TO SEE EUROPE AND BRITAIN IN THE MOST COLOURFUL WAY
FROM ONLY A$170* PER DAY

AUTUMN, WINTER & SPRING
EUROPE AND BRITAIN
YOUR 2019/20 HOLIDAY
Europe in Autumn, Winter and Spring is a kaleidoscope of colours, sights, smells and experiences. The burnt orange of falling leaves in Rome, the smell of fresh gingerbread at a German Christmas market, or that first glimpse of the twinkling Eiffel Tower as you float along the River Seine with spring blossom in bloom—each a ‘pinch me’ moment you’ll never forget.

With Trafalgar at your side to take care of it all, you’ll travel without a worry in the world. Experience true freedom as you journey behind the scenes, and take the time to feel, not just see. Experience your travel dreams becoming a reality, and connect with the true soul of a place through experiences that you can only get with us.

Leading travel since 1947, it’s the people and places we know, and feedback from over 5 million guests like you, that have helped us craft life-changing holidays that are Simply The Best. You only have one chance to enjoy your holiday of a lifetime, so travel with the best there is.

Real connections. Real ease. Real joy. Find your very own magic moment with the world’s most-awarded brand.
DISCOVER THE BEAUTY OF EUROPE IN AUTUMN, WINTER AND SPRING. 37 HANDCRAFTED ITINERARIES. 27 COUNTRIES.
SIMPLY THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL

GUESTS LIKE YOU HAVE ENJOYED THE BEST TRAVEL EXPERIENCES WITH US SINCE 1947. FAST FORWARD 73 YEARS AND OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR GUESTS REMAINS THE SAME, YOU’RE GUARANTEED TO UNCOVER THE REAL EUROPE WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT A THING.

Real Connections
It’s the very reason why we travel. To connect to the people, places and experiences of the places you choose to go. You’ll uncover the soul of Europe & Britain. We include the must-see sights and as well as unique experiences that you can’t find anywhere else. From connecting with locals at exclusive Be My Guest experiences where you will be welcomed into locals’ homes, to unlocking the Hidden Gems of the seasons thanks to the in-depth knowledge of your expert Travel Director. These are just a few of the ways you will connect to the very essence of Europe through the seasons.

Read more on p.6 – 9

Real Ease
We are dedicated to making your travel dreams real. You choose where you want to go, and we’ll take care of the rest. From the time you book, to the time you return home you will experience the ultimate in stress-free travel. With the very best accommodation, transport, rich experiences and more all handcrafted for you, you are free to enjoy the moments that you will cherish forever.

Read more on p.10

Real Joy
Travel is about the experience and memories that you will cherish for the rest of your life. We call them ‘pinch me moments’ where you truly appreciate what life is all about and are overwhelmed with the feeling of happiness. As the world’s most awarded travel company we are dedicated to inspiring and surprising you in a way you could never imagine. But don’t take our word for it. With a 4.6/5 star independent satisfaction rating, see what happy guests from across the globe have said. Real reviews by real people as independently shared on FEEFO.

Read more on p.11

Trafalgar, as part of The Travel Corporation, is proud using 100% recycled LEIPA paper for the body of all our brochures.
The Icons

The things you’ll see

From a VIP experience at the Vatican to warming your winter heart with the prospect of Glühwein, gingerbread and festive cheer at Europe’s magical Christmas Markets, you’ll see all the icons on your journey through these iconic destinations in ways you may not have thought possible.

Christmas Market
MUNICH, GERMANY

Gingerbread men, Yuletide spirit and a dazzling display of twinkling lights await when you visit the magical Christmas Markets of Germany. Share in the Gemütlichkeit of the locals and savour the steamy, spicy scents of Glühwein to beat the winter chill as you wander through Germany’s medieval town squares bedecked in fairy lights.

What trip?
Christmas Markets of Austria, Germany and Switzerland (p.16-17)

ICON KEYS AND TERMINOLOGY

LOOK OUT FOR THESE TERMS AND ICONS ON OUR ITINERARY PAGES.

Specific terms
- Visit: In-Depth sightseeing with a Local Specialist or Travel Director, which includes fast-track entry (where applicable).
- View: A brief stop to enjoy the sights and take some photos.
- See: Observe sights while passing by on your coach, cruise or train.

Handcrafted Trip Highlights
- Connect With Locals
- Make A Difference
- Dive Into Culture
- The Icons
- Stays With Stories
Connect With Locals

The people you’ll meet

To know a place, you have to know its people. With us you’ll meet local chefs, artisans and business owners, and through our exclusive Be My Guest dining experiences you’ll be welcomed into locals’ homes like family.

One of our richest travel highlights, our guests love it, and we know you will too.

Look out for the Connect with Locals symbol for Be My Guest experiences on your chosen trip.

Castello del Trebbio
PONTASSIEVE, ITALY

Take a step back to a time when the great Pazzi and de Medici families sought supremacy over Renaissance Florence. You’ll join the Baj Macario family at their 12th-century Castle of Trebbio where this famous feud is brought to life through a visit to the castle dungeons. Later, tuck into a farm-to-table organic feast prepared by your hosts, accompanied by some of the castles very own wine.

What trip?
European Dream (p.24-25)

Dive Into Culture

The things that you’ll do

The magic of Europe isn’t one dimensional. It’s a continent that tantalises sight, smell, taste and touch, brought to life through our passion for travel and destination expertise. Deep dive into European culture in a way no guidebook could show you how.

Look out for the Dive Into Culture symbol on the trip pages for more experiences.

Priority access to the Vatican Museums
VATICAN

Embark on an intimate, in-depth and insightful encounter with Michelangelo’s extraordinary works of art when you visit the Vatican Museums before the crowds, and enjoy an exclusive visit up the spiral staircase designed by Donato Bramante in a part of the Vatican not open to the public.

What trip?
Rome Explorer (p.30-31), Simply Italy (p.32-33), Great Italian Cities (p.34-35), Real Italy (p.36-37), Wonders of Italy (p.38-39), and Best of Italy (p.40-41)
Stays With Stories

The places you’ll stay

More than just a place to lay your head in comfort, our Stays With Stories are hotels that come with a wealth of history and that reflect the culture and the community of the destination they’re in, which you’ll experience first-hand. Stay overnight in a Franciscan convent in Assisi or stay amidst the ruins of a 19th-century village near the rose-red city of Petra.

Look out for the Stays With Stories itinerary symbol pages for opportunities to stay in Europe’s most extraordinary accommodations.

Hidden Gems

The secrets you’ll unlock

Your passionate and connected Travel Directors will unlock city secrets and share unique experiences that are beyond any guidebook.

The best in the industry, they’ll surprise you with local-only secret spots that you would never have the chance to discover on your own. We can’t tell you too much of what they are - that would ruin the moment, but here’s a sneak peek from one of our Travel Directors to give you just a taste of what they know.

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Tiago Botelho
TRAVEL DIRECTOR

“When in Lisbon, try the delicious Pastel de Belém which have been produced since 1837, following an ancient recipe from the Monastery of Jerónimos. That secret recipe is recreated every day, by hand, using only traditional methods.”

Hotel Cenacolo
ASSISI, ITALY

Wake up to the Tuscan Hills on your doorstep. A rare opportunity to stay overnight in a former Franciscan convent originally built to welcome pilgrims visiting Assisi. Hotel Cenacolo has been beautifully renovated to offer guests modern comfort in an entirely unique setting.

What trip?
Wonders of Italy (p. 38-39)
Make Travel Matter

Over a decade ago, The Travel Corporation (TTC) sparked a movement of awareness and action to ensure that our love for travel would be passed on to future generations. Thereby ensuring that they too have the privilege of experiencing one of life’s most powerful gifts: the gift of travel. Travel has the ability to open our eyes to the unique cultures and spellbinding beauty of our world. But with great travel, comes great responsibility. Recognizing the important role we play with many of the world’s leading travel brands (see page 87), TTC established the not for profit TreadRight Foundation, with a clear and simple mission to have a positive impact on the people and communities we visit, to protect wildlife and marine life, and to care for the planet we call home. Simply put, making travel matter.

In 2009, Trafalgar launched JoinTrafalgar, powered by TreadRight’s philosophy and expertise, with the goal to use the positive power of travel to make a difference for a sustainable future. Today, TreadRight has supported over 50 sustainable travel projects around the globe. On Trafalgar’s trips, JoinTrafalgar has over 80 experiences across all seven continents which make a difference. Together, these allow our guests to give back and leave a lasting legacy for the betterment of people, places, wildlife and the planet.

Here are a few examples of what we do:

**Helping People**
We help support artisans, farmers, families, & invest in micro enterprises.

**IRAQ AL AMIR WOMEN’S COOPERATIVE**
The Iraq Al Amir Women’s Association, a cooperative managed and run by local women, providing training for projects for over 150 women from all the villages of Wadi Seer. The cooperative has created much-needed job opportunities for women of all ages.

On Jordan Experience (p.78-79)

**Preserving Places & Wildlife**
We help protect & maintain the diversity of wildlife, cultures and traditions.

**SUPPORTING YEAR-ROUND TRAVEL**
To ensure the viability of local businesses, we actively drive ‘365’ tourism activity beyond the peak season and promote year-round travel. There is a magic in destinations in every season. Autumn, Winter and Spring trips are a kaleidoscope of colours, sights, and smells that offer unique experiences beyond peak travel times.

Almost half of our Europe and Britain trips operate in the off-peak season

**Caring For The Planet**
We help reduce our footprint & protect the environment.

**GOODBYE TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS**
We’re setting our sights on a single-use plastic free future by 2022. In 2019, we are eliminating plastic water bottles from being sold on our coaches in Europe, North America and Asia. And in destinations where tap water is safe to drink, we encourage our guests to bring or buy their own reusable water bottles.

It’s estimated that TTC’s efforts will help to eliminate the use of 570 million plastic bottles

**DIRECT ACTION**
We support projects that Make a Difference to the places we visit. This includes Northern Ireland, where we helped The National Trust’s creation of a sustainable visitor centre at the UNESCO listed Giants Causeway, after a devastating fire.

On all trips that go to Northern Ireland

**ME to WE**
ME to WE and Trafalgar began our partnership in 2014. Together, we have built four schools and two water wells across Kenya, India, Ecuador and China, providing more than 300 community members with access to clean water. And 300 students yearly attend a classroom supported by Trafalgar.

Visit we.org or see India’s Golden Triangle with Varanasi trip

**ONETREEPLANTED**
In 2018, we offered our guests the opportunity to choose paper free documentation. To thank every guest who chooses e-documentations, we planted a tree in their honour with our partner One Tree Planted. We selected Tanzania and North America to plant these trees.

In 2018 we reforested 150 acres and saved 600 trees from being logged
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WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT A THING.
FROM THE MOMENT YOU BOOK UNTIL
YOU RETURN HOME, YOU’LL HAVE THE
FREEDOM TO CHERISH THE MOMENTS
THAT COUNT.

Nothing
But The Best

All included & impeccably chosen

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Stay in the accommodation
reflecting the history, style
and grandeur of Europe.
Whether you’re just a stone’s
throw from the action or
enjoying an incredible
Stays
With Stories experience, our
accommodation guarantees
more than just a place to lay
your head for the night.

YOUR TRANSPORT

Relax in comfort as you
journey across Europe in
Trafalgar’s sleek and luxurious
coaches which will get you
where you need to be in style,
with WiFi and air conditioning
onboard. Forget the stress of
unfamiliar roads or European
road rules, we’ll take the
wheel allowing you to spend
your journey watching the
beautiful landscapes and cities
of Europe.

YOUR MEALS

Sample the flavours of Europe’s iconic destinations with
Trafalgar’s delicious regional meals, exclusive Be My Guest
experiences and opportunities for food lovers to Connect With
Locals which champion the flavours of Europe throughout the
seasons. You’ll also enjoy included breakfast every morning to
start your day on the right note.

YOUR SIGHTSEEING

See a different side of Europe
and all The Icons which have
made the destination famous.
Enjoy priority access to some
of the most famous locations
like the Vatican Museums,
where you’ll embark on a
private guided tour in the
midst of three centuries of
art, history and antiquities.
You’ll also enjoy a rare glimpse
into how the locals live as our
Travel Directors share their
Hidden Gems – local-only secret
spots others would never have
known about.

YOUR ON-ROAD TEAM

You’ll gain an in-depth
perspective of the places you
visit thanks to Trafalgar’s
expert Travel Directors, the
best in the industry and your
ultimate moment makers.
Along with your dedicated
Local Specialists in many
places, you will unlock
local secrets and highlights,
beyond what any guidebook
could ever share. They,
coupled with your incredible
driver who will safely get you
from place to place, are your
dedicated on-road team taking
care of your every need.
REAL JOY

IT’S THOSE MOMENTS THAT YOU’LL CHERISH FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, THAT YOU ONLY GET WHEN YOU TRAVEL. WE ARE YOUR CHAMPIONS OF HAPPY, DEDICATED TO CRAFTING UNIQUE MOMENTS THAT LET YOU GAIN PERSPECTIVE AND CONNECT TO THE WORLD IN A WAY YOU NEVER IMAGINED.

INDEPENDENTLY RATED
4.6 / 5
★★★★★

5-star rating, 5 star service, 5-star experience. Our tour guide and driver were AMAZING! Our hotel accommodation was exquisite. You can count on it that I will be recommending Trafalgar to family, friends, and strangers. Thank you for a most memorable experience!

REBECCA FRINK
Paris Explorer
★★★★★

Our travel director was extremely knowledgeable and organised. Everything moved smoothly with great experiences in the wonderful cities of Italy!

NATALIE CARTER BRIGGS
Wonders of Italy
★★★★★★

See for yourself

Discover why millions of guests have chosen Trafalgar for their holidays. Search our hashtag #simplytrafalgar on Facebook and Instagram and discover for yourself.

We also believe so much in what we do, we invite all guests to share 100% transparent reviews which are published on line, live and unedited for all to see.

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WAYS TO EXPLORE

Ways to Explore

CHOOSE THE HOLIDAY YOU MOST DESIRE WITH TRAFALGAR. WHETHER YOU WANT TO EXPLORE THE DIVERSITY OF MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS DURING ONE TRIP OR GET BELOW THE SURFACE AND ENJOY AN IN-DEPTH ENCOUNTER WITH ONE CITY, THERE IS A TRAVEL STYLE CREATED WITH YOUR NEEDS IN MIND.

Country Explorer
For: Unlock one destination in great depth.
What you get? One country, explored in depth. With less distance to cover, you’ll have the luxury of time to really get to know the destination from the perspective of a local, covering both The Icons and the Hidden Gems.

Regional Explorer
For: Gain insights into the diversity of a particular region.
What you get? Connect with the people, places and experiences of one region and explore the diverse history, culture and scenery along your journey.

City Explorer
For: Get to know every little corner of just one city.
What you get? You’ll return home with a local’s perspective of the city you’ve just explored. Your Travel Director will help you with all the local hotspots to suit your interests with plenty of time to explore the The Icons of any city.

At Leisure
For: Enjoy Europe at a leisurely pace with longer stays.
What you get? Longer stays in each location means you’ll have more time to delve deeply into the culture, refreshed after a leisurely lie-in on most mornings.

Cruise or Rail
For: Kick back and watch the scenery unfold along your journey.
What you get? Get from A to B in comfort and style by rail, river cruise and everything in between. You’ll have an opportunity to explore diverse landscapes by simply enjoying the ride.

Discoveries
For: Those who want to tick off multiple countries in a single trip.
What you get? You’ll cross borders, see multiple cities and many different cultures on a single trip. With a huge range of experiences on offer, you’re guaranteed to come back with stories to tell.

Christmas Spectacular
For: Those who want to share in the festivities of a European Christmas.
What you get? You’ll join local revellers in a wintry wonderland as you wander through medieval town squares and soak up the festive cheer and fare of Europe’s enchanting Christmas Markets.

FACT

The Green Way to Travel

When you choose to travel by coach you are choosing a greener way to travel

= 85% less CO2 per passenger kilometre than car and air travel.
= 40% less CO2 per passenger kilometre than rail travel.

Trafalgar, as part of The Travel Corporation, run a zero tolerance policy on single use plastic in all offices, globally.

We take plastic pollution and our respect for the planet seriously. We recommend that our guests pack a reusable water bottle. Our trips run plastic bottle free.

What trip? On all of our Trips.
Ways to Save

**EXCLUSIVE AIR DEALS**

1. **BOOK EARLY**
   - **SAVE UP TO** A$215 *
   - Pay in full by 29 August 2019 and save up to 5%.

2. **BOOK AGAIN**
   - **VIP BENEFIT**
   - Travel as a past guest and unlock exclusive offers with us.

3. **BOOK TOGETHER**
   - **SAVE 5%**
   - Everyone saves 5% when you travel in groups of 5 or more.

**EXTRA DISCOUNTS**

- **SAVE UP TO 2.5%**
  - When you book two or more trips. The more you book, the more you save.

- **SAVE UP TO 10%**
  - On most trips for young travellers (5-17 years).

