by Past Guests



# Included highlights and must-sees

# Discover on City Orientations Reykjavík

# Visit Must-see Landmarks

Akranes Folk Museum, the 'Golden Circle' - Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir Hot Spring Area and Thingvellir National Park and the geothermal Blue Lagoon

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Be My Guest experience: Dine with Ásta & Valgeir and hear about their family history
Stays with Stories: Overnight at the Grand Hotel Reykjavik

### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: See first-hand how green, sustainable energy is produced at Iceland's newest geothermal heat and electric power station in Hengill

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Trip code: ICBL/WCBL

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DAY 1 Welcome to Athens Embark on an unforgettable exploration of an ancient land of gods and goddesses, myths and legends. Your springboard to your spellbinding holiday is the vibrant capital of Athens, an effortless mix of ancient treasures and modern verve. This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for dinner. (D) Hotel: Divani Caravel/Radisson Blu

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 11:00 and 16:00.

Park/Crowne Plaza

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

DAY 2 Explore Amazing Athens Join your Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour to the ancient complex that was once the 'Cradle of Western Civilisation'. Explore the Acropolis with its treasures and admire the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena, the Royal Palace and the Temple of Zeus. See remarkable displays of an ancient world during an included visit to the Acropolis Museum, and see Hadrian's Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy on your own. Stroll through the Plaka, or go in search of the city's tastiest souvlaki. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Corinth, Mycenae and Nafplion Depart Athens crossing the Corinth Canal to the Peloponnesian Peninsula. Arriving in Corinth, you'll join a Local Specialist to explore an ancient city that several empires fought over throughout the centuries. Continue to Mycenae, a mighty kingdom of Ancient Greece, where you'll see the Beehive Tombs (the Treasury of Atreus), the Lion Gate and the remains of Agamemnon's Royal Palace, in the company of a Local Specialist. Later, travel to Epidaurus to visit the ancient theatre and view the Sanctuary of Asclepius, the God of Medicine. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Nafplio/Ippoliti/Nafplia Palace

### **DAY 4 Continue to Ancient Olympia**

Traverse the Mountains of Arcadia to ancient Olympia, the site of the first Olympic Games held in 776 BC. This evening, enjoy dinner at a **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, D) Hotel: Amalia Olympia** 

### **Be My Guest**

Say "opa!" to a traditional Greek experience with the Karabelas family on their olive and wine farm. Join the family for dinner and dancing and learn about their history on the land.



DAY 5 Onwards to Patras and Delphi Join a Local Specialist this morning to delve into centuries of history. You'll visit the ancient Olympic site, the museum and the ruined remains of the Temples of Zeus and Hera. Leaving Olympia, travel north to Patras, crossing the Gulf of Corinth to mainland Greece before continuing to Delphi. Tonight, your hotel is one of out Stays with Stories (B) Hotel: Amalia Delphi

# Stays with Stories

Designed by renowned architect Nikos Valsamakis in 1965, the Amalia Hotel Delphi is a notable example of postwar Greek architecture. It integrates seamlessly with the Delphic landscape, with rooms arranged to follow the terrain.

DAY 6 Off to Thermopylae and Kalambaka Tread in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks. Join your Local Specialist and walk the Sacred Way to the 4th-century Temple of Apollo. Continue to a family-run honey farm for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Kalambaka

# MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Meet beekeepers at their family-run honey farm. Enjoy a taste of his special thyme honey, known to be one of the most nutritious in the world. See the bees thriving in their natural habitat and learn about their role in nature regeneration. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

**DAY 7 Admire Meteora and Return to Athens** The UNESCO World Heritage monasteries of Meteora are your first stop today. Join a Local Specialist to visit two of the six Eastern Orthodox monasteries that cling impressively to immense, rounded rock towers overlooking the town. After a scenic drive back to Athens, settle in for a final dinner with your travel companions to reminisce over an incredible journey through Greece. **(B, D) Hotel: Divani Caravel/Radisson Blu Park/Crowne Plaza** 

**DAY 8 Farewell Athens** Say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and the treasures of Greece after an unforgettable journey. **(B)** 

**Transfers:** Arrive at the airport at 07:00 and 10:00.

# Cruise Extensions

Extend your time in Greece with a cruise extension, and choose between three, four or seven nights cruising the Aegean Sea (p.168 - 169). Or why not add the 'Greek Island Hopper' trip after your visit to the mainland (p.170). Visit trafalgar.com for itinerary details.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

# **Explore**

Athens, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Olympia, Delphi and Meteora

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Acropolis and Museum in Athens, ancient ruins in Corinth, ancient theatre at Epidaurus, Olympic Stadium in Olympia, home of the Oracle at Delphi and the incredible rock Monastery in Meteora

### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Parthenon, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the battle site at Thermopylae

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 4 and 5 for your unique local encounters

# **Travel Responsibly**

See day 6 for how you'll make a positive impact

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Trafalgar made travel matter with a sweet glimpse into Moka Honey's work in environmental education and Grecian apiculture.

Valerie

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# Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Start off in Athens with a guided visit to the Acropolis, then walk through the Parthenon and see the Temple of Zeus. Travel to the Peloponnese, stopping at the ancient theatre of Epidaurus before continuing to Mycenae to view Agamemnon's citadel.

Spend the night in Nafplion before heading to Olympia. Stand on the original Olympic track and explore the ruins of temples dedicated to Zeus and Hera. Travel through mountain scenery to Delphi where a Local Specialist reveals the Sanctuary of Apollo and the secrets of the ancient oracle.