**SOLO TRAVELLING**

- **On some trips and departures, single supplements are discounted.**

**SHARED ROOMING**

- **Travelling solo? To avoid any extra costs, we can pair you in a shared room with a fellow traveller of the same gender.**

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**General Conditions:** Discounts and savings only apply to the land portion of your holiday and may not be available on all trips and departures. Not applicable with extra nights accommodation, optional extensions, airfares, taxes and fees, flight supplements, surcharges, airport transfers and does not apply on any internal air portion of a trip. Sometimes more than one discount can apply. Savings limited to one per trip and applied to the higher priced of two trips, if you book two at once. Past guest exclusive offers are only available on select trips and departures after your initial trip is completed. Book again with two or more trips applies to holidays booked simultaneously, must be seven days or longer, savings are applied to lowest price trip, not available on our Lucerne City Explorer, Israel and Egypt trips or cruises. For Book Again & Group Discounts they must be booked at the same time, on the same booking number. Groups are not available on our Israel trip and on request with our special rate solo rooming discount. Young Travellers limited to one discount per trip when accompanying an adult. Young Travellers must be aged 5-17 at time of travel and discount is not available on our Israel, Jordan and Egypt trips or cruises. Triple rooms are limited on cruises and not available on all trips. Shared rooming will be accommodated in non-smoking twin rooms and is not applicable on our City Explorers, Israel, Jordan or Greece trips. Holidays have a limited number of single rooms. Deposit protection, travel credits can only be redeemed once per person and a limit of one trip credit applies. Does not apply if you previously received a full refund. We reserve the right to validate past booking status. If for any reason you do not travel, this credit remains for future use for five years as a credit towards a future trip.

**Ways to Save**

**EXCLUSIVE AIR DEALS**

Travel with Trafalgar and Costsaver for less - getting to your holiday destination has never been more affordable.

Contact us or your Travel Agent for special low fares to get your holiday started right.

**BOOK AND TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE**

**GOLD SEAL PROTECTION**

Our Gold Seal Additional Protection gives you insurance while you’re away, including trip cancellation up to 30 days prior to travel or interruptions to your trip due to illness. See page 85.

**DEFINITE DEPARTURES**

We guarantee our trips will depart (weather and other conditions dependent, of course) as soon as enough guests are booked. Look out for the green tick ✓ when browsing dates and prices on trafalgar.com or costsavertour.com
WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PETER THE GREAT ALONG THE WINTER-WHITE CARPETS OF ST. PETERSBURG AND MOSCOW – IN A DISCOVERY OF RUSSIA’S VIBRANT, MODERN CULTURE, HAUNTING HISTORY, GRAND PALACES AND THE IMPOSING RED SQUARE.

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in St. Petersburg and Moscow

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING
visit to the home of the Tsars on a guided tour with a group size of fewer than 25 guests, exploring the treasures of St. Petersburg’s Hermitage Museum

VISIT the Hermitage Museum, the Peter and Paul Fortress in St. Petersburg and the Kremlin in Moscow

VIEW the Tsar’s Winter Palace, Nevsky Prospekt, St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the statue of Peter the Great in St. Petersburg, Red Square and St. Basil’s Cathedral in Moscow
ARRIVE ST. PETERSBURG (3 NIGHTS) Impressive, stately, magnificent – St. Petersburg extends her warm welcome for a festive sojourn that will see you visit two imperial cities cloaked in a magical winter blanket. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and light dinner at your hotel before an enchanting introduction of the city during an orientation drive. (WR) Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Vasilievsky

ST. PETERSBURG SIGHTSEEING Admire Peter the Great’s inspiring vision that culminated in the creation of a majestic city to rival Europe’s most magnificent capitals. Join your Local Specialist on a sightseeing tour that will take you past the Tsar’s regal Winter Palace, St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the grand avenue of Nevsky Prospekt. Included is a visit to the 18th-century Peter and Paul Fortress. (B)

HERMITAGE MUSEUM VISIT AND ST. PETERSBURG Catherine the Great’s cherished collection of art takes centre stage today as we ‘Dive Into Culture’ to enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing visit to the Hermitage Museum with a Local Specialist. Navigate the spectacular corridors that house one of the world’s largest and most valuable art collections representing the development of world culture and art from the Stone Age to the 20th century. Spend the rest of the day exploring the grand boulevards, golden spires and regal façades of this great city. Why not end your St. Petersburg visit in a colourful whirl of traditional dance at a Russian folklore show? (B, FD)

ST. PETERSBURG – HIGH-SPEED TRAIN – MOSCOW (3 NIGHTS) Tuck into hearty Russian fare before embarking by high-speed train to Moscow, passing a wintery landscape of soaring church spires and small villages. The Russian capital wears its extraordinary triumphs and tumultuous history on its sleeve and we have an opportunity to explore both over the next few days. Follow the imposing red walls of the Kremlin and chilly banks of the Moskva River on this exploration of Russia’s political, economic, religious and financial hub. (B) Hotel: Marriott Tverskaya

MOSCOW CHRISTMAS MARKETS An enchanting winter wonderland awaits as we admire the more than 400 dazzling light installations that illuminate the city for its annual Christmas Light festival. Stroll through city squares that come alive with Christmas Market stalls. Smells of mulled wine, gingerbread and caviar-filled crepes fill the air while stalls spill over with an astounding array of handcrafted gifts. Join a Local Specialist on a sightseeing tour to see the vibrant façade of St. Basil’s Cathedral and visit the Kremlin. There’s plenty of time later to stock up on festive souvenirs and explore one of the world’s grandest cities on your own terms. (B)

MOSCOW AND FREE DAY Moscow’s fascinating history and culture are yours to explore today. Spend your full day at leisure discovering the victories and tragedies that have shaped this magnificent city, from the elegant frescoed metro stations to the sad graveyard of Fallen Monuments. Consider visiting one of the city’s museums or take an Optional Experience to Sergiev Posad, the largest religious and cultural centre in Russia. Our journey together is almost at its end as we join our travel companions for a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

DEPART MOSCOW For now it’s time to say a fond do svyaniya to two great Russian cities. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S EVE HIGHLIGHTS: The 22 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in St. Moscow. The 29 December 2019 departure will toast New Year’s Eve in St. Petersburg. An additional Festive meal is included on these departures.

DEPARTURE DATES:

- St. Petersburg: 21, 28 December 2019
- Moscow: 04, 11 January 2020
- St. Petersburg: 06, 13 January 2020
- Moscow: 17, 24 January 2020
- St. Petersburg: 28 December 2019, 04 January 2020
- Moscow: 16, 23 January 2020

Price Per Person:

- Twin Share: $2095
- Single Supplement: $92 per person

Please note: Christmas & New Year’s Eve HIGHLIGHTS: The 22 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in St. Petersburg. The 29 December 2019 departure will toast New Year’s Eve in St. Petersburg. An additional Festive meal is included on these departures.

Trip Planner

**Early Bird Savings**: SAVE up to $133 p.p.

**Past Guests**: Unlock VIP benefits

**Triple Room Discounts**: SAVE up to $290 p.p.

**Multiple Trip Discounts**: SAVE up to $210

**Young Traveller discount**: SAVE up to $156

**Single Supplement (add to price above)**: $570 p.p.

**Multiple Departures**

- Twin Share: $2095
- Single Supplement: $92 per person

**Important Visa Information**: Visas are required at the time of booking to assess your specific requirements. Please speak to your travel agent for this trip. Important Visa Information: Visas are required for this trip. Please speak to your travel agent.

**Gratuities**: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, $92 per person.

**Trip Code**: WFSM

**Price Per Person**

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- Single Supplement: $92 per person

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FILL YOUR FESTIVE CHEER WITH CANDLES, CAROLS, SNOWFLAKES AND STOLLEN AS YOU WANDER PAST HEAVING MARKET STALLS AND PAY TRIBUTE TO OLD-WORLD TRADITIONS, LOCAL CRAFTSMANSHIP AND MESMERISING CITY BACKDROPS.

CITY TOUR in Vienna and Salzburg
ORIENTATION of Munich, Oberammergau, Innsbruck and Lucerne
VISIT the Christmas Markets of Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck and Lucerne, Vaduz the capital of Liechtenstein
VIEW Mozart’s birthplace in Salzburg, the Marienplatz in Munich, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck, the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne
SEE stunning Alpine scenery
ARRIVE VIENNA (2 NIGHTS) Write your very own Christmas story on a festive foray to some of Europe’s most magical Christmas Markets. Our journey begins in Vienna, which you will have an opportunity to explore before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and a light meal followed by an evening orientation drive. (WR Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront)

VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND CHRISTMAS MARKETS Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the Austrian capital, from its Parliament and City Hall to the grand State Opera House and Hofburg Palace, once the home of the Habsburgs, one of the most powerful royal houses of Europe. We evoke our Christmas spirit with a visit to the enchanting Christkindlmarkt this afternoon and feast on delicious gingerbread and Glühwein, wandering past wooden stalls piled high with handcrafted toys, seasonal gifts and tasty festive fare. (B)

VIENNA – SALZBURG – MUNICH (2 NIGHTS) Venture along the scenic Danube Valley to Mozart’s beloved Salzburg, where we’ll ‘Dive Into Culture’ when we join a Local Specialist on a walking tour seeing Mirabell Gardens and other sights that featured in the filming of the Sound of Music. Later, travel past beautiful Alpine landscapes to Munich, the capital of Bavaria. This evening, we dine at our hotel. (B, D, L) Hotel: Sheraton Westpark

MUNICH ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME Bundle up warmly and join your Travel Director on an orientation tour of one of Germany’s liveliest cities. 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 feast and indulge in Munich’s unrivalled hospitality with an optional visit to a famous beer hall. (B, D, L) Hotel: Grauer Bär

MUNICH – OBERAMMERGAU – INNSBRUCK We leave Munich behind and travel through the romantic Bavarian countryside en route to Oberammergau, which hosts the poignant Passion Play every ten years. Admire the village’s intricate woodcarvings and elaborate frescoes depicting Bavarian themes before continuing to Innsbruck. Indulge in delicious Kaisch doughnuts at the bustling Christmas market before returning to your hotel for dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Grazer Bär

INNSBRUCK – VADUZ – LUCERNE (2 NIGHTS) A winter wonderland beckons as we see the ski jump that towers over Innsbruck and continue to Vaduz to view its turreted castle, perched perfectly above the Liechtenstein capital. Our final stop today is in Lucerne, where we’ll spend the next two nights. Our orientation tour of the city takes us past the sad Lion of Lucerne and famous wooden Chapel Bridge. (B) Hotel: Astoria

LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME Embrace the Yuletide cheer in true Swiss-spirit during a visit to Lucerne’s Christmas market at Franziskanerplatz, in the heart of the city’s Old Town. Ramble past traditional wooden stalls, a warm mug of Glühwein in hand, and admire the swirling Christmas carousel with the joyful sounds of happy children. The rest of the day is yours at leisure, or join your Travel Director for an Optional Experience to the peak of a nearby mountain top. Tonight, we celebrate our magical journey together during a Farewell Dinner filled with Christmas cheer and all the trimmings. (B, FD)

LUCERNE – DEPART ZURICH We bid a festive farewell to our travel companions, returning home with magical Christmas memories. There is a morning transfer to Zurich airport. Conditions apply. (B)

TRIP CODE: WCMA

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
TRAVEL TO THE ENCHANTING LAND OF GERMANY’S CHRISTMAS MARKETS, SHARING THE FESTIVE SEASON SPIRIT AND GEMÜTLICHKEIT OF THE LOCALS, AMIDST MAGICAL FAIRY LIGHTS, ROUSING OOMPAH MUSIC AND THE SPICY SCENTS OF GLÜHWEIN.

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in Berlin

ORIENTATION of Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Weimar, Dresden and Leipzig

VISIT the Christmas Markets of Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Wartburg Castle in Eisenach, Erfurt, Weimar, Dresden, Leipzig and Berlin. Ascend the Berlin TV Tower

VIEW the Opera House and Zwinger Palace in Dresden, the Brandenburg Gate and Reichstag Building in Berlin

GERMANY

START

END

OVERNIGHT

SIGHTSEEING

Glühwein

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ARRIVE FRANKFURT Tame your festive wanderlust with the smells of Glühwein and Stollen on this magical journey that begins in Frankfurt. After check-in this afternoon, join your Travel Director on an orientation tour of the city's dynamic financial centre and medieval Römerberg. Later, join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and a light meal. (WR) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

FRANKFURT - ROTHENBURG - NUREMBERG Stunning Bavarian landscapes line your journey to the medieval walled town of Rothenburg where you’ll enjoy an orientation walk with your Travel Director past picture-perfect half-timbered houses and the old Town Hall. Savour a mouthful or two of Schneeballen or shop for gifts at the Reiterlesmarkt before continuing to Nuremberg with its mighty ramparts and St. Sebalb’s Church. Our next stop is the famous Christkindlesmarkt where sweet gingerbread hearts hang from the stalls and the famous Zwetschgenmännle prune men pose in all their Christmas splendour. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Messezentrum

NUREMBERG - EISENACH (WARTBURG CASTLE) - ERFURT - WEIMAR Embrace hundreds of years of festive spirit at the Eisenach Christmas market held in the UNESCO World Heritage Wartburg Castle. Ramble past sizzling Bratwurst and steaming vats of Glühwein as you soak up the magical atmosphere. Next on our Christmas wish list is Erfurt’s medieval market – its Weinachtspyramiden is the gateway to delicious aromas of schnitzel, gingerbread and egg punch, enjoyed against the backdrop of St. Mary’s Cathedral and St. Severus Church. See the market feris wheel and Merchants’ Bridge, the longest inhabited bridge in Europe. Our final stop on our festive foray today is the UNESCO World Heritage town of Weimar, where we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo

WEIMAR - DRESDEN (2 NIGHTS) Enjoy a leisurely morning in Weimar before travelling to Dresden, the ‘Florence on the Elbe’. Spend the day admiring the magnificent restoration of a city that was all but destroyed during World War II. Consider indulging in traditional German cuisine this evening at a local restaurant. (B) Hotel: Pullman Newa

FULL DAY AT DRESDEN CHRISTMAS MARKET Germany’s Christmas traditions take centre stage today as we ‘Dive Into Culture’ and wander through Dresden’s Striezelmarkt, Germany’s oldest Christmas market. Admire the dazzling display of twinkling lights, handcrafted decorations and Christmas carols. If you’re lucky enough to visit on the second weekend in advent, pay homage to the original Dresdner Christstollen. (B, D)

DRESDEN - LEIPZIG - BERLIN (2 NIGHTS) Immerse yourself in centuries of Yuletide traditions at Leipzig Christmas market as you wander past more than 250 decorated stalls in the Marktplatz. Take a trip back in time as you savour the scents of Görgi wine and admire the traditional crafts in ‘Ancient Leipzig’. We leave vibrant Leipzig for Berlin where we’ll spend the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Sheraton Grand Esplanade

BERLIN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME You won’t need Santa’s reindeer toascend hundreds of metres into the air as you admire 360° views of the city from the Berlin TV Tower. Your Local Specialist will share insights into old East and West Berlin during a sightseeing tour, see the Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden Boulevard, the Reichstag building, Tiergarten and the shopping and entertainment district of Kurfürstendamm. The rest of the day is yours to explore on your own or consider joining Berlin’s Secret Past Optional Experience. Our memorable Christmas journey almost at its end, we’ll spend the evening with our Travel Director and fellow travellers for a delicious Farewell Dinner with wine. (B, FD)

DEPART BERLIN For now, it’s time to bid a festive farewell to our travel companions as we return home filled with magical memories. Morning transfers are available to Berlin Tegel Airport. Conditions apply. (B)

Connect With Locals

WR Welcome Reception
B Breakfast
L Lunch
D Dinner

Stay With Stories

RD Regional Dinner
FD Farewell Dinner

More About Your Trip

TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip

At the Christmas Markets, a lovely way to keep warm is with a mug of Glühwein (Mulled Wine) or Hot Chocolate. There is a deposit fee on the mug and when you are finished with your beverage you can either return the mug to receive the deposit back, or keep the mug as a great souvenir as they are different at every Christmas Market.

Justine McPherson

More About Your Trip

TRIP CODE: WMAR

Multiple trip discount: SAVE up to $A50
Past guests: Unlock VIP benefits

Tip

Drinking Water: If you prefer, you can either return the mug to receive the deposit back, or keep the mug as a great souvenir as they are different at every Christmas Market. You can either return the mug to receive the deposit back, or keep the mug as a great souvenir as they are different at every Christmas Market.

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Airport Transfers: On arrival to Frankfurt Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12noon and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Berlin Tegel Airport at 8am and 10am.

Christmas Markets: Are generally open from the beginning of Advent until 24 December 2019. Trafalgar reserves the right to substitute sites and Christmas market inclusions in keeping with the events of the season.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver A$105 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

TRIP CODE: WMAR

21/03/2019 14:45
DELVE INTO THE LANDSCAPES OF EUROPE, FROM AMSTERDAM’S GABLED FAÇADES AND LUSH BURGUNDY VINEYARDS, TO THE SOPHISTICATION OF PARIS AND THE MYSTICAL WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER.

**THE Icons**

**CITY TOUR** in Paris

**ORIENTATION** of Amsterdam and Lucerne

**VISIT** the Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

**VIEW** the Lion Monument and the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, the Champs Élysées, the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe in Paris and the White Cliffs of Dover

**SEE** the Lorelei Rock, vineyards of Burgundy and the Somme Battlefields

**SCENIC CRUISE** along the canals of Amsterdam and the Rhine River

Windmill And Tulips, Amsterdam
YOUR HOLIDAY

1 ARRIVE 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 welcome drinks. (WR) Hotel: Mercure City

2 AMSTERDAM – RHINE CRUISE – HEIDELBERG Journey through Germany’s Rhine Valley, boarding a cruise to St. Goar. The old university town of Heidelberg is our next stop, with its impressive Renaissance structures, Baroque Old Town and view of the ruined red sandstone castle. We venture to our hotel, where we’ll spend our evening at leisure. (B, D) Hotel: Leonardo Heidelberg

3 HEIDELBERG – SCHAFFHAUSEN – LUCERNE (2 NIGHTS) In the enchanting Black Forest, we’ll ‘Dive Into Culture’ and witness the fine craft of cuckoo clock making, before visiting the dramatic Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen, the largest waterfall in Europe. We cross the Swiss border and arrive on the shores of Lake Lucerne, where we will stay for the next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Astoria

4 LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME Soak up the relaxed lakeside atmosphere before your morning orientation begins. Cross the solid wooden Chapel Bridge, visit the solemn Lion Monument, commemorating the Massacre of the Swiss Guards in 1792 and 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 shore. (B)

5 LUCERNE – BURGUNDY WINE REGION – PARIS (2 NIGHTS) See the changing landscape as you travel into France through Alsace and across the Maginot Line. Admire the scenic Burgundy Wine Region, before arriving in Paris. Indulge in a free evening to explore the grand boulevards of the French capital. Experience the pageantry of Paris first-hand and opt for an Optional Experience to a Parisian Cabaret. (B) Hotel: Renaissance La Defense

6 PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join a Local Specialist today to delve into the artistic and historic treasures of Paris, including views of the elegant Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. Visit the world-famous Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This afternoon, amble through the city’s stylish gardens, avenues and lanes, admiring the sophisticated atmosphere or consider joining an Optional Experience to the exquisite Palace of Versailles. This evening we indulge in a unique encounter with Parisian culture, enjoying a special ‘Connect With Locals’ Farewell Be My Guest Dinner in the City of Lights. (B, BMG, D)

7 PARIS – LONDON After breakfast, we say a fond au revoir to Paris. Crossing through the infamous Somme battlefields, we catch a glimpse of the Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge. In Calais, we board our ferry to Dover, continuing to London by coach where our encounter with European Highlights comes to an end. (B)

8 DEPART LONDON Enjoy an English breakfast at the end of your holiday. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

*All prices are per person, twin share. Your London Hotel: The Tower

For rates and full details please see page 84. This trip ends at our London Reception Centre or the above hotel, providing that you have reserved your accommodation at this hotel through Trafalgar. London Airport Transfers: Transfers available to purchase. Conditions apply. See page 84 for details.

Airport Transfers: On arrival at Amsterdam Airport transfers will operate at 9am, 11.30am and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$92 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

TRIP CODE: WHIL

Optional Eurostar™ Extension

Consider extending your holiday by spending more time in London. Travel from Paris to London by high-speed Eurostar™ train. This extension includes a standard class Eurostar™ ticket, transfer to the station in Paris and to your hotel in London as well as one night’s hotel accommodation in London.

PARIS – EUROSTAR™ – LONDON

Transfers are provided to Paris Gare du Nord station where you board the Eurostar™ train to London. The journey time to London St. Pancras International is 2 hours and 15 minutes. On arrival in London, you are met and transferred to your hotel. (B) Hotel: The Tower

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TRIP Highlights

Here’s just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Experience a classic old style quintessentially Parisian Bistro run by a local French family at our Be My Guest dinner. This is where the locals come and is one of our favourite places for rustic and soulful French cuisine. (Day 6)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Watch as skilled craftsman capture the distinctive sound of the cuckoo demonstrating the centuries’ old craft of clock making in the Black Forest. (Day 3)
ENJOY RADIANT PARIS AND THE RENAISSANCE ROMANCE OF FLORENCE, DRAMATIC ALPINE LANDSCAPES AND THE ETERNAL CITY OF ROME WHERE YOU’LL VISIT THE MAGNIFICENT ST PETER’S BASILICA.

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in Paris, Florence and Rome

ORIENTATION of Lucerne and Venice

VISIT Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome

VIEW the White Cliffs of Dover, the Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe in Paris, the Lion Monument and the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice and the ancient sites of Rome

SEE the Somme Battlefields and the vineyards of Burgundy
LONDON – PARIS (2 NIGHTS) Cheerio London and hello sparkling White Cliffs of Dover, England’s last hurrah before we cross the English Channel bound for Calais. We pass the tragic World War I battlefields of the Somme before arriving in Paris where we will enjoy a Welcome Reception with dinner to meet our fellow travellers and Travel Director. This evening, the City of Lights provides an enchanting backdrop for an orientation drive that will showcase several of the sights which await us tomorrow. (WR) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel

PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Embark on a scenic sojourn along the grand Champs Elysees to view the Arc de Triomphe, honouring those who fought for France. Visit the world-famous Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This afternoon, enjoy some leisure time to explore the treasures of Paris. Maybe wander through Montmartre in search of beautiful art, view da Vinci’s Mona Lisa at the Louvre or relax at a cozy French café and enjoy a glass of wine while watching the world go by. (B)

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

LUCERNE – ST. GOTTHARD – VENICE Journey through the Alps today, travelling through St. Gothard tunnel and the border to Chiasso into Italy. Catch a glimpse of Northern Italy’s beautiful lakes, whose scenic retreats have attracted the aristocracy for centuries. Arrive in Venice later. (B) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

VENICE ORIENTATION – 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 ‘Dive into Culture’ and witness the centuries-old craft of glassblowing at one of the oldest workshops on the islands. We’ll have some time to explore and fit in some shopping while watching the world go by. (Tip) Hotel: Astoria

FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING – ROME (2 NIGHTS) The magnificent Renaissance Dome of Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and the Baptistry are among the sights we will view during our guided walking tour with a Local Specialist. Admire the 674-year-old Ponte Vecchio which spans the Arno River and marvel at the impressive palazzi and art in the Piazza della Signoria, the political hub of the city. Continue to Rome, the last stop on your trip. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter’s

ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Visit the Vatican for a memorable encounter with the centre of Christianity. A Local Specialist will take you on a tour of St. Peter’s Basilica, the home of Michelangelo’s Pietà. Consider an Optional Experience to see the magnificent frescoes of the Sistine Chapel, before travelling to Ancient Rome to view the Colosseum. This evening, we ‘Connect With Locals’ over a Be My Guest Farewell Dinner and celebrate the Italian zest for life, food and good company. (B, BMG, WR)

DEPART ROME Our adventure together has come to an end. We say a fond farewell to Rome and our travel companions at the end of our journey together. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

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Your London Hotel: Hilton Kensington For rates and full details please see page 84. This trip departs from our London Reception Centre or the above hotel, providing that you have reserved your accommodation at this hotel through Trafalgar.

London Airport Transfers: Transfers available to purchase. Conditions apply. See page 84 for details. Airport transfers: Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$105 p.p.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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TRIP Highlights

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CONNECT WITH LOCALS Indulge in delicious Italian flavours and the hearty hospitality of a local family at our Be My Guest dinner. (Day 7)

DIVE INTO CULTURE Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries. (Day 5)

TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip

In Venice, enjoy a coffee "a banco" at the Gran Caffè Lavena, in front of the Basilica on St. Mark’s Square. This is one of Venice’s most beloved coffee boutiques, having attracted famous patrons since it opened in 1750. If you pop in around 11am, there are usually some snacks on the bar and locals enjoying their morning coffee.

John Sutton
Brush up on your photographic skills – you’re going to need them on this jaunt through Rome, Florence, Venice, Paris and lesser-known Lucerne with its Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge.

The Icons

City Tour in Rome, Florence and Paris

Orientation of Venice, Lucerne

Visit St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

View the Colosseum and other ancient sites in Rome, St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice, Lion Monument and the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne, the Champs Élysées and the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the White Cliffs of Dover

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

Chapel Bridge, Lucerne
1. **ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS)** Ciao Roma! Welcome to the Eternal City — once home to gods and goddesses, emperors, senators and slaves. Explore the city’s bustling boulevards and labyrinthine lanes before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director at a Welcome Reception. This evening, we embark on an orientation drive revealing some of the city’s most celebrated sights. (WR)

Hotel: Crowne Plaza St Peter’s

2. **ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** The Vatican City takes centre stage today as we join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will see us visit the 17th-century St. Peter’s Basilica and witness Michelangelo’s sorrowful Pietà, a masterpiece of Renaissance sculpture. We cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to delve into what was once the largest empire in the world and view such ancient sites as the imposing Colosseum where brave gladiators and slaves duelled to their deaths. Later, enjoy some free time to explore the picturesque piazza of Rome. Sit on the Spanish Steps and shop up a storm on Via Condotti or perhaps join an Optional Experience to see the exquisite frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. (B)

3. **ROME – FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING** We travel north into the vineyard-clad hills of Tuscany and along the Arno River Valley. ‘Connect With Locals’ in their castle during a Be My Guest lunch, 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, BMG, WR)

Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

4. **FLORENCE – VENICE** The romantic island city of Venice is our destination today. We take to San Marco’s waters, cruising the canals and admiring views of the imposing St. Mark’s Basilica and ornate Doge’s Palace. We’ll ‘Dive into Culture’ next and witness the centuries-old art of Venetian glassblowing before enjoying an afternoon at leisure to explore narrow streets, fishermens’ huts, and the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

Hotel: Astoria

5. **VENICE – LUCERNE** We depart Venice, travelling north into the picturesque Italian and Swiss Lake Districts via Como and Lugano. Slicing through the Alps, we arrive in Switzerland and the laidback lakeside city of Lucerne. The city is perhaps most famous for its solid wooden Chapel Bridge and poigniant Lion Monument, a memorial to the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI. 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)

6. **LUCERNE – PARIS (2 NIGHTS)** From Lucerne, we head into France and through the rolling vineyard-clad hills of Burgundy. Arriving in Paris, we enjoy a free evening. Wander up grand boulevards and along the scenic Seine, or consider attending one of the city’s famous colourful cabaret shows. (B) Hotel: Novotel Tour Eiffel

7. **PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME** Join a Local Specialist today and see the Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde. Visit the world-famous Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

8. **PARIS – LONDON** Our last day together sees us cross the tragic Somme battlefields en route to Calais from where we set sail across the English Channel to Dover and travel through Kent to London. (B)

**MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP**

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Your London Hotel: Hilton Kensington

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Airport transfers: On arrival at Rome Fiumicino, we’ll drive to Calais from where we set sail across the English Channel to Dover and travel through Kent to London.

TRIP CODE: WROL

**TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Here’s just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

**CONNECT WITH LOCALS**

The Pazzi and Medici feud is brought to light in this visit to the 12th-century Castle of Trebbio where you will enjoy a traditional Tuscan Be My Guest buffet. Explore the castle dungeons and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting. (Day 3)

**DIVE INTO CULTURE**

Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries. (Day 4)
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CITY TOUR in London and Paris
ORIENTATION of Bath and Windsor
VISIT the Roman Baths in Bath, Stonehenge, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and the Palace of Versailles
VIEW the Eiffel Tower, the Champs Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe
SEE Big Ben, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and the White Cliffs of Dover

THE Icons

Big Ben, London
DAY 1
ARRIVE LONDON (4 NIGHTS) 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 in the West End 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 a Welcome Reception. (WR: Hotel: The Tower)

DAY 2
EXCURSION TO BATH AND STONEHENGE This morning leave London and travel to Bath. Visit the Roman Baths from which the city derives its name and enjoy an orientation of this World Heritage Site with its beautiful Georgian architecture. After free time for lunch, travel through the scenic countryside and stop at Stonehenge to visit the historic stone monoliths where pagans once worshipped. (B)

DAY 3
LONDON SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSION 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 occupied castle in the world. See the chapel where Prince Harry and Meghan were married. Spend the afternoon following in the footsteps of royalty. Explore over 900 years of royal history, amble through this historic market town. London is renowned for its ‘Theatreland’. This evening, consider joining your Travel Director at a lively restaurant followed by a West End show. (B)

DAY 4
LONDON AT LEISURE 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 exquisite royal jewels at the Tower of London, catch a flight on the London Eye, then meander through the stalls of Covent Garden. (B)

DAY 5
LONDON – PARIS (4 NIGHTS) Departing London, we travel through the lush green Kent countryside to board our ferry in Dover, watching the impressive White Cliffs disappear into the distance as we cross to France. We pass the bloody World War I battlefields of the Somme en route to Paris where we will spend four nights. (B)

DAY 6
PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME The City of Lights shines brightly today as our Local Specialist takes us on a sightseeing tour of Paris. We’ll view the grand Champs Elysées, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde and visit Notre Dame Cathedral before enjoying a walk through the Latin Quarter. Spend a free afternoon soaking up the sophistication of this beautiful city. Maybe wander through Montmartre and admire the imposing white domes of Sacre Coeur, enjoy a light-hearted picnic in the pretty Tuileries gardens or pay a visit to da Vinci’s Mona Lisa at one of the world’s most visited museums, the Louvre. This evening we ‘Connect With Locals’ and indulge in a first-hand encounter with Parisian culture during a Be My Guest dinner. (B, BMG, ®)

DAY 7
VERSAILLES EXCURSION Join a Local Specialist today 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 and glinting mirrors and enjoy time to explore Versailles town. This evening, enjoy the city by night or perhaps attend a colourful Parisian cabaret performance. (B)

DAY 8
PARIS AT LEISURE 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 or journey into the macabre underground catacombs dating back to the 19th century. On our last evening together in Paris, we join our travel companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner in the city. (B, FD)

DAY 9
DEPART PARIS After breakfast, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell as our memorable holiday comes to a close. Transfers to Charles De Gaulle airport are available. Conditions apply. (B)
THE TRING TRING OF DUTCH BICYCLES LAUNCH YOUR EUROPE ADVENTURE, FROM PICTURE-PERFECT AMSTERDAM AND VINE-CLAD HILLS ALONG THE RHINE WITH ITS MEDIEVAL CASTLES, TO THE MAGNIFICENT OPEN-AIR MUSEUM THAT IS ROME.

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in Rome, Florence and Paris

ORIENTATION of Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Munich, Innsbruck, Venice and Lucerne

VISIT St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris

VIEW the canals in Amsterdam, the Town Hall in Munich, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck, St. Mark’s Square in Venice, the ancient sites in Rome, the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne and the Eiffel Tower

SEE the Lorelei Rock, the vineyards of Burgundy and the Somme Battlefields

SCENIC CRUISE along the canals of Amsterdam and the Rhine River

German Pretzel

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YOUR HOLIDAY

1 LONDON – EUROSTAR™ – BRUSSELS – AMSTERDAM
A brief interlude with the British capital this morning sees us meet our Travel Director before travelling to London’s St. Pancras International where we 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 Welcome Reception dinner cruise. (WR) Hotel: Mercure City

2 AMSTERDAM – RHINE CRUISE – HEIDELBERG
Cruise along the Rhine past vineyard-clad hills to St. Goar. Explore the sights and Baroque façades of Heidelberg before travelling to our hotel. (B, D)
Hotel: Leonardo Heidelberg

3 HEIDELBERG – MUNICH – INNSBRUCK
We arrive in Munich, where our orientation takes us past the Olympic Stadium and neo-Gothic Town Hall. We drive across the Austrian border, arriving in Innsbruck. Here, we’ll admire Emperor Maximilian’s famous Golden Roof and perhaps indulge in an evening of traditional Tyrolean entertainment. (B)
Hotel: Grauer Bär

4 INNSBRUCK – VENICE
Journey along the Brenner Pass and across the Dolomite Mountains to Venice. Cruise the Venetian Lagoon by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark’s Square, viewing the ornate Doge’s Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. ‘Dive into Culture’ and witness the centuries-old craft of Venetian glassblowing before spending the afternoon at leisure to soak up the romantic atmosphere. (B, D)
Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

5 VENICE – ROME (2 NIGHTS)
Travel south across the Veneto Plain, passing Bologna and the fields of Lazio before reaching Rome. (B)
Hotel: Villa Pamphili/Tiberio

6 ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME
Our first stop today sees us discover the divine beauty of the Vatican City. We’ll visit St. Peter’s Basilica with a Local Specialist to view the Pietà. We continue to ancient Rome to view the iconic Colosseum and Circus Maximus. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own. (B)

7 ROME – FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING
From Rome, we travel to the Cradle of the Renaissance, Florence. Delve into the rich Medici heritage with your Local Specialist. This evening, ‘Connect With Locals’ and sample Tuscan hospitality as you enjoy a Be My Guest dinner with a local family on their private estate in the Chanti countryside. (B, BMG, UD) Hotel: Cosmopolitan Concept

8 FLORENCE – LUCERNE (2 NIGHTS)
Drive via the scenic Italian Lakes District, across the Alps into beautiful Switzerland, where we’ll spend the next two nights in the medieval lakeside city of Lucerne. (B, D) Hotel: Astoria

9 LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME
This morning, view the mournful, mortally wounded lion from rock to commemorate the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI. Walk along the flower-lined 14th-century covered Chapel Bridge, crossing the Reuss. Or join an exciting Optional Experience to one of the surrounding peaks for breathtaking views of the country’s countryside. We have some time later to discover the best Swiss chocolates in town. (B)

10 LUCERNE – PARIS (2 NIGHTS)
Crossing the border into France this morning, we travel past the picturesque vineyards and country towns of Burgundy en route to the City of Light. Spend some time this evening strolling along the Seine and grand boulevards in search of a cosmopolitan bistro. (B)
Hotel: Renaissance La Defense

11 PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME
Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Paris. View the Champs Elysées, Place de la Concorde and the 19th-century Arc de Triomphe. Visit the world-famous Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Our European Whirl at its end, we spend the evening with fellow travellers, enjoying a Farewell Dinner in a local bistro. (B, FD)

12 PARIS – LONDON
We venture past poignant sites defending Louis XVI. Walk along the Tuileries, past the picturesque vineyards and country towns of Burgundy en route to the City of Light. Spend some time this evening strolling along the Seine and grand boulevards in search of a cosmopolitan bistro. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Your London Hotel: The Tower
For rates and full details please see page 84. This trip starts and ends at our London Reception Centre or the above hotel, providing that you have reserved your accommodation at this hotel through Trafalgar.
London Airport Transfers: Transfers available through Trafalgar.