Cross the plains of Thessaly to Kalambaka and visit one of the Meteora Monasteries, built high on natural rock towers. Return to Athens and board your 3-night cruise. Your first stop is Mykonos, with its whitewashed houses and waterside cafes. In Kusadasi, explore the ruins of Ephesus before sailing to Patmos, where the Cave of the Apocalypse awaits.

Dock in Crete, where you may choose to visit the Palace of Knossos, a cornerstone of the Minoan civilisation, and explore the remnants of this ancient site. Continue to Santorini and consider an Optional Experience to the stunning village of Oia or the historic site of Akrotiri. Disembark in Athens before your transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

### Be My Guest

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### **Stay with Stories**

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# Included highlights and *must-sees*

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Acropolis in Athens, the ancient ruins in Corinth, the ancient theatre at Epidaurus, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, and the incredible rock Monastery in Meteora, Mykonos, ancient Ephesus, Patmos, Crete and Santorini

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Corinth Canal, the Lion Gate, Agamemnon's Palace at Mycenae and the battle site at Thermopylae

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

Meet the Karabelas family for your **Be My Guest experience** on their farm
Enjoy your overnight **Stay with Stories** at the Amalia Hotel Delphi

# **Travel Responsibly**

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# Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Explore ancient temples and sites as you journey through mainland Greece and the Aegean. Begin in Athens, visiting the Acropolis and the Parthenon before travelling to the Peloponnese. Stop at the Corinth Canal and uncover the myths and ruins of Mycenae and Epidaurus. In Olympia, walk the site of the original Olympic Games and learn about early athletic rituals.

Continue to Delphi to visit the Sanctuary of Apollo and follow the Sacred Way with a Local Specialist. Head into the Pindos Mountains to reach Kalambaka, your base f or exploring one of the Meteora Monasteries, built high above the valley on towering sandstone pillars.

Return to Athens to board your 7-day cruise through the Aegean. In Thessaloniki, explore the city on your own or join an Optional Experience to the UNESCO-listed Royal Tombs of Vergina before sailing to Turkey for a guided visit to Ephesus. On Crete, perhaps uncover the Palace of Knossos, then spend the day in Santorini with time to visit clifftop villages or relax on black-sand beaches. Stop in Mykonos to explore the maze-like Old Town and iconic windmills, then continue to Milos, known for its dramatic coastline and quiet charm.

Disembark in Athens before your journey through Greece and Turkey's ancient past and sun-drenched islands comes to an end.

# Be My Guest

Say "opa!" to a traditional Greek experience with the Karabelas family on their olive and wine farm. Join the family for dinner and dancing and learn about their history on the land.



# Stay with Stories

Designed by renowned architect Nikos Valsamakis in 1965, the Amalia Hotel Delphi is a notable example of postwar Greek architecture. It integrates seamlessly with the Delphic landscape, with rooms arranged to follow the terrain.

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Meet beekeepers at their family-run honey farm. Enjoy a taste of his special thyme honey, known to be one of the most nutritious in the world. See the bees thriving in their natural habitat and learn about their role in nature regeneration. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Acropolis in Athens, the ancient ruins in Corinth, the ancient theatre at Epidaurus, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, the incredible rock Monastery in Meteora, Thessaloniki, ancient Ephesus, Crete, Santorini, Mykonos and Milos

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Parthenon, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the battle site at Thermopylae

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# Read below for a summary of the tour, and see the detailed itinerary at trafalgar.com

Ease into the rhythm of Greece with two nights in Athens. On arrival, settle into your hotel before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers over dinner. Delve into Athens' ancient past with a Local Specialist. See the hilltop Acropolis and the Parthenon, a symbol of classical Greece. See the Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and the Panathenaic Stadium. Watch the Evzone guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier before enjoying the afternoon at leisure. Optional Experiences include a meze-style dinner with wine in the lively Psiri district, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® **Experience** at the ARCHELON Sea Turtle Rescue Centre in Glyfada or a scenic visit to the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion.

Travel by ferry across the Aegean to Santorini, a volcanic island with dramatic caldera views and whitewashed cliffside villages. Upon arrival, enjoy an orientation tour of Fira, the island's capital, perched on the edge of the caldera. Later, join your fellow travellers for a dinner of Greek specialities. You may choose to visit Oia, famous for its spectacular sunset views, relax on volcanic beaches, or shop at local boutique. You could also join an Optional Experience sunset cruise on a traditional wooden caïque to Nea Kameni. with dinner on board and the chance to swim in the hot springs. Alternatively, explore the island further on an optional guided tour visiting Megalochori, Pyrgos and the black sand beaches of Perivolos.

Continue your island adventure with a ferry to Mykonos. Explore the charming old town of Chora with its maze of narrow lanes, whitewashed houses and bougainvillaea. See the famous windmills and enjoy time in the Little Venice district by the water. Your free days offer the chance to slow down and unwind, whether you choose to swim in the crystal-clear Aegean. Discover Ano Mera village and Kalafatis beach on an Optional Experience island tour, or cruise to nearby Delos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned as one of the most important archaeological sites in Greece and the mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis.

Return to Athens and enjoy your final evening in the city. You might choose to revisit a favourite neighbourhood, pick up some lastminute souvenirs or join an optional dinner at a traditional taverna, where local dishes, live music and dancing offer a lively end to your journey. The tour concludes the next morning with a transfer to the airport, as you say goodbye to Greece.