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Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries. (Day 4)
ENJOY A TASTE OF LA DOLCE VITA ON THE SPANISH STEPS, ADMIRE MICELANGELO’S FRESCOED CEILING AT THE SISTINE CHAPEL AND ENJOY DINNER AMIDST THE ART, HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF THE VATICAN.

THE Icons

VIP ADMISSION to the Vatican Museums

CITY TOUR in Rome

VISIT the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Roman Catacombs, Piazza Navona, St. Peter’s Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and Villa d’Este Gardens in Tivoli

VIEW the Spanish Steps, the ancient sites of Rome including Circus Maximus and Bernini’s Fountain of the Four Rivers
DAY 1  ARRIVE ROME (7 NIGHTS) Delve into the enthralling culture and ancient heritage of the Eternal City of Rome, exploring the city at leisure before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at a traditional Pizzeria this evening. Tonight we stay at Hotel Victoria – built in 1899 and one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’ in the heart of Rome’s historic centre. (WR, D)

Hotel: Victoria

DAY 2  ROME MARKET VISIT – COOKING EXPERIENCE AND ANCIENT ROME SIGHTSEEING ‘Dive Into Culture’ and into Rome’s vibrant gourmet scene. Stroll through the Jewish Quarter and sample delicious specialities in its neighbourhood bakeries, before taking part in a cooking lesson with a professional chef. Learn the art of making authentic pasta like only an Italian mamma can and sample your successes afterwards. Your appetite appeased, venture to Ancient Rome with a Local Specialist to visit the impressive Colosseum and see the Circus Maximus, where exhilarating chariot races were once once. (B, L, D)

DAY 3  ROME CITY HIGHLIGHTS WALKING TOUR AND CATACOMBS VISIT Set your watch to Italian time, enjoying a leisurely start to your day before joining a walking tour with a Local Specialist through Rome. Venture into the heart of Rome for a visit to the Pantheon, the best preserved Roman building in the city. Then, wander through the city streets and piazze, admiring the city’s imposing monuments, including Bernini’s Fountain of the Four Rivers in Piazza Navona. Spend time rubbing shoulders with the locals before leaving the city centre to visit the ancient catacombs with a Local Specialist who will reveal insights into the city’s Christian history. (B)

DAY 4  ROME AT LEISURE Spend the day discovering Rome on your own. Saunter past the sights or relax with a coffee and cornetti to soak up the authentic atmosphere. Your Travel Director will be able to suggest activities such as museums, shopping or sightseeing. (B)

DAY 5  ROME – VATICAN AND SISTINE CHAPEL VISIT This morning, ‘Dive Into Culture’ as you gain priority access to the Vatican Museums where a Local Specialist will take you on a guided tour. Admire Michelangelo’s magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded and more peaceful, before venturing to St. Peter’s Basilica. The afternoon is yours to continue your leisurely exploration of the glories of Rome. Tonight, enjoy a Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD, D)

DAY 6  ROME AT LEISURE OR OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE TO POMPEII Trace the footsteps of ancient philosophers, senators and emperors as you enjoy a free day to explore Rome. Your Travel Director will give you suggestions on how to spend your day. Alternatively, you may wish to take an Optional Experience to visit the remains of Pompeii, the victim of a devastating volcanic eruption. (B)

DAY 7  TIVOLI VILLA D’ESTE GARDENS VISIT AND ROMAN FAREWELL DINNER We travel to the historic hill-town of Tivoli today, joining our Local Specialist for a guided tour of the enchanting UNESCO World Heritage Italian gardens of Villa d’Este. This evening, we ‘Dive Into Culture’, joining our hosts who will prepare a delicious meal featuring local flavours for you to enjoy with your fellow travel companions. (B, FD, D)

DAY 8  DEPART ROME After breakfast, say farewell to Rome and your newfound friends as you prepare to return home after a memorable sojourn in one of the world’s greatest cities. Transfers to Rome Fiumicino Airport are available. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

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Shared Rooming: Room Share is not available on this trip.

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Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$105 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip

If the delicious aromas from Pasticceria 5 Lune don’t entice you to enter this slice of pastry heaven located near Piazza Navona, the prospect of tasting Rome’s most delicious Savillum should. This ancient Roman take on the modern-day cheesecake was a favourite dessert enjoyed at religious celebrations during the time of Caesar’s rule.

Rodolfo Gaita

TRIP Highlights

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STAYS WITH STORIES

Built in 1899, Hotel Victoria is located in the historical centre of Rome and boasts an impressive collection of paintings dating from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Learn how to make traditional Italian pasta with a professional Italian chef who will take you through a food market to buy local ingredients. (Day 2)

Gain early access to the Vatican Museums to marvel at the magnificent work of Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel. (Day 5)

Join friendly locals for dinner who will prepare a delicious meal. (Day 7)

Perfect Combinations

Why not extend your holiday by adding another City Explorer to this trip? For itinerary and departure details see pages 42-43 for the London Explorer, pages 50-51 for the Paris Explorer, or pages 62-63 for the Lucerne Explorer.
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RAMBLE ALONG QUIET LANES AND GRAND CITY AVENUES ADMIRING THE ELEGANT BEAUTY OF ITALY’S MOST CELEBRATED LANDSCAPES AND CITIES, BLISSFULLY FAR, FAR AWAY FROM THE SUMMER CROWDS.

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VIP ADMISSION to the Vatican Museums
CITY TOUR in Rome and Florence
ORIENTATION of Venice, Pisa and Siena
VISIT the Vatican Museums, St. Peter’s Basilica and the Colosseum in Rome
VIEW St. Mark’s Basilica and the Bridge of Sighs in Venice, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Duomo in Florence and Piazza del Campo in Siena
SEE the ancient sites of Rome and the canals of Venice
Day 1
ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS) Ah Roma! Once the capital of the world and today yours to explore before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past some of the city’s most magnificent sights. (WR)
Hotel: Grand Tiberio

Day 2
ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join your Local Specialist this morning for a tour of the Vatican Museums. ‘Dive Into Culture’ as you ascend the Bramante spiral staircase, admire Michelangelo’s magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and visit St. Peter’s Basilica to see his sorrowful Pietà. We venture to the birthplace of western civilization next and celebrate the enduring symbols that stand today as a testament of the might of an ancient power. Visit the impressive Colosseum, where brave warriors once battled for supremacy and see the Circus Maximus where chariots would thunder down the racetrack. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore more of the city or people-watch in one of the grand piazzas sipping an Italian coffee. (B, WR)

Day 3
ROME – VENICE (2 NIGHTS) We journey through scenic Umbria today to see the impressive hilltop towns of Orte and Orvieto before travelling through Tuscany with its Chianti vineyards and terraced olive groves. Cross the lush Apennine Mountains en route to Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. Tonight, we dine at our hotel. (B, D)
Hotel: Boscobello Bellini

Day 4
VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME The exquisite ancient tradition of glassblowing takes centre stage this morning as we ‘Dive Into Culture’ at a glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island. Exploring the magical waterways of Venice, we take an orientation cruise by private motor launch to St. Mark’s Square, viewing the ornate Doge’s Palace and renowned Bridge of Sighs, so named for the sound prisoners would make as they crossed the bridge en route to their imprisonment. Spend the rest of the day exploring the canals and bridges of Venice, or join an Optional Experience trip to the island of Burano for a delicious traditional meal. (B, WR)

Day 5
VENICE – PISA – FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS) The city of Pisa beckons this morning as we cross through the medieval city of Siena, the cradle of Italian renaissance art, to the coastal city of Pisa. See the impressive Duomo, Ponte Vecchio and Piazza della Signoria before venturing across the Arno River to Piazzale Michelangelo where you’ll be rewarded with spectacular views of this glorious city. Spend the rest of your morning shopping for leather and gold, retire to a café for decadent hot chocolate, or consider visiting the Fine Arts Academy to see the famous statue of David by Michelangelo. We ‘Connect With Locals’ next at the 12th-century Castle of Trebbio which welcomes us for an authentic Be My Guest Tuscan lunch, and olive oil and wine tasting. (B, BMG, WR)

Day 6
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Day 7
FLORENCE – SIENA – ROME Our romance with Italy continues as we head south to the medieval city of Siena. See the impressive Piazza del Campo where the Palio di Siena horse race has been held for centuries, then consider indulging in a slice or two of the local pasta. Join your Travel Director and amici for an unforgettable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Parco de’ Medici

Day 8
DEPART ROME Arrivederci Roma! We bid a fond farewell to a memorable journey through Italy. Tours are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Conditions apply. (B)

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TRIP Highlights
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CONNECT WITH LOCALS
The Pazzi and Medici feud is brought to light in this visit to the 13th-century Castle of Trebbio where you will enjoy a traditional Tuscan Be My Guest buffet. Explore the cellars and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting. (Day 4)

DIVE INTO CULTURE
Be inspired by the magnificence of Michelangelo at the Vatican Museums and enjoy an exclusive visit up the spiral staircase designed by the famous architect Donato Bramante in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. (Day 2)

Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries. (Day 4)

TRAVEL DIRECTOR

Michelangelo as a graffiti artist? See it first-hand when you visit Palazzo Vecchio in Florence. The graffiti, now known as the L’importun di Michelangelo, is the outline of the face of a man etched into the palace’s stone wall.

Pamela Russo
EXPLORE ITALY’S CAFÉ CULTURE, ENCHANTING RENAISSANCE FRESCOES AND INCREDIBLE FEATS OF CLASSIC ARCHITECTURE – ALL MUST-SEE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS LEISURELY JAUNT THROUGH THE CITIES OF ROME, FLORENCE AND VENICE.
ARRIVE ROME (3 NIGHTS) You’re in for a bellissimo journey through the spectacular cities of Italy, which kicks off in the Eternal City of Rome. Join your travel companions and Travel Director for a memorable Welcome Reception. Your introduction to io dolce vito begins with an orientation drive. Tonight we stay at Hotel Victoria – built in 1899 and one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’ in the heart of Rome’s historic centre. (WR, D)

1

ROME SIGHTSEEING We embark on a very special included ‘Dive Into Culture’ sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist at the Vatican Museums. Admire the astonishing works of great men who were said to have been inspired by the divine. See Bramante’s spiral staircase, the magnificent frescoed ceiling painted by Michelangelo in the serene Sistine Chapel and his sorrowful Pietà during our visit to St. Peter’s Basilica. We tread in the footsteps of gladiators, slaves, merchants and royalty, crossing the Tiber River into Imperial Rome to visit the ancient Colosseum, the largest amphitheatre in the Roman Empire. Imagine crowds of enthusiastic colossers cheering their chariot racers to victory at the Circus Maximus before taking the rest of the afternoon spent at leisure discovering more of the city or relaxing at a pavement café and watching the frenetic pace of Rome. (B, D)

2

ROME AT LEISURE The narrow lanes and expansive piazza of Rome are yours to explore today. Consider an Optional Experience delving into the fascinating history of Pompeii. (B)

3

ROME - ASSISI – FLORENCE (3 NIGHTS) We journey north to the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi. Your Local Specialist will take you to the Basilica of St. Francis, where we will see Giotto’s enchanting frescoes. Later we continue our journey through the scenic Tuscan countryside to Florence. (B, D) Hotel: Adler Cavalieri

4

FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE Enjoy a leisurely encounter with the artistic and architectural marvels of Florence during your walking tour with a Local Specialist. Visit the striking Piazza della Signoria, see the expansive Palazzo Vecchio and the notable Florence Cathedral. ‘Connect With Locals’ over a Be My Guest dinner, joining Count Mari Filucis on his 15th-century organic olive oil estate which has featured in many famous films. (B, BMG, G)

5

FLORENCE – EXCURSION TO PISA Cross the fertile Arno Valley to Pisa and join a Local Specialist to visit the Square of Miracles, home to the incredible Leaning Tower and marble Cathedral. ‘Connect With Locals’ over a Be My Guest dinner with Count Mari Filucis on his 15th-century organic olive oil estate which has featured in many famous films. (B, BMG, G)

6

FLORENCE – BOLOGNA – VENICE (3 NIGHTS) Travel north to Bologna. Your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist includes views of the Kissing Towers which lean towards each other. Then it’s off to the romantic island city of Venice. This evening, we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Boscolo Bellini

7

VENICE CANAL CRUISE, ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME ‘Dive Into Culture’ and gain insights into the delicate Venetian art of glassblowing on Murano Island. Cruise by private launch to St. Mark’s Square to admire the Bridge of Sighs, Customs House, St. Mark’s Basilica and the ornate Doge’s Palace. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

8

SECRET VENICE WALKING TOUR AND VISIT TO THE RIALTO FOOD MARKET Take a leisurely stroll from our hotel along the canals to the famous Rialto Bridge with a Local Specialist. Enjoy a guided Small Group Sightseeing walking tour, which will bring all the flavours of Italy to life at a centuries-old food market. Our love affair with Italy’s great Italian cities comes to an end this evening as we enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, FO)

9

DEPART VENICE For now it’s time to say a fond arrivederci to Italy and newfound friends who have shared in the memorable sights, sounds and flavours. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

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TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

In Venice, try the famous "Venetian Spritz". Derived from the German word "spritzen", it is a blend of prosecco or white wine, soda and aperol or campari. Legend has it that Austrian visitors found Venetian wines too strong, so they added water or salt.

Alissa Colombo

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WANDER THROUGH RUINS, BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED MONUMENTS, ROLLING VINEYARDS AND OLIVE GROVES TO EXPLORE THE CAPTIVATING ART, HISTORY AND CULTURE THAT HAS SHAPED ITALY’S ENCHANTING CENTURIES-OLD STORY.
Day 5

FLORENCE – SORRENTO (2 NIGHTS) Travel through the fertile Campilian plains to the Bay of Naples which lies in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius. Our home for the next two nights is Sorrento and our introduction to the Amalfi Coast. This evening, a delicious dinner awaits at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Johannra Park

Day 6

FLORENCE – SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join your Local Specialist for a guided walking tour through Florence, past the multi-coloured Duomo with its impressive dome engineered by Brunelleschi and the Baptistery with its inspiring gilded doors. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore a city that inspired artists, poets and painters to create masterpieces. Consider a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts to see Michelangelo’s statue of David, enjoy spectacular views from Piazza Michelangelo or take an Optional Experience to medieval San Gimignano, famous for its hilltop towers. (B)

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Day 8

ISLE OF CAPRI EXCURSION AND FREE TIME Cross the Bay of Naples by ferry to the chic island playground of Capri where you’ll join a Local Specialist to see its sophisticated sights. Consider an Optional Experience to Anacapri for beautiful views of the Tyrrhenian Sea and insight into a slower, more peaceful way of life. This evening, we enjoy the flavours of fresh seafood during a Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD)

Day 9

SORRENTO – POMPEII – CASSINO – ROME We explore the tragic immortalisation of an ancient civilisation in Pompeii today, preserved by volcanic ash when Vesuvius erupted. Here a Local Specialist will take us on a walking tour to gain insights into the day-to-day life of the city’s former residents. Next, we visit the Commonwealth Cemetery in Cassino, which lies below the famous Montecassino Abbey, the site of a fierce campaign during World War II. Our Italian odyssey ends in Rome where we join our Travel Director and travel companions for a Farewell Dinner, celebrating joy in true Italian style. (B, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Parco de’ Medici

Day 10

DEPART ROME It’s time to bid Rome a fond arrivederci as we prepare to depart Italy. Transfers are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Conditions apply. (B)

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Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver A$131 per person.

Drinking Water: Enjoy complimentary water on all tours.