# Best of Greece Add-on

Why not add our 'Best of Greece' trip (p.166) before your visit to the Greek islands? Uncover the teasures of the mainland, like Meteora's clifftop monasteries and the sacred site of Delphi. Visit trafalgar.com to view the full itinerary.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore** Athens

**Discover on City Orientations**Fira in Santorini and Mykonos

Visit Must-see Landmarks
The Acropolis in Athens

# View Must-see Landmarks

The Parthenon, Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Arch and the 1896 Olympic Stadium in Athens

# **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Sail the Aegean Sea on high speed ferries from Athens to Santorini, Mykonos and returning to Athens

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# Secrets of Greece including Corfu 11 Days | 1 Country | 13 Meals | Balanced Activity Departure months: Apr - Sep An in-depth Greece trip for history buffs and lovers of Greek food and culture, You'll enjoy traditional dinner and dancing on an olive farm, travel to the enchanting island of Corfu and explore ancient sights like Mycenae, Olympia and Delphi. Alanphilochia Alanp

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Your journey starts in Athens, where ancient wonders like the Parthenon and the Temple of Zeus set the stage. Travel to Epidaurus to marvel at its amphitheatre before arriving in Nafplion, where you'll stay in a neoclassical mansion, a **Stays with Stories** experience. Explore Mycenae's archaeological treasures, including Agamemnon's Palace, then continue to Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games. Here, enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience on a family-run olive and wine farm, sharing traditional dishes and stories.

Venture north to Nikopolis and board a ferry to the island of Corfu. Return to the mainland, stopping in Ioannina, and journey to the Monasteries of Meteora, perched atop towering rock formations. Visit the sacred site of Delphi, continue to a family-run honey farm for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, before ending your day in the coastal town of Galaxidi.

Back in Athens, choose to extend your adventure to Santorini. Sail across the Aegean to this iconic island, where whitewashed buildings cling to volcanic cliffs. Spend your days exploring Fira's winding lanes, relaxing on black-sand beaches or enjoying local wines.

# Stays with Stories

Optional Sightseeing

Set amongst beautiful gardens with palm trees and flowers, Amalia Hotel Nafplio adopts geothermal technology to conserve energy, water and reduce CO2 emissions.

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### Santorini Extension

Extend your time in Greece with a threenight stay in Santorini. Board a highspeed ferry to the idyllic island and explore sunkissed shores, quaint villages and local vineyards. Visit trafalgar.com for more details.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

### **Explore**

Epidaurus, Mycenae, Olympia, Meteora, Delphi and Athens

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The ancient theatre at Epidaurus, Olympic Stadium in Olympia, Monastery of Paleokastritsa and Achilleion Palace in Corfu, rock Monastery in Meteora and Acropolis in Athens

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus and the Parthenon, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens

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DAY 1 Welcome to Istanbul Your journey of discovery starts in Istanbul. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner. (D)

**Hotel: Arts Taksim** 

Transfers: Depart Istanbul Airport (IST) at

13:30 and 16:30.

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 18:30.

**DAY 2 Discover Colourful Istanbul Enjoy** a guided tour of the Topkapi Palace, view the Blue Mosque, visit to Hagia Sophia and consider an optional cruise on the Bosphorus. (B)

# DAY 3 Journey to Gallipoli and Çanakkale

Journey to Gallipoli to see Anzac Cove and the Dardanelles. You'll visit the cemeteries of Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair, then continue to Canakkale. (B, D) Hotel: Kolin

**DAY 4 Off to Troy and Izmir Explore** the legends of Troy and see the symbolic replica of the famous wooden horse. This afternoon, lunch in the village of Demircidere at a **Be My Guest** experience. Travel to Izmir this evening where you'll dine at your hotel. (B, L, D) Hotel: Kaya Izmir **Thermal & Convention** 

### Be My Guest

Meet the women of Demircidere Köyü, visit the local bakery to learn the art of traditional breadmaking and discover how this Turcoman community preserves tradition over lunch.

**DAY 5 Explore the Ruins of Ephesus Stroll** through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, past the amazingly intact facade of the Library of Celcus and down to what was once its thriving port. See the House of Virgin Mary at Mt. Koressos, then spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

DAY 6 Onwards to Pamukkale Leave the coastal city of Izmir behind as you journey inland to Pamukkale. Relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel before dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Colossae Thermal

# **DAY 7** Venture to Hierapolis and Antalya

Follow in the footsteps of the ancients who sought relaxation at the Roman spa in Hierapolis, then admire the bubbling pools and white cascades of Pamukkale's Cotton Castle Springs. Your stop for the next two nights is the Mediterranean retreat of Antalya. Take some time to explore the winding lanes of its old town and admire the preserved Ottoman architecture. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Hotel: Marmara Antalya

DAY 8 Antalya Free Time Enjoy a day at your own pace, taking in the captivating seaside ambiance of the Turkish Riviera. Stroll through the charming, winding streets of the old city, where you can admire the well-preserved Ottoman architecture. For

an Optional Experience, you may choose a yacht cruise and guided tour of Antalya's historic old town. (B)

DAY 9 On the Road to Aspendos and Konya Visit Aspendos to witness the world's best-preserved ancient theatre, then continue your journey to Konya. (B, D) **Hotel: Dedeman** 

**DAY 10 Continue to Cappadocia** See a 13th-century caravanseral before continuing your journey to Cappadocia and Saratli. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience before arriving at your **Stays with Stories** experience, spending the night near the ancient Ortahisar rock castle. (B, D) Hotel: Exedra

# MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Meet Ali on his family-run farm and learn how traditional farming methods using pigeon fertiliser produce rare fruits and grains. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 11 & 12: Resilient Cities and Communities & Sustainable Production and Consumption.