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**TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

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**CONNECTIONS**

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VIP ADMISSION to the Vatican Museums

CITY TOUR in Rome, Florence and Assisi

ORIENTATION of Pisa, San Gimignano, Verona and Venice

VISIT St Peter’s Basilica, the Colosseum in Rome, the Cinque Terre, San Gimignano, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and Villa d’Este Gardens at Tivoli

VIEW the ancient sites of Rome, 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

SCENIC CRUISE by private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice
ITALY

**YOUR HOLIDAY**

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<td>Open your heart to a whirlwind of fiery passion, antiquities and hearty flavours crafted by Italian mammas over centuries. Join your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive to see the bustling cityscape. (WR) Hotel: Il Cantico</td>
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<td>ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME</td>
<td>‘Dive into Culture’ on an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist at the Vatican Museums. Admire the works of great masters – the Bramante staircase, the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and sorrowful Pietà inside St. Peter’s Basilica. In Ancient Rome, we pay tribute to the brave gladiators who fought for supremacy at the Colosseum during our included visit. We’ll also see the Circus Maximus before a free afternoon. (B, D)</td>
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<td>ROME – LUCCA (2 NIGHTS)</td>
<td>We travel north to Lucca and enjoy time to wander through the medieval streets and admire the 14th-century San Martino Cathedral and Piazza dell’Anfiteatro, built on the site of an ancient Roman arena. Relax in Piazza San Michele or ascend one of the city’s ancient towers for panoramic views in your free time. (B) Hotel: Grand Guinigi</td>
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<td>CINQUE TERRE AND PISA EXCURSION</td>
<td>A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues cling dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in Cinque Terre UNESCO World Heritage Site, which we will have an opportunity to explore today on our included excursion. Join a Local Specialist and travel by boat and train to delve into the daily life of these picturesque fishing villages. Stop in Pisa and visit its UNESCO-listed Square of Miracles to view the architectural feat that is the Leaning Tower. (B, D)</td>
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<td>LUCCA – SAN GIMIGNANO – FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS)</td>
<td>The gentle Tuscan landscape gives way to our next destination, the hilltop town of San Gimignano, famed for its stunning medieval architecture and historic towers. We ‘Connect With Locals’ over A Be My Guest lunch with wine in a beautiful family owned vineyard overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills, before arriving in Florence, set within a garden of oak trees against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo</td>
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<td>FLORENCE – VERONA – VENICE (2 NIGHTS)</td>
<td>Shakespeare’s star-crossed lovers are remembered today among our jaunt to the romantic city of Verona. Here we’ll see Juliet’s Balcony and the 14th-century Roman Arena, still used today to host spectacular operatic performances. We venture to Venice next, our home for the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Boscolo Bellini</td>
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<td>On the island of Giudecca, we ‘Dive Into Culture’ and witness the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing before seeing St. Mark’s Basilica, the ornate Doge’s Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Cruise by private launch to see the city’s most iconic attractions during our included visit. In your free time, you can explore the city on your own. Amble through the labyrinthine alleys, over ornate bridges and into quiet campi as you get lost in this enchanting city. (B, D)</td>
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<td>VENICE – BOLOGNA – ASSISI</td>
<td>Travel through scenic countryside to the mystical town of Assisi, stopping en route in Bologna to view the city’s Kissing Towers that lean towards one another. We will stay at one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’ for a memorable journey. (B, D) Hotel: Cenacolo</td>
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<td>ASSISI SIGHTSEEING – TIVOLI – ROME</td>
<td>Discover the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in his home town on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Join a Local Specialist for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, renowned for its beautiful frescoes depicting the life of this much-loved saint. Continue to Tivoli for a guided visit with a Local Specialist of the UNESCO-listed terraced hillside Renaissance Villa d’Este Gardens. This evening we enjoy a special Farewell Dinner with our fellow travellers and Travel Director before returning to Rome. (B, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Parco de’ Medici</td>
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<td>DEPART ROME</td>
<td>It’s time to say a fond arrivederci to Italy and our newfound friends after a memorable journey. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)</td>
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**MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip**

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**Trip Highlights**

**CONNECT WITH LOCALS**

Eight generations and plenty of stories to tell. Enjoy a traditional Be My Guest lunch with the Landi family at their home near Florence, set within a garden of oak trees against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. (Day 5)

**STAYS WITH STORIES**

Hotel Cenacolo is a fully renovated old Franciscan convent in nearby Santa Maria degli Angeli. (Day 9)

**DIVE INTO CULTURE**

Be inspired by the magnificence of Michelangelo at the Vatican Museums and enjoy an exclusive visit up the spiral staircase designed by the famous architect Donato Bramante in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. (Day 2)

Witness the exquisite craft of glassblowing on Giudecca Island, a delicate tradition that generations of Venetian craftsmen have perfected over the centuries. (Day 8)

**Savings**

- **Multiple trip discount**: SAVE up to A$92
- **Triple room discount**: SAVE up to A$50 p.p.
- **Past guests**: Unlock VIP benefits

**Trip Code**: WITR

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**Single Supplement**

- **Add to price above**: A$550 p.p.

**Exceptions**

- Christmas & New Year’s Eve Highlights: The 22 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Lucca. This specially arranged festive meal celebration will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.
EXPERIENCE ALL THE MESMERISING HIGHLIGHTS OF ITALY, INCLUDING THE DELECTABLE FLAVOURS THAT HAVE INSPIRED ITS PASSIONATE LOCALS TO COIN THE PHRASE: “FIRST WE EAT, THEN WE DO EVERYTHING ELSE...”

VIP ADMISSION to the Vatican Museums
CITY TOUR in Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence
ORIENTATION of Venice and Milan
VISIT St. Peter’s Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and the Colosseum in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Lake Como, the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, and San Gimignano
VIEW the Abbey in Monte Cassino, Juliet’s Balcony in Verona, St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice, the Cathedral and La Scala Opera House in Milan, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Duomo in Florence
SEE the ancient sites of Rome
SCENIC CRUISE to the Isle of Capri and private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice
YOUR Holiday

DAY

1
ARRIVE ROME (2 NIGHTS) Savour some free time in Rome before joining your companions and Travel Director later for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive. (WR): Hotel: Grand Tiberio

10
ITALIAN LAKES – PISA – FLORENCE (2 NIGHTS) Tuscany lures us across the forested Apennine Mountains, past the marble quarries of Carrara to the famous city of Pisa and its Square of Miracles where we will enjoy an opportunity to view the Leaning Tower. Our next stop is Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. (B): Hotel: Grand Mediterranean

2
ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour in the Vatican Museums. ‘Dive Into Culture’ and admire the Bramante staircase and Michelangelo’s magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, then see the marble masterpiece of the Pietà. We venture to Ancient Rome to visit the Colosseum and see the Circus Maximus. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B, (p)

5
Sorrento Excursion: We cross the Bay of Naples today by ferry to the glamorous Island of Capri. Later, we return to the mainland.

3
ROME – POMPEII – SORRENTO (2 NIGHTS) We journey south to the well-preserved ruins of Pompeii. Here we join a Local Specialist who will share details of the devastation caused by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius as we wander through the ancient pored vaws of a city that was frozen in time. (B, D)

6
Hotel: Johanna Park

4
ISLE OF CAPRI EXCURSION We cross the Bay of Naples today by ferry to the glamorous Isle of Capri to visit some of its landmark sights. Wander past the chic boutiques and pavement cafes in Capri Town in the company of a Local Specialist before taking your time to soak up the sophistication of this lovely island. Later, we return to the mainland. (B)

7
Sorrento – Assisi (2 NIGHTS) We journey through the Emilia Romagna region, credited with being the birthplace of tortellini, mortadella and parmigiano cheese. Travel to Verona and later Venice, where we enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D): Hotel: Principe/Amadeus

8
VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME We venture to the island of Giudecca where we’ll ‘Dive Into Culture’, watching centuries-old glassmaking traditions. Continue past the bridge of Sighs and Doge’s Palace to St Mark’s Square to view the impressive square and Doge’s Palace to St Mark’s

9
Lago Di Como Excursion: The glistening blue waters of Lake Como welcome us today. Explore charming Como old town, indulge in the delicious gelato of the area, take the funicular for spectacular views of the lake or perhaps consider a cruise on the lake. (B)

11
FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING Delve into the extravagant legacy of the Medici family, whose legacy of art and architecture are explored in the company of a Local Specialist. The elegant Duomo dominates the skyline as we visit Piazza della Signoria with its exquisite statues and palazzi. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of Florence and 674-year-old Ponte Vecchio from Piazzale Michelangelo. Then we learn about the quality and workmanship of two of this city’s historic industries at demonstrations of Florence leathercraft and 18-carat gold. Later, ‘Connect With Locals’ over a Be My Guest dinner at a handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in ‘Dive Into Culture’.

12
FLORENCE – SAN GIMIGNANO – ROME This morning we stop at the Florence American Cemetery. Continuing south, we visit the Tuscan hill-town of San Gimignano, featuring extraordinary examples of medieval architecture. This evening in Rome, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD): Hotel: Crowne Plaza St Peter’s

13
DEPART ROME Transfers are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

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CONNECT WITH LOCALS

WEBC

1
Welcome Reception L Lunch D Dinner

2
RD Regional Dinner FD Farewell Dinner

3
BNG Be My Guest

4
Make A Difference

5
Dive Into Culture

6
Stay With Stories

7
Connect With Locals

8

The Pazzi and Medici feud is brought to light in this visit to the 12. century Castle of Trebbio where you will enjoy a traditional Tuscan Be My Guest buffet, explore the cellars, and indulge in olive oil and wine tasting. (Day 11)

Dive into Culture

When visiting the Vatican Museums ascend the spiral staircase designed by Donato Bramante, in a part of the Vatican not open to the public. (Day 2)
TRACE CENTURIES OF HERITAGE, FROM BIG BEN TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE, ON THIS CITY EXPLORER HOLIDAY. MARVEL AT CASTLES, CATHEDRALS AND PALACES, AND INDULGE IN AN ENGLISH CREAM TEA.

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in London

ORIENTATION of Borough Market and Greenwich

VISIT Windsor Castle, Stonehenge, Westminster Abbey and Kensington Palace. You will also have a choice of fantastic free museums to visit including the Imperial War Museum and the British Museum

VIEW Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace

SCENIC CRUISE on the Thames from the London Eye to Greenwich

TICKETS 3-day London Oyster Card (Public Transport) pass

**ENGLAND**

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford and the Cotswolds

**LONDON**

Covent Garden, London
YOUR HOLIDAY

ARIVE LONDON (7 NIGHTS) Embrace the pomp and pageantry of a city that marches to its very own vibrant tune - yours to explore before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception to kick-start your grand exploration of London. (WR) Hotel: The Tower

LONDON SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE OR TOWER OF LONDON OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE Ease into London’s energetic pace, before embarking on an included half-day sightseeing tour with your Travel Director which features Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey. See the stately Changing of the Guard before your sightseeing tour finishes in central London. Spend the rest of the day enjoying a slice of London culture, or join an Optional Experience to the Tower of London to see the Crown Jewels and meet the Yeoman Warders of Her Majesty’s Royal Palace and Fortress. This evening, we enjoy a delicious meal at Heddon Street Kitchen in the heart of the West End – one of Chef Gordon Ramsay’s most-celebrated London eateries. (B, RD)

EXCURSION TO WINDSOR CASTLE AND STONEHENGE Regal traditions and ancient monuments take centre stage today as we embark on a full-day excursion from London. Visit Windsor Castle, one of the Queen’s elegant homes, including the superb Georgian State Apartments and St. George’s Chapel. Then spend some free time for lunch in this historic market town. Our next stop sees us delve into the history of the best-known prehistoric monument in Europe – the ancient circle at Stonehenge, before returning to London. (B)

LONDON AT LEISURE OR FULL-DAY OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE TO STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, OXFORD AND THE CotSWOLDS Armed with your 3-day travel pass, London truly is your oyster. Your Travel Director will give you suggestions on how to make the most of your full day at leisure. Walk through ‘The City’ exploring the oldest part of London. Pay tribute to Admiral Nelson in Trafalgar Square and wander down The Mall to Buckingham Palace. Alternatively, consider a full-day Optional Experience to the enchanting Cotswolds, visiting Shakespeare’s Stratford-upon-Avon, with a stop in the university town of Oxford. (B)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY AND KENSINGTON PALACE WITH ENGLISH CREAM TEA Imagine the kings and queens who have gilded gracefully up the 13th-century mosaic floor of Westminster Abbey. We’ll have an opportunity to explore this architectural wonder on a guided visit with a Local Specialist. Later, visit Kensington Palace and 'Dive Into Culture', gaining insights into the lives of the Royal Family. Tour the Royal Palace, which was once home to Diana, Princess of Wales, and indulge in a delicious English cream tea in The Orangery surrounded by beautiful formal gardens before returning to your hotel. (B, L, D)

LONDON BOROUGH FOOD MARKET AND ICONIC MUSEUMS Scroll past the buzzing stalls of Borough Market, where you’ll ‘Dive Into Culture’ and rub shoulders with the locals who buy the best of British produce here. Spend the rest of the day visiting London’s extraordinary museums, many of which are free to visit. Use your London Oyster card to traverse the length and breadth of London. (B, D)

LONDON AT LEISURE AND FAREWELL DINNER IN GREENWICH Enjoy one last full day in the lively city streets of London. 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 Farewell Dinner at a historic pub with a toast to your unforgettable week. (B, FD)

DEPART LONDON After breakfast, say a fond farewell to London and new found friends as you prepare to return home after a memorable holiday in one of the world’s greatest cities. Airport Transfers to London Airports are available to purchase. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Share Rooming: Room Share and Triple Rooms are not available on this trip.

London Airport Transfers: Transfers are available to purchase. Conditions apply. See page 84 for details.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$94 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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WINER WONDERLAND

Hyde Park

Mid November 2019 - Early January 2020

Get in the festive spirit and visit Hyde Park which hosts the annual Winter Wonderland extravaganza! This is a popular event which attracts people from all over the country, offering festive cuisine from around the world, handcrafted gifts and unique experiences like enjoying a cocktail in Bar Ice, admiring the sculptures in The Magical Ice Kingdom or watching the spinning acrobats in the Circus Megadome. There is something for everyone!

TRIP Highlights

Here’s just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Visit Kensington Palace gaining insights into the lives of the Royal Family. (Day 5)

Forage for the freshest food buys at Britain’s most renowned food market – Borough Market. (Day 6)

PERFECT Combinations

Why not extend your holiday by adding another City Explorer to this trip? For itinerary and departure details see pages 30-31 for the Rome Explorer, pages 50-51 for the Paris Explorer, or pages 62-63 for the Lucerne Explorer.
YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE LUSH LANDSCAPES OF BRITAIN WILL SEE YOU VISIT MYTHICAL STONEHENGE, CARDIFF AND THE LAKE DISTRICT, BEFORE RAMBLING UP EDINBURGH’S ROYAL MILE AND BACK TO LONDON.

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in Edinburgh
ORIENTATION of Bath, Cardiff, Liverpool and York
VISIT Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, the Tudor town of Ludlow, Gretna Green, Edinburgh Castle, and Shakespeare’s Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon
VIEW Bath Abbey, Cardiff Castle, the Lake District’s magnificent scenery, Hadrian’s Wall, York Minster, and Anne Hathaway’s thatched cottage
SEE the Principality Stadium in Cardiff, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh
LONDON – STONEHENGE – BATH – CARDIFF

Experience first-hand what’s “great” about Great Britain on this mesmerising sojourn past the peaks of Wales and the rolling hills and lush farmlands of England to “bonnie” Scotland. We kick-start our adventure in the cosmopolitan capital of London, heading west to Stonehenge, whose centuries-old myths have yet to be fully revealed. The elegant Georgian architecture of Bath takes centre stage during our visit to this famous spa town. Here, we’ll see the Abbey and visit the Roman Baths, before crossing the Severn Estuary to Cardiff. Delve into the proud culture and heritage of the Welsh as you embark on an orientation of the day

Cardiff - Ludlow - Liverpool

The half-timbered Tudor houses of Ludlow feature today on our exploration of this market town with its medieval walls and historic castle. We journey north through the Shropshire Hills and Cheshire landscapes to the bold British city of Liverpool, hometown of the “Fab Four”. Saunter through its edgy Scouse streets and perhaps visit The Cavern Club, where The Beatles once played, on your evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Jurys Inn

Liverpool – Lake District – Gretna Green – Edinburgh (2 Nights)

The enchanting views of Britain’s Lake District provide a scenic backdrop for our leisurely drive north to Scotland. Skirt the romantic shores of Lake Windermere and enjoy views that inspired literary greats like William Wordsworth. We stop at the runaway wedding capital that is Gretna Green where “Blacksmith Priests” would marry couples over the Marriage Anvil. Later, we arrive in enchanting Edinburgh – our home for the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Royal Haymarket

Edinburgh Sightseeing and Free Time

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

Edinburgh – Hadrian’s Wall – York

Trace the northern frontier of the Roman Empire at Hadrian’s Wall before crossing the River Tyne and venturing south to the ancient cathedral city of York, whose origins hark back to Roman times. Walk along the famous

Shambles and view the York Minster, one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. This evening we ‘Connect With Locals’, joining a family in York for a home-cooked Be My Guest Farewell Dinner and some hearty British hospitality. (B, BMG, SD) Hotel: Holiday Inn


Delve into the fascinating story of Shakespeare’s life at his Birthplace and Visitor Centre in Stratford-upon-Avon, and visit Anne Hathaway’s thatched cottage. We return to London this evening where our memorable encounter with Britain’s icons comes to an end. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

All prices are per person, twin share.

Your London Hotel: Hilton Kensington

For rates and full details please see page 84. This trip departs from our London Reception Centre or the above hotel providing that you have reserved your accommodation at this hotel through Trafalgar. London Airport Transfers: Transfers are available to purchase. Conditions apply. See page 84 for details.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$77 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of England’s public buildings and local shops.

Keep a water bottle. Drinking water is not sold in every hotel and restaurant throughout the trip.