### Stays with Stories

The Exedra Hotel's rooms, carved from rock, boast unique designs and handcrafted antiques. During construction, a chapel was uncovered, inspiring the name 'Exedra,' a gathering place in ancient Rome.

**DAY 11** A Day to Explore Spectacular Göreme Explore Cappadocia's landscape and visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum. Learn about the art of pottery in Avanos

before dining in a local restaurant. (B, D) DAY 12 Onwards to Ankara Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and

the final resting place of the country's beloved Atatürk. (B, D) Hotel: Grand **Mercure Ankara** 

DAY 13 Return to Istanbul Return to Istanbul, visit the Grand Bazaar. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure before finishing the day with a memorable dinner featuring local specialities. (B, D) Hotel: Arts Taksim

DAY 14 Farewell Istanbul Bid Istanbul and newfound friends a fond farewell. (B)

Transfers: Arrive at Istanbul Airport (IST) at 06:00 and 12:00.

# Anzac Day Special Departure

Visit trafalgar.com to learn about the special departure that features Anzac Day, with time to take in the commemorations and events at Gallipoli.

# Included highlights and must-sees

Explore Istanbul

### Visit Must-see Landmarks

Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Hippodrome and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Anzac Cove and the War Cemeteries at Gallipoli, ancient ruins of Troy, ancient city at Ephesus. Cotton Castle Springs in Pamukkale, Archaeological Museum in Antalya, home of the Whirling Dervishes at Konya, underground city of Saratli and Göreme Open-Air Museum

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Blue Mosque in Istanbul

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

See days 4 and 10 for your unique local encounters

# **Travel Responsibly**

See day 10 for how you'll make a positive impact

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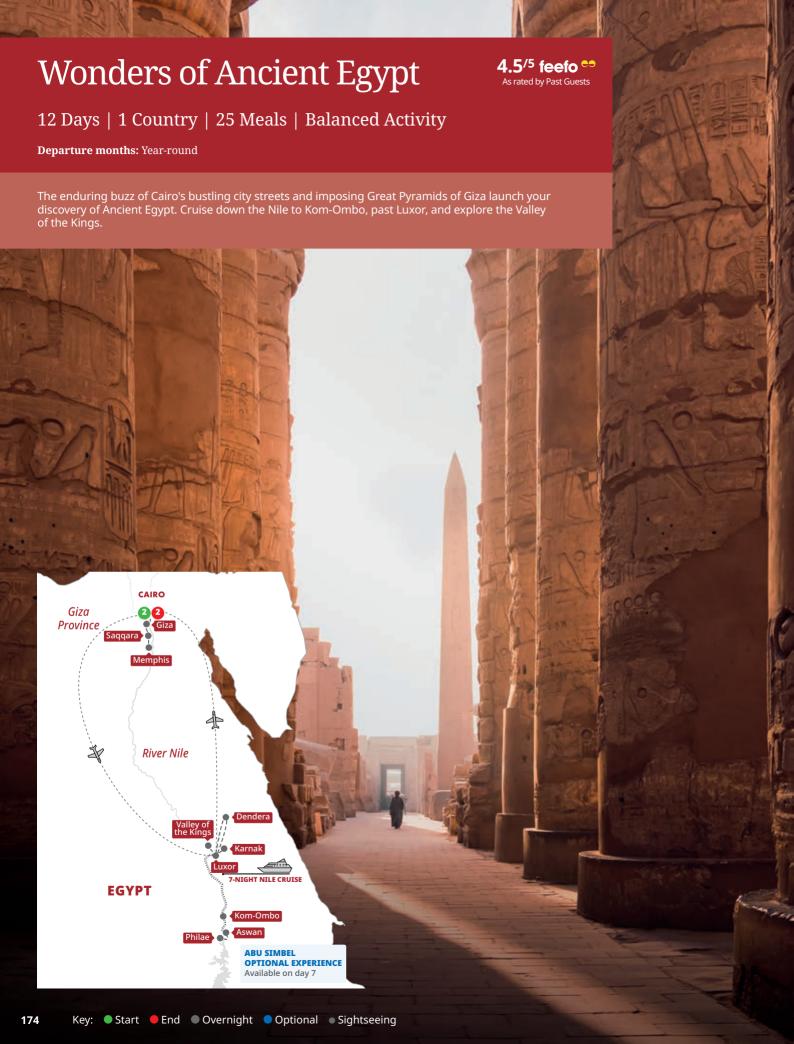




An absolutely beautiful morning of sailing on the Mediterranean Sea from Antalya. It was spectacular.

Robyn

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**DAY 1 Welcome to Cairo** Delve into the antiquities of Egypt on this epic journey. As you transfer to your hotel for a day at leisure, you'll feel the buzz of this lively city. Later, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers over a drink. It's your first chance to connect and get a feel for this extraordinary city. **Hotel: Ramses Hilton** 

Welcome: Meet your Travel Director at 19:00.

**DAY 2 Admire the Wonders of Giza** Meet your Travel Director early this morning

your Travel Director early this morning and immerse yourself during a full-day excursion to the old kingdom of Egypt. See the Colossus of Ramses II and the Alabaster Sphinx at Memphis. Visit the Step Pyramid at Saqqara, then marvel at the Great Pyramid of Giza and the mighty Sphinx. (B)

DAY 3 Fly to Luxor and Embark on Your Nile Cruise Fly to Luxor this morning and embark on a guided tour of the Karnak Temple Complex, before boarding your cruise in time for lunch. Later, marvel at Luxor's Temple and visit the Luxor Museum to see an astounding collection of archaeological treasures, including items from Tutankhamun's tomb. (B, L, D) Hotel: Nile Cruise

### Stays with Stories

Nile cruises emerged in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century as travellers sought to explore Egypt's ancient wonders by boat. Take in the cultural and historic significance of the Nile as you drift along the famous river during your overnight cruise.