Early Bird Savings

SAVE 10%

Past guests: Unlock VIP benefits

Young traveller discount:
SAVE AS160

Trip room discount:

TRIP Highlights

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CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Enjoy a traditional British Be My Guest dinner hosted by a local family in the drawing room of their elegant townhouse. (Day 5)
SHARE A PINT AND SOME CRAIC WITH NEW FRIENDS AND YOU’LL WISH YOU’D STAYED LONGER ON THE EMERALD ISLE. FROM CATHEDRALS AND CASTLES TO WATERFORD CRYSTAL, THERE’S A LOT TO SAY SLÁINTE ABOUT.

THE Iicons

CITY TOUR in Dublin

ORIENTATION of Galway, Limerick and Waterford

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

VIEW St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin, King John’s Castle and St. Mary’s Cathedral in Limerick

SEE the Cathedral of Galway

SCENIC DRIVE of the Ring of Kerry
ARIVE DUBLIN – AFTERNOON SIGHTSEEING Tread in the footsteps of James Joyce and Oscar Wilde, through the lyrical streets of Dublin – your launch pad to a memorable encounter with Ireland’s iconic highlights. After a leisurely morning, meet a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour with views of Trinity College, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. Indulge in a little Irish craic this evening, joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. (WR) Hotel: Maldron Parnell Square

DUBLIN – GALWAY – BUNRATTY – LIMERICK We journey to Galway, the City of Tribes, where we’ll see its stone cathedral on the banks of the Corrib and spend some free time exploring its colourful façades. Irish traditions and heritage are explored next, during a visit to Bunratty Castle and its Folk Park, a living history museum that reveals insights into life in Ireland during the 18th and 19th centuries. Be sure to drop into Mac’s for a pint and meet the Bearn on T7 and try to spot a fairy. Then, it’s on to Limerick, our home for the night. Spend a free evening enjoying the world-renowned hospitality of the Irish. (B) Hotel: Greenhills

LIMERICK – CLIFFS OF MOHER – KILLARNEY (2 NIGHTS) This morning view the 13th-century King John’s Castle overlooking the Shannon. St. Mary’s Cathedral and the Treaty Stone during your orientation in Limerick. Our next stop is the spectacular Cliffs of Moher and a visit to the ‘Dive Into Culture’ exhibition to learn about their history. After a scenic drive through the villages of Lahinch and Kilrush, we take a short ferry journey across the Shannon estuary. Our home for the next two nights is the colourful little town of Killarney. (B) Hotel: Killarney Avenue

RING OF KERRY EXCURSION Circle the spectacular Ring of Kerry – its emerald green hills, centuries-old stone villages and vivid blue seascapes provide a soul-stirring backdrop for our leisurely drive around a beautiful coastline that has inspired writers and poets for centuries. We’ll see Daniel O’Connell’s Cahirciveen, the coastal village of Waterville, before arriving at the picturesque village of Portmagee in the estuary. Our home for the next two nights is the Atlantic Edge exhibition to learn about their history. After a scenic drive through the villages of Lahinch and Kilrush, we take a short ferry journey across the Shannon estuary. Our home for the next two nights is the colourful little town of Killarney. (B) Hotel: Killarney Avenue

KILLARNEY – BLARNEY – Youghal – WATERFORD Cross the rugged Kerry Mountains and travel to Blarney Castle to kiss the stone and acquire the ‘gift of the gab’. En route to Waterford, we stop in the historic seaport town of Youghal, once home to Sir Walter Raleigh. This evening we dine in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Marina

WATERFORD – NEW ROSS – CO. WICKLOW – DUBLIN ‘Dive Into Culture’ and witness the centuries-old tradition of crafting fine glass at the House of Waterford Crystal. Here we will watch the talented master craftsmen in their workshop creating exquisite pieces. Our next stop is in the town of New Ross, where we’ll see the monument to John F. Kennedy who travelled to his ancestral family hometown in 1963. We’ll visit the three-masted famine ship Dunbrody and ‘Dive Into Culture’ yet again, gaining insights into the tragic plight of the Irish emigrants who fled the potato famine during the 1800s. Continuing through County Wexford and the lush countryside of County Wicklow, we journey to Dublin stopping en route at Glenaigle Farmhouse, where we’ll ‘Connect With Locals’ over a Be My Guest dinner and meet the Fulvio family. (B, BMG, C) Hotel: Clayton Dublin Airport

DEPART DUBLIN For now, it’s time to say a fond sín abhaile to your fellow travellers as you close the curtain on an unforgettable journey through the Emerald Isle. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

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Airport transfers: On arrival at Dublin Airport transfers will operate at 8.30am, 11am and 2pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Dublin Airport at 7am, 9am and 11am. Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$52 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of Ireland except in the West. Please bring a water bottle.

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TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip

When in Killarney treat yourself to Murphy’s Ice Cream on Main St. This locally produced ice cream is made the old fashioned way, using the tastiest cream and milk from the Kerry Cow. From Dingle Bay Salt and Brown Soda Bread to Guinness and Dingle Gin, there’s a flavour that will surely tantalise your tastebuds.

Sally Creggan

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

TRIP Highlights

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CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Traditional Irish fare with an Italian twist is served up at Glenaigle Farmhouse near Dublin with the charming Fulvio family on hand to share their story. (Day 6)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Explore the tragic history of Ireland’s famine emigration at the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience, a replica of one of the original famine ships used in the 1800s. (Day 6)

Learn how delicate Irish crystal is crafted at the House of Waterford Crystal during a workshop tour. (Day 6)

Trip Notes

Due to the unforeseen circumstances surrounding Brexit, your itinerary may be affected and inclusions changed to accommodate closures.

Christmas & New Year’s Eve Highlights: The 25 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Dublin. The 31 December 2019 departure will toast New Year’s Eve in Dublin. Each of these specially arranged festive departures will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.

Christmas Day: Is celebrated in Ireland on 25 December. The majority of businesses are closed on Christmas Day, and public transport services will not operate at all. Your itinerary may be affected and inclusions changed to accommodate closures.

St. Patrick’s Day will be celebrated in Ireland on these departures.

Exceptions

1. All prices are per person, twin share.
2. Flights are available. Conditions apply.
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GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
TRAVEL FROM SCOTLAND’S LITERARY CAPITAL, EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW, THE BATTLEFIELDS OF CULLODEN AND GLENCOE, AS YOUR QUEST TAKES YOU PAST THE LOCHS AND GLENS OF THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS.

TRAVEL STYLE

BEST OF SCOTLAND

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 10 MEALS | FROM A$1825pp*

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in Edinburgh

ORIENTATION of Glasgow and Stirling

VISIT Edinburgh Castle, Pitlochry, the Isle of Skye, Culloden Battlefield and Stirling Castle

VIEW the 18th green at St Andrews, the Glenfinnan Monument, Eilean Donan Castle, Loch Ness, Glencoe, People’s Palace and Winter Gardens and George Square in Glasgow

Highland Cow
YOUR Holiday

1 ARRIVE EDINBURGH (2 NIGHTS) Get lost in the narrow lanes of Edinburgh – the Scottish capital with a mystical air combining 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 a Welcome Reception with a light meal and drinks. (WR) Hotel: Leonardo Royal Haymarket

2 EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join your Local Specialist this morning for an intriguing sightseeing tour of the city. Ascend Castle Rock and visit Edinburgh Castle, which watches over the surrounding city from its elevated vantage point. Stroll through the Old Town along the Royal Mile and see the stunning Palace of Holyroodhouse, before enjoying time at leisure to soak up the city’s festive atmosphere. (B)

3 EDINBURGH – ST. ANDREWS – PITLOCHRY – SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS (2 NIGHTS) Tread in the footsteps of the world’s golfing greats and head to St. Andrews en route to the glorious Scottish Highlands. A scenic drive takes us north and across the Firth of Tay, past the city of Dundee to Pitlochry. After lunch, enjoy some free time to explore its river-side setting or join an Optional Experience to Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Murray. Our day in beautiful surroundings comes to an end with a cozy dinner at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Highlander

4 CULLODEN, LOCH NESS, EILEAN DONAN CASTLE AND ISLE OF SKYE EXCURSION The tragic battlefield of Culloden is our first stop on this full-day sightseeing exploration through the Scottish Highlands “over the sea to Skye” and back. We pay tribute to the brave men who lost their lives in the Jacobite Uprising, then proceed to Scotland’s infamous Loch Ness keeping a keen eye out for our ever-elusive “Nessie”. The soul-stirring sight of Eilean Donan Castle is our last stop on the mainland before we cross the bridge to the Isle of Skye and continue our scenic drive across the enchanting Sleat Peninsula. Later, we return to the Scottish Highlands and our accommodation for the night. (B, D)

5 SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS – GLENCOE – GLASGOW (2 NIGHTS) Our first stop today sees us commemorate World War II history at the Commando Memorial near Fort William, from which we admire spectacular views of Britain’s highest peak – Ben Nevis. We journey through the volcanic ruins and precipitous mountains that lie just beyond Glencoe to see the “Glen of the Weeping”. Here we remember the MacDonald clansmen who were massacred in 1692. Continuing towards the River Clyde, we arrive at our final stop for the day – Glasgow. (B) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn City Centre

6 GLASGOW ORIENTATION AND STIRLING CASTLE EXCURSION Madainn mhath! While 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 People’s Palace and Winter Gardens, the regal George Square and River Clyde, for over 200 years the centre of shipbuilding. Journey to Stirling, to see itshilltop 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 Glengoyne Whisky Distillery and enjoy a wee dram before joining the Wood family at their 15th-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard to ‘Connect With Locals’ over a home-cooked Farewell Be My Guest Dinner, amidst tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-tapping Ceilidh tunes. (B, BMG, RD, RD)

DEPART GLASGOW The rugged beauty and warmth of Scotland’s people forever in your memories, we enjoy one last hearty breakfast with our travel companions before wishing them and your Travel Director a fond farewell. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip
Don’t be afraid of Haggis! Scotland’s national dish is made of minced lamb, oats and delicious savoury seasonings. This savoury pudding happens to go very nicely with a wee dram of whisky, so pull up a chair and enjoy it. Slangevar!

Ed Dischler

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

YOUR Holiday Planner

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Trip Highlights

- **CONNECT WITH LOCALS**
  Join the Wood family at their 15th-century farm on the shores of Loch Ard for a home-cooked Scottish Be My Guest dinner, tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-tapping Ceilidh tunes. (Day 6)

- **DIVE INTO CULTURE**
  Visit Glengoyne, known as Scotland’s most beautiful whisky distillery, for a tour and a tasting of their unique Highland single malt whisky. (Day 6)

GET A SAMPLE OF THE MANY SPECIAL HANDCRAFTED TRAFALGAR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED IN YOUR TRIP.

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

- **Connect With Locals**
- **Stays With Stories**
- **Dive Into Culture**
- **Make A Difference**

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**Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$90 per person.

**Drinking Water:** Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

**Trip Code:** WBOS

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OVERNIGHT
OPTIONAL
SIGHTSEEING
END
START
FRANCE
PARIS
NORMANDY
Versailles
OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE
Normandy and the D-Day
beaches available on day 3

SEE THE CITY OF LIGHTS, ON THIS CITY EXPLORER HOLIDAY, AS IT HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE – ITS HIDDEN COURTYARDS AND ARRONDISSEMENTS, EACH WITH THEIR OWN DISTINCT PERSONALITY.

THE Icons

WALKING TOUR in Paris with a Local Specialist

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING enjoy an in-depth, intimate guided tour of the fascinating Louvre Museum in a group size of no more than 25 guests.

ORIENTATION tour in Paris

VISIT the Royal Estate of Versailles including the Royal Palace, Petit Trianon and Marie Antoinette's Hamlet “Le Petit Hameau”, the “village” of Montmartre

VIEW the Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées, Paris Opera House, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde and Notre Dame Cathedral

PARIS EXPLORER
8 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 11 MEALS | FROM A$2775pp*

Eiffel Tower, Paris
ARRIVE PARIS (7 NIGHTS) Paris is yours to explore on this in-depth City Explorer. Check in to your centrally located hotel and spend the afternoon getting to know your surroundings. Wander through the leafy boulevards and winding lanes of the French capital, stopping for a leisurely café au lait while watching sophisticated Parisians go by. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a quintessentially Parisian Welcome Reception. (WR) Hotel: Hyatt Regency Etoile

PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE Join your Travel Director this morning for a tour of this mesmerising city. View the grand Champs Élysées, Place de la Concorde and Arc de Triomphe, built by Napoleon in the 19th century. Delve into its hidden squares and secret passages, visiting one of Paris’s most historic neighbourhoods and a favourite local haunt that remains a secret to outsiders. ‘Dive Into Culture’ this morning when we visit Fragonard Parfumerie for a visit with a certified ‘nose’ who will guide you in the creation of your own unique fragrance. (B)

PARIS AT LEISURE OR OPTIONAL D-DAY BEACH EXPERIENCE 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. You may wish to experience a full-day Optional Experience on the northern coast of France to uncover the poignant history of the D-Day Landings. Spend your evening at leisure exploring the city’s glitzy nights at sight. (B)

FULL-DAY EXCURSION TO THE PALACE AND ROYAL ESTATE OF VERSAILLES Tread in the footsteps of French nobility and explore the opulence and splendour of Versailles. Join a Local Specialist as you wander 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. Spend your evening at leisure and use your Brasserie voucher to dine at one of the nearby brasseries. (B, RD)

WALKING TOUR IN THE MARAIS AND FRENCH CUISINE EXPERIENCE Explore the intriguing and beautiful Marais district on a walking tour. See the mansions and courtyards of this delightful corner of Paris. Then, ‘Dive Into Culture’, savouring the exquisite flavours of French cuisine as you meet a Parisian chef for an unforgettable lunch experience. Delve into local culinary secrets, and delicious flavours and aromas, which you will have an opportunity to create yourself and enjoy afterwards. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. This evening, perhaps connect with the pageantry of a traditional cabaret performance at the world-famous Moulin Rouge. (B, L, D)

VISIT MONTMARTRE AND THE LOUVRE A leisurely start to our morning sees us take a private street trolley car back in time to the colourful hillside “village” of Montmartre and home to the picturesques Sacré-Cœur. Join your Local Specialist and ‘Dive Into Culture‘ as we tread in the footsteps of Picasso, Dali and Van Gogh, as you wander through hidden squares, artists’ haunts and romantic hideaways. Spend the rest of the day on your own embracing your inner bon vivant, before embarking on a special evening experience at the renowned Louvre museum. Enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the museum during this Small Group Sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist. (B, D)

PARIS MORNING AT LEISURE AND FAREWELL DINNER Admire the exquisite collection of modern art in the Centre George Pompidou or enjoy an Optional Experience to explore the inspirational gardens of Monet at Giverny. This evening, join your Travel Director and companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

DEPART 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. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Shared Rooming: Room Share and Triple Rooms are not available on this trip. Airport Transfers: On arrival to Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport at 8am and 11.30am.

Exceptions

- Christmas & New Year’s Eve Highlights: The 22 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Paris. The 29 December 2019 departure will toast New Year’s Eve in Paris. Each of these specially arranged festive meal celebrations will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.
- Valentine’s: This departure will be in Paris on Valentine’s Day.

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Create your own unique fragrance with a certified ‘nose’ at one of France’s most famous perfumeries. (Day 2)

Discover Paris on Parisian terms as your Local Specialist reveals some of the city’s hidden gems, including a behind the scenes tour of Montmartre to discover the secrets of the artists quarters. (Day 6)

Included Parisian Brasserie voucher which gives you a choice of centrally located Parisian brasseries to visit for either lunch or dinner.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

- Perfect Combinations

Why not extend your holiday by adding another City Explorer to this trip? For Itinerary and departure details see pages 30-31 for the Rome Explorer, pages 42-43 for the London Explorer, or pages 62-63 for the Lucerne Explorer.

DINE OUT AT A TOP PARISIAN BRASSERIE

Included Parisian Brasserie voucher which gives you a choice of centrally located Parisian brasseries to visit for either lunch or dinner.