**DAY 4 Explore Ancient Dendera** Pay tribute to the Goddess Hathor at Dendera Temple. You'll learn about Dendera's role as one of the major capitals of ancient Upper Egypt before sailing to Edfu for the night. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 Journey to Aswan Today, travel to Aswan, which for centuries held the important strategic role of being Egypt's southern frontier and gateway to the rest of Africa. Today it is a tranquil, modern city, most known for its High Dam, Nubian villages and Philae Temple, built to honour Egyptian goddess Isis. Arrive in time for dinner, watching the buzz of the city from the comfort of your boat. (B, L, D)

# DAY 6 The High Dam and More in Aswan

During your sightseeing in Aswan, you'll see how the ancient Egyptians chose a stunning place to honour the goddess of love. Your final stop today is a visit to the High Dam, the world's largest embankment dam which ended the cycle of flood and drought along the Nile River. **(B, L, D)** 

# **DAY 7** Onwards to Philae and Kitchener's

**Island** Today, you could join a once-in-a-lifetime Optional Experience to Abu Simbel, carved into a solid rock cliff in Egypt's Nubian Valley. As you approach the Great Temple, you'll marvel at the four seated colossi on either side of the entrance and the elaborate

engravings depicting great victories and paying homage to the gods. Then, join a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience**. Later, you'll set sail in a traditional felucca around the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island. (B, L, D)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience
Meet the ladies behind the local women's
co-op and see scrap materials come
to life as they are turned into fine
handicrafts. The organisation provides an
important source of income for vulnerable
people. Your visit directly supports United
Nations Sustainable Development Goal 5:
Gender Equality.

DAY 8 Off to Ancient Kom-Ombo Visit the roofless Temple of Kom-Ombo, a highlight along the Nile, where you'll learn how the temple was built to honour two gods, Horus the Elder and Sobek. The Temple has a perfectly symmetrical design, the two sides mirroring each other with one side dedicated to the crocodile god, the other to the falcon god. You'll learn all about the mythical link and why the Nile crocodile was of such importance to the ancient Egyptian priests. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 Sail to Stunning Luxor Watch how the river gives life to an arid landscape and the people who live within it as you sail down the Nile towards Luxor, once an ancient Egyptian capital. Head to the sundeck for the best views and thrilling experience of passing through Esna Lock before continuing your journey. (B, L, D)

# DAY 10 Disembark and Fly to Cairo

Disembark at Luxor to explore the fascinating complex of mortuary temples and tombs, including Queen Hatshepsut's Temple, the Colossi of Memnon and the Valley of the Kings. Enjoy a traditional **Be My Guest** experience. Fly to Cairo and enjoy an evening at leisure to soak up the buzzing atmosphere for which the city is famous. **(B) Hotel: Ramses Hilton** 

### Be My Guest

Meet the El Boerey family as they share stories about family life in a typical Luxor village. Savour a culinary tradition of mint tea and freshly baked local bread.

# **DAY 11 Discover Colourful Cairo**

Embark on a sightseeing tour through the Egyptian capital, including a visit to the Hanging Church of St. Mary in Old Cairo, a landmark of Egypt's Christian heritage and the Alabaster Mosque. Later, with an Egyptologist, visit an unparalleled collection of ancient artefacts, from mummies and sarcophagi to jewelry and treasures linked to King Tutankhamun. As the day winds down, join an optional Nile River dinner cruise, drifting past Cairo's illuminated skyline. **(B)** 

**DAY 12 Farewell Cairo** As our expedition comes to an end, say a fond farewell to your newfound friends. **(B)** 

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

### **Explore**

Luxor and Cairo with an Egyptologist

### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Step Pyramid at Saqqara, the temples of Karnak, Luxor's Temple and Museum, the temple dedicated to Goddess Hathor at Dendera, the Temple of Isis on the island of Philae, the Temple at Kom-Ombo, the Valley of the Kings and the Egyptian Museum in Cairo

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Great Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, the High Dam and the Unfinished Obelisk in Aswan, the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island, the Citadel and the Alabaster Mosque in Cairo

**Travel by Scenic Journeys**Sail in a traditional felucca

Sail in a traditional felucca across the Nile

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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From Alexandria to the Abu Simbel Temples, we had a great experience. Our local guide provided the personal touch we have come to expect from Trafalgar Tours. A trip of a lifetime.

Nelia

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# Highlights of Turkey

10 Days | 1 Country | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Mar - Oct

Travel along the trading routes connecting East and West. Stroll through Istanbul's Grand Bazaar, drift past Cappadocia's fairy-tale landscape and walk in the footsteps of ancient Greeks in Ephesus.





# Included highlights and must-sees

# **Explore** Istanbul

# Visit Must-see Landmarks

The Topkapi Palace, Byzantine Hippodrome and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Anzac Cove and the War Cemeteries at Gallipoli and the Göreme Open-Air Museum

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Meet the women of Demircidere Köyü, learn the art of traditional breadmaking and discover how this Turcoman community preserves tradition over lunch **Stays with Stories:** Overnight at the Hotel Exedra Cappadocia

# **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit the house of Turkey's greatest classical composer, Dede Efendi and experience a private concert by Music Conservancy students

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# Cappadocia, Turkey

Famous for its thousands of natural rock formations called "fairy chimneys" or hoodoos, Cappadocia has been carved by volcanic activity and erosion over millions of years. These spires are scattered across the valleys, particularly in places like Göreme, Pasabag (Monk's Valley), and Love Valley, creating the surreal, dreamlike landscape that Cappadocia is known for. During your time here, explore Göreme Open-Air Museum to admire the extraordinary rock-hewn churches and the fairy chimneys of Paşabağ, and to learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos, and so much more. Experience on *Best of Turkey (p.172), Highlights of Turkey (opposite)*.

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

# Best of Egypt

9 Days | 1 Country | 16 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Year-round

Awaken your inner explorer on a journey through Egypt's lush valleys and golden deserts. Cruise the Nile past Luxor's temples to Aswan's Nubian treasures and visit the Pyramids of Giza, Sphinx and Tomb of the Nobles.





# Included highlights and must-sees

# **Explore**

Luxor and Cairo with an Egyptologist

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Temple of Amun, Luxor Museum, Valley of the Kings, Queen Hatshepsut's Temple and the Colossi of Memnon in Luxor, the Temple of Kom-Ombo and the Temple of Isis on the island of Philae

### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Meet the El Boerey family for mint tea and fresh bread to learn about family life in a typical Luxor village **Stays with Stories:** Overnight on a Nile Cruise

# **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit a local weaving school to learn how skilled artisans create intricate Egyptian carpets using traditional wooden looms

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# Jordan Experience

6 Days | 1 Country | 11 Meals | Balanced Activity **Departure months:** Year-round

Travel to the 'Rose City' of Petra, the highlight of your Jordan trip. Discover local culture with the Khzoz family, have dinner with a Bedouin tribe and spend a soulful night under the stars in the Wadi Rum desert.



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# Included highlights and must-sees

# **Explore**

Amman

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Greco-Roman city at Jerash, the unique ancient city at Petra, the Crusader Fortress at Shobak and Wadi Rum

# **Travel by Scenic Journeys**

Driveon a jeep tour in the Wadi Rum desert

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Join the Khzouz family in their Amman home for a home-cooked dinner and stories of their Jordanian life **Stays with Stories:** Overnight at the Bedouin Camp in Wadi Rum

### **Travel Responsibly**

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience: Visit the Iraq al-Amir Women's Centre and learn how they create soap from olive oil and greeting cards from recycled paper, then enjoy lunch prepared by the women

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DAY 1 Welcome to Vienna Write your very own Christmas story on a festive foray to some of Europe's most magical Christmas markets. Your journey begins in Vienna. Take the opportunity to explore on your own before meeting your fellow travellers. Today, your Travel Director will provide an orientation drive of the Austrian capital before dinner. (D) Hotel: Imperial Riding School

**Transfers:** Depart the airport at 10:00 and 13:30.

# **DAY 2** Discover Vienna's Christmas

Charm Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Admire the grand exteriors of Parliament and City Hall and learn about the eventful history of the State Opera House. See Hofburg Palace, which served as the winter palace of the Habsburgs, one of the most powerful royal houses of Europe. Feed your Christmas spirit with a visit to the enchanting Christkindlmarkt this afternoon and feast on delicious gingerbread and Glühwein. Wander past wooden stalls piled high with handcrafted toys, seasonal gifts and tasty festive fare. (B)

DAY 3 Journey to Munich Venture to Mozart's beloved Salzburg. Join your Local Specialist on a walking tour to see the Mirabell Gardens and iconic sights that featured in the filming of the 'Sound of Music'. Later, dramatic vistas accompany your journey as you travel past alpine landscapes to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. This evening, dinner is served at the hotel.

(B, D) Hotel: Four Points by Sheraton Munich Arabellapark

DAY 4 Enjoy Bavarian Munich's Magical Christmas Markets Bundle up warmly and join a Local Specialist on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to discover lost and forgotten Advent traditions. Embrace the festive cheer in Marienplatz with its impressive Town Hall and the ornate Glockenspiel. Then, spend the rest of your day savouring the sights, sounds and smells of Munich's Christmas market—a dazzling display of twinkling lights, carols and a magnificent Christmas tree. Continue your cultural exploration with an optional visit to enjoy the gemütlich atmosphere at one of

# Munich's most traditional restaurants. (B) MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Discover Munich through Bavaria's lost and forgotten Advent traditions, playing a significant part of regional cultural revitalization, and stop for tastings along the way. Your visit directly supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

DAY 5 Off to Innsbruck Leave Munich behind and travel through the romantic Bavarian countryside en route to Oberammergau, where the poignant Passion Play is hosted every ten years. Admire the Bavarian themes depicted in the village's intricate woodcarvings and elaborate frescoes. Continue to Austria's Innsbruck. Indulge in delicious Kiachl doughnuts at the bustling Christmas market before returning to your hotel for dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Innsbruck Tivoli

DAY 6 Venture to Lucerne A winter wonderland beckons as you see the ski jump that towers over Innsbruck. Continue to Vaduz to view its turreted castle, perched perfectly above the Liechtenstein capital. Your final stop today is Lucerne, where you'll spend the next two nights. An orientation tour of the city provides an opportunity to take in the history and beauty of Lucerne. See the morose Lion of Lucerne and the famous wooden Chapel Bridge. (B) Hotel: Astoria

# **DAY 7** Explore Lucerne's Festive

Glittering Lights This morning, choose to join your Travel Director for an Optional Experience to the peak of a nearby mountain top. Embrace the Yuletide cheer in the heart of the city's Old Town. Celebrate your magical journey with a Be My Guest experience filled with Christmas cheer. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure or perhaps join an optional cruise on Lake Lucerne. (B, L)

# **Be My Guest**

Visit the Meyer family at Küssnachter Alpenhof and learn about the workings of the farm and the animals that live there. Settle into the family's dining room area for a delicious home-cooked meal.