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THIS ZESTY FIESTA THROUGH SPAIN INCLUDES THE ORNATE ALHAMBRA PALACE IN GRANADA, VALENCIA’S 19TH-CENTURY BULLRING AND GAUDÍ’S GOTHIC GIFT TO BARCELONA - LA SAGRADA FAMILIA.
YOUR HOLIDAY

ARIVE MADRID (2 NIGHTS) Bienvenidos a Madrid. The lively capital of Spain is our launch pad to a memorable encounter with one of Europe’s most soulful destinations. Relax in the lush surrounds of Buen Retiro Park, shop up a storm on Gran Via or people-watch over coffee and napolitana con chocolate in Puerta del Sol. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a fiery Welcome Reception, and an orientation drive to see some of the city’s most iconic sights. (WR) Hotel: Ayre Gran Colón

TOLEDO EXCURSION AND MADRID SIGHTSEEING We head to Toledo, the former capital of Spain, where we join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of this city that dates back to Roman times. We’ll visit a traditional factory and ‘Dive Into Culture’, witnessing the age-old inlaid steel craft, before we visit the home of El Greco’s most famous paintings in the Church of Santo Tomé – ‘The Burial of Count Orgaz’. We’ll also visit the synagogue, then return to Madrid where we’ll admire the monument to Cervantes and Don Quijote at the Plaza de España with our Local Specialist. Spend the evening on your own, delving into the delicious flavours of Spain’s tapas capital. (B, a2)

MADRID – CÓRDOBA – SEVILLE (2 NIGHTS) Journeying south through La Mancha, we arrive in Córdoba, once a significant Moorish settlement. Join a Local Specialist to visit the Mosque of the Caliphs and learn about centuries of Moorish rule and its influence on the culture and architecture of the region. We travel to Ramble Sfeville, our home for the next two nights. Consider an Optional Experience to see the colourful twirling skirts in a fiery flamenco or rub shoulders with the Sevillanos in a glass of delicious toro and wine. (B) Hotel: Meliá Lebros

SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME This morning, we meet our Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Seville. View the symbolic Bell Tower of the Giralda, see the Moorish and Renaissance architecture of the region. We’ll see the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings lodged into the ochre-coloured cliffs of the surrounding area, then travel to Valencia, where we’ll view the Bullring and admire its medieval architecture. Embrace the city’s spirit of innovation and stop to view the City of Arts and Sciences. This evening, dine at your hotel and take to the vibrant streets of the Old Quarter. (B, D) Hotel: Eurostars Rey Don Jaime

VALENCIA – PÉRISCOLA – BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING (2 NIGHTS) Head north, along the coast through the Levant region, and stop at Peñíscola, the City in the Sea. View the ancient castle of the ‘Spanish Pope’, built by the Knights Templar and used in the film, ‘El Cid’. Then, guests arriving later should make their way to Costa Dorada to Barcelona with its whimsical Gaudí architecture. Admire this famous architect’s talents at his unfinished La Sagrada Familia Cathedral. See the Placa de Catalunya and pay tribute to the great Christopher Columbus, with your Local Specialist. Later, take a trip up Montjuic for panoramic views of this enchanting city. Enjoy a free evening to spend as you wish. (B) Hotel: U232

BARCELONA FREE DAY Explore centuries of history, contemporary culture and exquisite art and architecture on your day at leisure. Visit Gaudí’s fantasy Park Güell, or join an Optional Experience to the monastery perched atop Montserrat to see the mystical Black Madonn. This evening, we celebrate with our newfound friends and Travel Director at a special Farewell Dinner with wine. (B, FD)

DEPART BARCELONA For now it’s a fond adiós to Spain at the end of a memorable holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

Please Note: Your coach returns to Madrid from Barcelona on Day 9. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer. Drop-off in Madrid will be at the Trafalgar Madrid hotel and not at the airport. Arrival will be at approximately 6pm, depending on traffic conditions.

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

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DRINKING Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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WANDER THROUGH THE MEDIEVAL CITIES OF ÓBIDOS, ÉVORA AND GUIMARÃES, AND VISIT THE RELIGIOUS LANDMARKS OF FÁTIMA, BATALHA AND THE DRAMATIC HIERONYMITE MONASTERY, ENJOYING A DELICIOUS PASTEIS DE NATA OR TWO ALONG THE WAY.

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in Lisbon, Evora and Porto

ORIENTATION of Castelo de Vide, Viseu, Tomar, Nazaré and Obidos

VISIT the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, the cathedral in Evora, the Palace Gardens at Palacio de Mateus, the Stock Exchange Palace and Arabian Hall in Porto, the University Library of Coimbra, the Convent of Christ in Tomar, the Shrine at Fátima, the Gothic Monastery at Batalha and the medieval village of Obidos

VIEW the Castle of Guimarães
YOUR Holiday

1 | ARRIVE LISBON (2 NIGHTS) Ben vindo a Lisbon. A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues dot the seven hills of the romantic Portuguese capital, which you will have an opportunity to explore today before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past the city’s most iconic sights. (WR)

2 | LISBON SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Dive into Lisbon’s centuries-old seafaring heritage today, paying tribute to the brave men who set off from these shores to discover a new world. We’ll see the shimmering white Monument to the Discoveries, the iconic suspension bridge spanning the River Tagus and the mighty Belém Tower. We join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Hieronymus Monastery, an exquisite 15th-century Manueline architecture and art. Join an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Estoril, Cascais and Sintra to explore the famous Golden Triangle, or join a traditional Portuguese dinner amidst the heart-wrenching, haunting sounds of the fado. (B)

3 | LISBON – ÉVORA Travel to the ancient Alentejo city of Évora. Join your Local Specialist and visit the elaborate cathedral, Roman temple and the Chapel of Bones. We spend the rest of our day delving into the medieval history of this enchanting city. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the village of Monsaraz set against the stunning backdrop of golden olive groves. This evening we dine at our hotel in Évora. (B, D) Hotel: M’Ar de Ar Muralhas

4 | ÉVORA – CASTELO DE VIDE – VISEU Our first stop today is in the quaint hilltop town of Castelo de Vide with its charming white façades, narrow alleys and fascinating Jewish Quarter. Travel north towards the Serra de Estrela mountains and arrive later in Viseu, set high on a plateau near the famous Dão vineyards. Explore the city’s rich art and architectural history, visiting the 12th-century Sé, standing imposingly on a hill overlooking much of the city. (B) Hotel: Grao Vasco

5 | VISEU – MATEUS – GUIMARÃES – PORTO (2 NIGHTS) Vineyard-clad hills provide an enchanting backdrop for our journey today through the Douro Valley where port wine is produced. We explore the magnificent gardens at the beautiful baroque Palácio de Mateus, depicted on the label of the distinctive Mateus wine bottles. We then continue via Guimarães for views of its impressive 10th-century castle before arriving in Porto where we will spend the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

6 | PORTO SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join a Local Specialist today for a sightseeing tour in Porto which takes you past baroque churches and along the winding cobblestone lanes that tumble down towards the Douro. 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 we ‘Dive Into Culture’ and into the centuries-old tradition of local port production at a tasting in a port cellar. Spend the rest of the afternoon strolling through the historic centre of Porto, admire the azulejo-clad façades or visit Livraria Lello, the city’s oldest bookstore with its iconic red staircase. (B, a demi)

7 | PORTO – COIMBRA – TOMAR – FÁTIMA Soak up the grand atmosphere of one of Europe’s greatest and oldest universities and meander through the ancient streets and squares of Coimbra this morning, before journeying to the Templar city of Tomar to visit the Convent of Christ, originally built as a Templar stronghold in the 12th century and today an exquisite reminder of the Portuguese Renaissance. We arrive in the pilgrimage centre of Fátima where we’ll dine in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Fátima

8 | FÁTIMA – BATALHA – NAZARÉ – OBDOS – LISBON This morning we rub shoulders with Catholic pilgrims who have journeyed to the shrine where three young shepherds famously saw the apparition of the Virgin at the pilgrimage site of Fátima. En route to Lisbon, we stop at the imposing monastery of Batalha – a UNESCO World Heritage site, it is the best example of late Gothic architecture in Portugal. Our next stop is the fishing village of Nazaré before we visit Obidos, a medieval walled city with white-washed houses and cobblestone roads. Our last night in Portugal together sees us toast to an incredible journey as we ‘Connect With Locals’ over a memorable Be My Guest Farewell Dinner. (B, BMG, B) Hotel: Olissippo Marquês de Sá

9 | DEPART LISBON Say a fond adeus to your fellow travellers at the end of an unforgettable Portuguese holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (BB)

More About Your Trip

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Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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SEE THE HANGING HOUSES IN CUENCA, DEVOUR DELICIOUS PAELLA IN VALENCIA AND ADMIRE THE TROGLODYTE CAVE DWELLINGS AT GUADIX, BEFORE HEADING TO PORTUGAL’S ALGARVE AND FÁTIMA, SITE OF CELEBRATED RELIGIOUS MIRACLES.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL
13 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 18 MEALS | FROM A$3025*pp

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CITY TOUR in Córdoba, Seville, Lisbon, Toledo and Madrid

ORIENTATION of Valencia, Cádiz, the Algarve Region and Salamanca

VISIT the Alhambra Palace in Granada, the Cathedral Mosque in Córdoba, Seville Cathedral, the Hieronymite Monastery in Lisbon, the Shrine at Fátima, Plaza Mayor in Salamanca, Santo Tomé and the Synagogue in Toledo

VIEW the Hanging Houses of Cuenca, the Towers of Serrano and Quart and the City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia and the Cave Houses of Guadix
ARRIVE MADRID Embrace la buena vida and soak up the vibrant atmosphere in Madrid before joining your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation of the city’s glorious sights. (WR) Hotel: Ayre Gran Colón

MADRID – CUENCA – VALENCIA Witness the dramatic honey-coloured clifftop hanging houses of Cuenca during your first stop today, before continuing your journey to Valencia. An orientation drive will include views of the 15th-century Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the City of Arts and Sciences. (B, D) Hotel: Silken Puerta

VALENCIA – GUADIX – GRANADA We travel through the sierra of Spain bound for Guadix, where we’ll witness how generations of locals have carved cosy abodes into their rocky surrounds. Next, we’ll drive through the jagged town of stones and saints. We arrive in the Puerta RD) Hotel: Allegro

GRANADA – CÓRDOBA – SEVILLE (3 NIGHTS) 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. We leave Granada behind for Córdoba where we’ll join a Local Specialist to visit the mesmerising Cathedral of Córdoba, the former mosque of the caliphs and a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art, featuring striking arches and Byzantine mosaics. Our final stop for the day is enchanting Seville, our home for the next three nights. (B, D) Hotel: Meliá Leberos

SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME This morning, we’ll visit Seville’s most famous paintings – The Burial of Count Orgaz. Join a Local Specialist for a guided walk through its streets. Later, ‘Dive Into Culture’ and witness local craftsmen at work creating inlaid steel the traditional way. We arrive in Madrid this afternoon, where we’ll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Madrid, where we’ll see the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco’s most famous paintings. (B, FD) Hotel: Rafael Atocha

SEVILLE – JEREZ AND CÁDIZ EXCURSION Indulge in the aromatic flavours of Jerez today, before we travel to Cádiz, a city on your terms. This evening, marks the end of our memorable journey through the Iberian Peninsula. Join your fellow companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

MADRID SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME This morning, we’ll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of Madrid, where we’ll see the Royal Palace and the Cervantes Monument. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the city on your terms. This evening, marks the end of our memorable journey through the Iberian Peninsula. Join your fellow companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

DEPART MADRID For now it’s time to say a adiós to Spain and Portugal at the end of a memorable holiday. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

ALGARVE – LISBON SIGHTSEEING (2 NIGHTS) Travel north to the Serra da Arrábida mountains and the golden landscapes of the Alentejo, where you’ll ‘Connect With Locals’ over a Be My Guest lunch at a traditional Stud Ranch which has been rearing Lusitano horses since the 18th century.

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We arrive in the seafaring Portuguese capital of Lisbon this afternoon, where we’ll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the 16th-century Hieronymite Monastery, and Belém Tower, built as a tribute to Vasco da Gama’s journey of discovery. (B, BMG, D) Hotel: Olissippo Marquês de Sá

LISBON FREE DAY 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)

LISBON – FÁTIMA – SALAMANCA Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, site of celebrated religious miracles. Later, we leave Portugal, travelling to the historic Spanish city of Salamanca, where we will view its 18th-century Plaza Mayor during our orientation tour. (B) Hotel: Gran Corona Sol

SALAMANCA – TOLEDO – MADRID (2 NIGHTS) See the walled city of Ávila, the town of stones and saints. We arrive in the clifftop city of Toledo, where we’ll visit the Church of Santo Tomé, home to one of El Greco’s most famous paintings – The Burial of Count Orgaz. Join a Local Specialist for a guided walk through its streets. Later, ‘Dive Into Culture’ and witness local craftsmen at work creating inlaid steel the traditional way. We arrive in Madrid this afternoon, our home for the next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Rafael Atocha

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Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$171 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

TRIP CODE: WHIG
WANDER DOWN MADRID’S GRAN VÍA, VISIT THE ALHAMBRA PALACE AND LEARN TO HAGGLE IN A MOROCCAN MEDINA. TRAVEL TO LISBON AND CROSS INTO SPAIN TO ADMIRE THE BEAUTY OF SALAMANCA.
YOUR Holiday

1. ARRIVE MADRID (2 NIGHTS) Kick off your unforgettable journey in the fiery Spanish capital of Madrid. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past some of the city’s most iconic sites. (WR) Hotel: AC Cuzco

2. MADRID SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join a Local Specialist on this day of discovery, including views of the iconic Cibeles fountain and Paseo de la Castellana. At Plaza de España, admire the monument to Cervantes before spending the rest of the day on your own indulging in la buena vida. Consider an Optional Experience to the medieval UNESCO-listed city of Segovia. (B)

3. MADRID - TOLEDO - GRANADA Join your Local Specialist for a walking tour of Toledo, during which you’ll visit the Church of Santo Tomé. ‘Dive Into Culture’ at a local steel factory, before your journey continues to Granada. (B, D) Hotel: Allegro

4. GRANADA – COSTA DEL SOL Admire the impressive palatial city of the Alhambra. Join a Local Specialist for a guided visit, then continue to the flamboyant Costa del Sol. (B) Hotel: Meliá

5. COSTA DEL SOL – FEZ (2 NIGHTS) We travel along the sun-kissed shores of the Mediterranean and cross to North Africa by ferry. (B, D) Hotel: Marriott Jnan Palace

6. FEZ SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join a Local Specialist for a stroll through the Medina of Fez. Admire traditional Moroccan handiwork during a visit to a carpet cooperative. Then, spend the rest of your afternoon on your own or consider a visit to the imperial city of Meknès. (B)

7. FEZ – MARRAKESH (2 NIGHTS) Departing Fez, we journey west through the green and golden landscape which turns to rusted red, bound for vibrant Marrakesh. (B) Hotel: Le Méridien N’Fis

8. MARRAKESH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME We join a Local Specialist for a walking tour through the streets of Marrakesh. Visit the exquisitely detailed Bahia Palace and soak up the spirited atmosphere in the Old Quarter’s Djema El-Fna Square. We’ll visit a traditional Moroccan pharmacy and ‘Dive Into Culture’, gaining insights into the blending of creams and cosmetics using regional ingredients. The rest of the day is free to explore the city on your own. (B, D, D, D)

9. MARRAKESH – CASABLANCA – RABAT – TANGIER We journey north to Casablanca and then to Rabat. Here we will view the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and the 19th-century Royal Palace. We arrive in Tangier later this evening, where we will dine in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Cesar

10. TANGIER – SEVILLE (2 NIGHTS) Crossing the Straits of Gibraltar by ferry, we arrive in Spain and journey past Jerez to Seville. Consider joining an Optional Experience to witness first-hand the intoxicating flamenco performance. (B) Hotel: Meliá Lebeneros

11. SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will take you past the iconic Giraldita Tower, Maria Luisa Park and the imposing Plaza de España. See Christopher Columbus’s ornate tomb in the Cathedral, and enjoy a walk through the historic Jewish Quarter. Meet the Albaserrada family and their horses on their farm in the Andalusian countryside near the white-washed village of Gerida. Here you’ll ‘Connect With Locals’ over a Be My Guest dinner featuring fresh regional ingredients. (B, BMG, G)

12. SEVILLE – LISBON (2 NIGHTS) Your panoramic journey continues through Huelva. We cross into the golden fields of the Alentejo region, bound for Lisbon. (B) Hotel: Olissippo Marquês de Sá

13. LISBON SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME See the gleaming Monument to the Discoveries, the suspension bridge spanning the Tagus River, Belém Tower and the Alfama district, home to the melancholic fado. Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery. Consider an Optional Experience to discover Portugal’s Golden Triangle of Sintra Mountain, Cascais and Estoril coast. (B)

14. LISBON – FÁTIMA – SALAMANCA We trace the path of pilgrims at the celebrated shrine at Fátima, then depart Portugal bound for Salamanca. (B) Hotel: Gran Corona Sol

15. SALAMANCA – MADRID Traversing the Sierra de Guadarrama Mountains, we arrive in Madrid. This evening, we join our travel companions and Travel Director for a memorable Farewell Dinner with wine. (B, FD) Hotel: Rafael Atocha

16. DEPART MADRID Our epic journey through Spain, Morocco and Portugal comes to an end. Arrive home refreshed and invigorated with new memories and friends for life. Enjoy an optional ‘Dive Into Culture’ performance. (B, D)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

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Airport transfers: On arrival at Madrid Airport transfers will operate at 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Madrid Airport at 8.30am and 11am.

Note: Visas may be required for this trip. Please speak with your Travel Agent when making your reservation to assess your specific requirements. Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$210 per person.