**DAY 8 Journey Home** Bid a festive farewell to your travel companions, returning home with magical Christmas memories. **(B)** 

**Transfer:** Arrive at the airport at 08:00.

# Included highlights and *must-sees*

**Explore with Local Specialists**Vienna and Salzburg

# **Discover on City Orientations**

Munich, Oberammergau, Innsbruck, Vaduz, and Lucerne

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Christmas Markets of Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck, Lucerne and Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, the Marienplatz in Munich, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck and the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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Enjoying a white Christmas in Salzburg with my eldest daughter.

Nelie

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# Included highlights and must-sees

# Explore with a Local Specialist Berlin

# **Discover on City Orientations**

Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Erfurt, Weimar, Leipzig and Dresden

# **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

The Christmas Markets of Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Wartburg Castle in Eisenach (Sat/Sun only), Erfurt Weimar, Leipzig, Dresden, and the Berlin TV Tower

# **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Opera House and Zwinger Palace in Dresden and the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag Building in Berlin

# **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

**Be My Guest experience:** Join Camilla and Elisa in their cafe for a traditional three-course German dinner and stories of Prenzlauer Berg's history

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## Swiss Delight

9 Days | 3 Countries | 13 Meals | Leisurely Activity **Departure months:** Oct - Mar

Get swept up in the charm of Switzerland's lively cities and soul-stirring landscapes on this perfect winter break filled with magical Christmas markets, delicious food and plenty of opportunities to shop.





#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Discover on City Orientations**

Geneva, Lausanne, Montreux, Gruyères, Lucerne, Colmar, Basel, Freiburg and Zürich

#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Swiss Alps in Andermatt, the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

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## Scandinavian Northern Lights

9 Days | 2 Countries | 13 Meals | Leisurely Activity **Departure months:** Oct - Apr

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#### Included highlights and must-sees

#### **Explore with Local Specialists**

Helsinki, Gammelstad and Stockholm

#### **Visit Must-see Landmarks**

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#### **View Must-see Landmarks**

The Northern Lights (weather permitting)

#### **One-of-a-kind Experiences**

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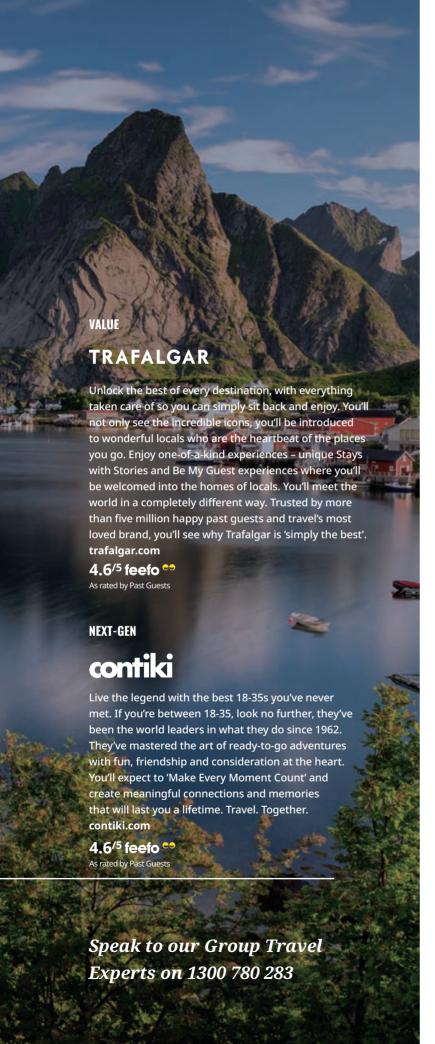
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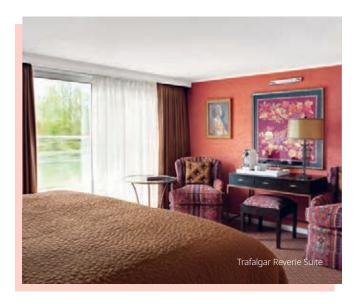
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#### **Quick Facts**

Double occupancy capacity			
Crew	39		
Passenger Decks	3		
River-view Staterooms (total)	64		
River-view Staterooms with French balcony	18		
River-view Suites	4		

#### Trafalgar Verity

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#### **Quick Facts**

Double occupancy capacity			
Crew	39		
Passenger Decks	3		
River-view Staterooms (total)	64		
River-view Staterooms with French balcony	22		
River-view Suites	4		

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Experience on Best of the Rhine and Amsterdam

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Strasbourg, France



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Experience on Rhine Christmas Markets River Cruise visiting Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary

## Best of the Danube

8 Days (7-Night River Cruise on *Trafalgar Reverie*) | 4 Countries | 20 Meals





Cruise the Danube and uncover a mix of history, culture and local traditions. Visit Budapest's Heroes' Square, stroll through Bratislava's medieval Old Town and enjoy a taste of Vienna's famous Sachertorte. Enjoy lively evenings on board, sharing stories over regional wines and soak up the ever-changing scenery. This Danube river cruise offers you the perfect mix of discovery, fun and relaxation on one of Europe's most iconic rivers.

#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists** | Budapest, Vienna, Spitz, Linz, Passau

Visit Must-see Landmarks | Fisherman's Bastion and Heroes' Square in Budapest, Michael's Gate in Bratislava

View Must-see Landmarks | Matthias Church in Budapest, St. Martin's Cathedral and the Old Town Hall in Bratislava, the State Opera House and the Austrian Parliament Building in Vienna

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Choose to start your river cruise in either Passau or Budapest.

Budapest to Passau Passau to Budapest							
APR	18	AUG	8, 22	APR	11, 25	AUG	1, 15, 29
MAY	2, 16, 30	SEP	5, 19	MAY	9, 23	SEP	12, 26
JUN	13, 27	OCT	3, 17	JUN	6, 20	OCT	10, 24
JUL	11, 25			JUL	4, 18		

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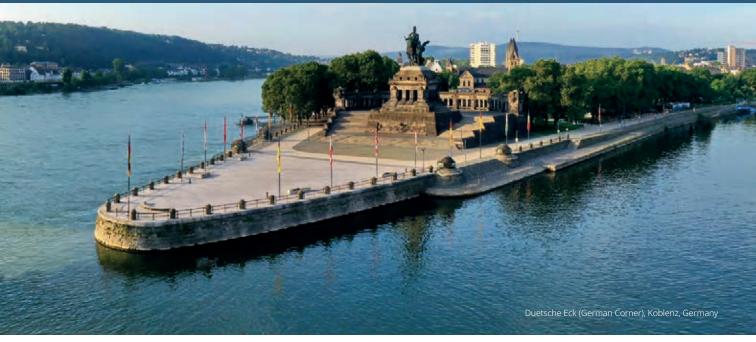
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River Cruise visiting The Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland

## Best of the Rhine and Amsterdam

10 Days (2-Night Amsterdam Hotel Stay, 7-Night River Cruise on *Trafalgar Verity*) | 4 Countries | 24 Meals





Voyage through the heart of Europe on a Rhine river cruise, where history, culture and riverside landscapes meet. Explore Amsterdam's canals, stand beneath the towering spires of Cologne Cathedral and stroll through Strasbourg's old town. On board, enjoy lively evenings and soak up the ever-changing scenery as you cruise through the romantic Middle Rhine, surrounded by steep vineyards, medieval castles and half-timbered towns.

#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists |** Cologne, Koblenz, Speyer, Strasbourg, Breisach

Visit Must-see Landmarks | Airborne Museum in Hartenstein, Rheinstein Castle near Koblenz, German Corner in Koblenz

**View Must-see Landmarks** | Cologne Cathedral in Cologne, the Drosselgasse in Rüdesheim, Holy Trinity Church in Speyer, the Petite France district and the Cathedral in Strasbourg

**One-of-a-kind Experiences** | Be My Guest Lunch with the Bohrer family at Bohrerhof farm

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Amsterdam to Basel Basel to Amsterdam							
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MAY	10, 24	SEP	13, 27	MAY	5, 19	SEP	8, 22
JUN	7, 21	OCT	11	JUN	2,16, 30	OCT	6
JUL	5, 19			JUL	14, 28		
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River Cruise visiting Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary

## Danube Christmas Markets

8 Days (7-Night River Cruise on *Trafalgar Reverie*) | 4 Countries | 20 Meals





Cruise the Danube and uncover a mix of history, culture and local traditions wrapped in the spirit of the season. Visit Budapest's Fisherman's Bastion, stroll through Bratislava's medieval Old Town, browse Europe's favourite Christmas markets, and see Vienna's historic landmarks.

#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists |** Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Krems an der Donau, Linz, Passau

**Must-see Landmarks** | Visit Fisherman's Bastion and Heroes' Square in Budapest and Michael's Gate in Bratislava. View Matthias Church in Budapest, St. Martin's Cathedral and the Old Town Hall in Bratislava, the State Opera House and the Austrian Parliament Building in Vienna

Christmas Markets | Visit traditional European Christmas Markets in Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Krems, Linz and Passau

**One-of-a-kind Experiences** | A tasting and Be My Guest lunch with the head brewers of one of Bratislava's most celebrated microbreweries

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#### Christmas Markets

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Passau to Budapest Budapest to Passau

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River Cruise visiting Germany, France and Switzerland

## Rhine Christmas Markets

8 Days (7-Night River Cruise on *Trafalgar Verity*) | 3 Countries | 20 Meals





Sail through the heart of Europe on a festive journey along the Rhine. Explore storybook towns, twinkling Christmas markets and local traditions from Düsseldorf to Basel. With guided walks, seasonal tastes and optional experiences along the way, this river cruise blends cultural highlights with the magic of the holidays.

#### Included highlights and must-sees

**Explore with Local Specialists |** Cologne, Koblenz, Speyer, Strasbourg and Basel

Must-see Landmarks | German Corner in Koblenz. View Cologne Cathedral, the Drosselgasse in Rüdesheim, Holy Trinity Church in Speyer, the Petite France district and the Cathedral in Strasbourg

Christmas Markets | Visit traditional European Christmas Markets in Cologne, Rüdesheim, Koblenz, Mainz, Speyer, Strasbourg and Basel

**One-of-a-kind Experiences** A Be My Guest lunch with the Breuer family at their traditional weingasthaus in Rüdesheim. Enjoy seasonal specialities, local wine and live music

**Travel Responsibly** | A MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience at Doktorenhof, a private vinegar estate near Speyer



#### Christmas Markets

Along the Rhine, you'll visit all the best Christmas markets. In Rüdesheim, Germany, ride a mini train through cobbled streets and vineyards and see the festive timber framed houses, then explore its charming Christmas market.

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