TRIP CODE: WSMP

TRIP Highlights

- Enjoy a traditional Andalusian barbecue dinner at the home of the Albasserrada family and get close up to the beautiful Andalusian horses, bred on this farm. (Day 11)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

The invincible swords of Toledo have defended cities for centuries. Visit an inland steel factory in Toledo to see local craftsmen forging the highest-quality steel. (Day 3)

Visit a Moroccan pharmacy to learn about local healing creams and cosmetics made from regional ingredients. (Day 8)
BEHOLD THE CACOPHONY OF BAZAARS AND SHIMMERING SAHARA WHEN YOU JOURNEY TO MOROCCO’S CHARMING CITIES OF CASABLANCA, FEZ AND MARRAKESH, INCLUDING VISITS TO THE LIFE-GIVING OASIS OF TINGHIR, TODRA GORGE AND OUARZAZATE.
YOUR Holiday

1 ARRIVE CASABLANCA Delve into the intrigue and romance of Casablanca immortalised by Hollywood before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception. (WR) Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre

2 CASABLANCA – RABAT – MEKNÈS – FEZ (2 NIGHTS) We continue along the coast to the capital, Rabat, where we’ll embark on an orientation tour of the city including views of the grand 11th-century palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed V. Travelling to the imperial city of Meknès, we’ll see the grand gate of Bab el-Mansour adorned by green and white zellig tiles. We arrive in Fez later today and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B) Hotel: Marriott J’nan Palace

3 FEZ SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join a Local Specialist today to explore the medina, one of the largest thriving medieval centres in the world. See the royal palaces and ‘Dive Into Culture’ during a visit to the round dye pits and tanneries revealing Morocco’s ancient leather craft. Spend the rest of the day shopping or relaxing in a lanter-lit courtyard away from the medina crowds. Join your companions this evening for a special opportunity to ‘Connect With Locals’ over a Be My Guest dinner experience, featuring Moroccan specialities served with wine in a traditional Riad. (B, BMG, L, D) Hotel: Xaluca Kasbah

4 FEZ – MIDELT – ERFOUD We follow the old caravan trail south, stopping lunch in Midelt. Continuing along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley and past the Tafiglit oasis, we arrive in the oasis town of Erfoud, regarded as the Gateway to the Sahara. (B, L, D) Hotel: Xaluca Dades

5 ERFOUD – TINGHIR – DADES VALLEY Journeying west, we arrive in Tinghir, one of the most beautiful oasis in southern Morocco. We continue through part of the Todra Gorge and cut through the mountains for one of the most dramatic views in the country. Stop for lunch, then follow the route of a thousand kasbahs to the flourishing Dades Valley. Here we will overnight at one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’, Xaluca Dades, surrounded by panoramic views of the Atlas Mountains. (B, L, D, O) Hotel: Xaluca Dades

6 DADES VALLEY – QUARZAZATE – ÀÏT BEN HADDOU – MARRAKESH (2 NIGHTS) Quarzazate has provided a backdrop for such famous movies as ‘Lawrence of Arabia’, ‘Cleopatra’ and ‘Gladiator’. Spend some time exploring the sites during your orientation tour. See the UNESCO-listed fortified village of Aït Ben Haddou in the High Atlas Mountains and continue through the Tizi-n-Tichka Pass to Marrakesh - the ‘Red City’. Marrakesh is home to Morocco’s largest traditional souk (market) where you may wish to spend some time learning the art of haggling. (B) Hotel: Le Meridien N’Fis

7 MARRAKESH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Visit the ornate Bahia Palace during city orientation with your Local Specialist and spend some time soaking up the energy of Djemaa el Fna Square in the Old Quarter with its palm readers, acrobats, camels and snake charmers. (B)

8 MARRAKESH – ESSAOUIRA We travel to the laid-back shores of Essaouira this morning stopping en route to visit a cooperative involved in creating cosmetics from traditional ingredients. Consider a delicious seafood lunch and enjoy some free time before joining a city tour of UNESCO-listed medina, the walled Jewish Quarter and Skala fortress. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Coté Océan Mogador

9 ESSAOUIRA – CASABLANCA This morning we journey north to Casablanca where we will enjoy views of the magnificent Hassan II Mosque, built for the late King’s 60th birthday celebrations. Later, we join our Travel Director and companions for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate an unforgettable voyage of discovery. (B, FD) Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre

10 DEPART CASABLANCA Say goodbye to your new-found friends at the end of your Moroccan holiday. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

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Airport transfers: On arrival at Casablanca Airport transfers will operate at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 2pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Casablanca Airport at 7am, way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Casablanca Airport at 7am, way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Casablanca Airport at 7am, way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Casablanca Airport at 7am, way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Casablanca Airport at 7am, way to the hotel.

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TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip

Head to a rooftop cafe in the Jemaa el-Fnaa square of Marrakesh and sip a cold beverage. The people watching opportunities, in the bustling market below, are sensational. Time your visit during prayers to savour the memorable echo of the muezzin’s call.

Lucian Reed-Drake
DISCOVER THE BEATING HEART OF SWITZERLAND WITH CAPTIVATING LUCERNE AS YOUR BASE. YOU’LL SAVOUR MILD EMMENTALER CHEESE FLAVOURS, CREATE YOUR OWN CHOCOLATE AND DELVE INTO THE MEDIEVAL HERITAGE OF THIS PICTURE-BOOK TOWN.

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CITY TOUR in Lucerne

VISIT the Laderach Chocolate Factory in Bilten, the Einsiedeln Abbey, the Emmentaler Show Dairy and Sonnenberg Bunker

VIEW the Chapel Bridge, the City Walls and Lion Monument

Läderach Chocolate - Our CEO, Gavin Tollman’s Favourite
ARRIVE ZURICH – LUCERNE (5 NIGHTS)
Straight out of a fairy tale, the beautiful lakeside setting of Lucerne is the perfect base from which to explore the heart of Switzerland. On arrival in Zurich, you’ll be transferred to your home for the next five nights with some free time to indulge in its romantic surrounds before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception. We’ll stay at one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’ – the Grand Hotel Europe promising sweeping lake vistas. (WR, L) Hotel: Grand Europe

LUCERNE SIGHTSEEING
Delve into Lucerne’s heritage as a quiet Alpine retreat for aristocrats and even royalty, who sought refuge in their tranquil natural surrounds. Join a Local Specialist who will introduce you to such sights as the flower-lined 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge, the poigniant Lion Monument, built as a tribute to the brave Swiss Guards who died defending French King Louis XVI and the impressive city walls. Consider joining an Optional Experience ascending Mount Pilatus by cable car for spectacular views of Lake Lucerne.

LUCERNE – EXCURSIONS TO BILTEN AND EINSIEDELLEN
What could be more Swiss than a melt-in-your-mouth chocolate experience? Today we journey to Bilten and visit Läderach Chocolatier. ‘Dive Into Culture’ and gain insights into the delicate art of crafting Swiss chocolate during a workshop tour. Create your own moreish delights before sample some of the local produce. This afternoon, consider taking an optional horse and carriage ride to admire your epic natural surrounds before returning to Lucerne for a farewell dinner with new friends. (B, FD, D)

LUCERNE – DEPART ZURICH
Our exploration of Lucerne and the surrounding Alpine countryside at its end, we bid our travel companions a fond farewell and take a transfer to Zurich Airport for our return journey home. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Shared Rooming: Room Share is not available on this trip.

Airport transfers: On arrival at Zurich Airport transfers to Lucerne will operate at 9.30am and 1.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. A return transfer will arrive at Zurich Airport on the last day of the trip at 8am from Lucerne.

Important Visa Information: Visas may be required for this trip. Please speak to your travel agent at the time of booking to assess your specific requirements. Visas cannot be issued at borders in Europe.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$79 per person.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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A TROUBLED PAST HAS SHAPED A PROMISING FUTURE. DISCOVER HOW CROATIA AND SLOVENIA HAVE EMERGED AS VIBRANT NATIONS PROUDLY SHOWCASING THEIR DIVERSE CULTURE, HERITAGE AND NATURAL LANDSCAPES TO THE WORLD.

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**CITY TOUR** of Zagreb, Rovinj and Ljubljana

**ORIENTATION** of Opatija and Bled

**VIEW** the Cathedral, the Archbishop’s Palace and St Mark’s Church in Zagreb, the Opera House, Cathedral, National Museum, Three Bridges Square and Castle in Ljubljana

**SEE** the Baroque St. Euphemia Cathedral in Rovinj
1. **ARRIVE ZAGREB (2 NIGHTS)** Immerse yourself in the cultural diversity and scenic beauty of the Balkans, starting your journey in the Croatian capital, Zagreb. Spend your day wandering through the Old Town on your own before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception and an orientation drive. (WR)

**Hotel:** Westin

2. **ZAGREB SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE** Join a Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour through the paved squares and steep alleyways of Zagreb. Explore the city’s rich medieval heritage and see such sites as the Cathedral on Kaptol, the Archbishop’s Palace and St. Mark’s Church, with its vividly coloured tiled roof. You’ll have the rest of the day to explore the city at leisure. Stroll along the romantic promenades of Strossmayer, people-watch at Ban Jelačić Square or climb up Lotrščak Tower for views of the city. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the birthplace of iconic leader Tito and enjoy a delicious meal of regional specialties with magnificent views of the Croatian countryside. (B)

3. **ZAGREB – OPATIJA (2 NIGHTS)** A leisurely start to our day sees us drive south towards the Kvarner Gulf and the seaside promenades of Opatija. Sit back and watch the meadows, forests and farmlands roll past – a lush countryside dotted with terracotta-roofed villages and castles as you journey to Croatia’s exquisite Istrian Peninsula. Views of beautiful parks and elegant villas greet you as you arrive, a testament to Opatija’s Austro-Hungarian heritage. This evening you’ll join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Adriatic

4. **OPATIJA FREE DAY – EXCURSION TO ROVINJ** For a bit of Venetian flair, we travel to the Croatian fishing port of Rovinj this morning. Here we’ll join a Local Specialist and wander through its Old Town to see such sights as the Baroque St. Euphemia Cathedral with its square campanile. We’ll ‘Dive into Culture’ and savour the flavours of Rovinj’s famous white truffles, which are best sampled at this time of year. (B, FD)

5. **OPATIJA – LJUBLJANA – BLED (2 NIGHTS)** We head north to the enchanting Slovenian capital of Ljubljana today. A Local Specialist will reveal the stories behind many of the city’s iconic sights including the Opera House, Cathedral, National Museum, Three Bridges Square and Castle, from where you can enjoy spectacular views of the city. Good food and good company are guaranteed as we ‘Connect With Locals’ over a memorable Be My Guest lunch with a local Slovenian family. Our journey continues to Bled in the Julian Alps, where we’ll spend the next two nights in romantic lakeside surrounds. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. (B, BMG, D, FD) Hotel: Rikli Balance

6. **BLED FREE DAY** The day is yours to explore at your leisure. Spend the day admiring your pristine surroundings. Take an invigorating walk along the lake shore for better views of Bled Castle which clings dramatically to a cliff or indulge in a slice of the local kremšnita cake after an ice-skating session if the lake has frozen over. Consider joining an Optional Experience to Slovenia’s largest glacier lake or visit the extensive maze of underground caves at Postojna. (B)

7. **BLED – ZAGREB** We leave our dazzling natural surrounds behind, returning to Zagreb where we end our journey. Slovenia’s forests give way to the pastoral landscapes of central Croatia. Tonight, we join our fellow travellers for a celebratory Farewell Dinner and say a fond Zvijez to last memories. (B, FD) Hotel: Westin

8. **DEPART ZAGREB** Our time together comes to an end after breakfast. We bid new friends goodbye and transfer to the airport for our return home. (B)

**TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip** Rub shoulders with the locals when you visit Dolac Market in Zagreb, where visitors and residents come to taste, buy and photograph tasty farm produce from all over Croatia. Just a few steps from the main square, Dolac has been feeding Zagrebians since the early 20th century. Gasper Atelsek

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**TRIP CODE:** WBESA

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**TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

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**CONNECT WITH LOCALS** Join a family in Ljubljana for a traditional Be My Guest lunch, featuring local flavours and stories about life in one of the world’s greenest cities. (Day 5)

**DIVE INTO CULTURE** Savour the flavours of Rovinj’s famous white truffles, which are best sampled at this time of year. (Day 4)

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**MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP**

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Airport transfers: On arrival at Zagreb Airport transfers will operate at 11.30am and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Zagreb Airport at 7am and 11.30am. Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$105 per person.

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**TRIP PLANNER**

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**CENTRAL, EASTERN AND NORTHERN EUROPE**

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**CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS**: The 21 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Bled. This specially arranged festive meal celebration will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.
SEE PRAGUE’S ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK AND OLD TOWN SQUARE, AND TREAT YOURSELF TO A SLICE OF SACHERTORTE IN VIENNA, THEN FOLLOW THE DANUBE TO BUDAPEST TO SEE ITS FISHERMAN’S BASTION.

CITY TOUR in Prague, Vienna and Budapest

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING enjoy an expert guided tour of the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna with a group size of no more than 25 guests

VISIT St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague, the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna for a private visit, the old Hungarian capital of Esztergom, the UNESCO-listed Castle District and Fisherman’s Bastion in Budapest

VIEW the Presidential Palace and Old Town of Bratislava, the Hofburg Palace and Imperial Boulevards of Vienna
ARRIVE PRAGUE (3 NIGHTS) The gleaming spires of Prague shine brightly on this At Leisure sojourn through the imperial capitals of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Admire the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque façades, before joining your Travel Director and travel companions for an unforgettable Welcome Reception to kick off your holiday. (WR) Hotel: Angelo by Vienna House

PRAGUE SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE Delve into centuries of history, joining your Local Specialist for a guided walk past the city’s iconic sights. Visit the final resting place of Bohemian kings, St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the precincts of Prague Castle. Then, admire the Astronomical Clock in Old Town Square, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. See the 14th-century Charles Bridge, lined with the Baroque statues of saints, before spending the afternoon admiring the spectacular cityscape on your own. (B)

VIENNA AT LEISURE Plan your day and see the sights of your choice. You might like to take an Optional Experience to the historical German city of Dresden. Alternatively, take time to explore the small streets and shops of Prague and spend the evening at your leisure. (B)

VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE The heritage of one of Europe’s most influential royal families is explored this morning as we ‘Divé Into Culture’ during a Small Group Sightseeing guided visit to the Habsburg’s royal collection before the general public has marked in the price panel.

BUDAPEST AT LEISURE Join a Local Specialist this morning for a walking tour through the winding lanes of Buda’s Castle District in Buda. Visit the Fisherman’s Bastion, view the Matthias Church and drive to Pest to see the Great Synagogue, the largest in Europe. We pay tribute to the seven chieffains of the Magyars in Heroes’ Square before enjoying time at leisure to indulge in coffee and árémés in the Jewish Quarter or shopping for Hungarian embroidery and fine porcelain. Tonight, we ‘Connect With Locals’ over a Be My Guest dinner with the Schieszl family and hear the story of their winery. (B, BMG)

YE OLDE ST.OrderBy: The Old Town's Original Snow Gobblers

TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip

Shop for authentic snow globe souvenirs when in Vienna. Snow globes were invented by accident, by Edwin Perzy, in Vienna in 1900. His company’s snow globes are hand painted and manually assembled, and the actual globe is still made of glass.

Carolyn Sykes

DEPART BUDAPEST We say a fond farewell to our companions and Travel Director today after an unforgettable At Leisure trip.

TRANSFERS are provided to Budapest airport. Conditions apply. (B)

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VIENNA – ESZTERGOM – BUDAPEST (3 NIGHTS) Journey along the Danube Bend, a narrow twisting valley in the pretty Carpathian Basin, stopping in Esztergom to view its Castle Hill, domed Cathedral, and St. Thomas Hill. We follow the scenic landscape to the romantic city of Budapest where we will spend the next three nights. Enjoy a free evening sipping Hungarian wines or consider cruising along the Danube. (B) Hotel: Hilton City

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BUDAPEST AT LEISURE Venture up Gellért 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 our last evening together, we toast to a magnificent journey to the imperial capitals of Europe and enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, FD)

Vienna – Bratislava – Vienna (3 NIGHTS) Travel south from Prague through lush Moravian landscapes to Bratislava, passing its quaint Old Town, before continuing your journey to Vienna – our home for the next three nights. Admire the city’s musical talents and consider attending a Viennese concert. (B) Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront

VIENNA AT LEISURE 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)

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

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CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Join the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian Be My Guest dinner and the story of their winery. (Day 8)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Enjoy a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the largest art museum in Austria, to view the Royal Collection before the general public has access. (Day 5)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Airport Transfers: On arrival at Prague Airport transfers will operate at 11am and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Budapest Airport at 7am and 11am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$131 per person.
VISIT BOHEMIAN PRAGUE, THE ECLECTIC SLOVAKIAN CAPITAL OF BRATISLAVA AND THE DANUBE RIVER WITH STOPS IN VIENNA AND BUDAPEST, WHERE YOU’LL HEAR A HEART-WARMING FAMILY TALE AT A BE MY GUEST DINNER.

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Salzburg

ORIENTATION of Munich and Regensburg

VISIT Bratislava, the Fisherman’s Bastion in Budapest and Győr

VIEW the Marienplatz in Munich, St. Vitus’ Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague, the Imperial Boulevards of Vienna and Melk Abbey

Horse-Drawn Carriage, Vienna
1. ARRIVE MUNICH The sophisticated city streets of Munich are your launchpad to an adventure through the capitals of Imperial Europe. Spend some free time immersing yourself in the sights and sounds of the Bavarian capital. Later, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director on an orientation tour. View the Marienplatz, the centre of Munich city life since the 12th century, and its enchanting Glockenspiel, before a Welcome Reception to kick-start your journey. (WR) Hotel: Sheraton Arbeliapark

2. MUNICH – REGENSBURG – PRAGUE (2 NIGHTS) This morning visit Regensburg, an unspoilt medieval gem on your way to the Czech Republic. Cross the border to Prague, your home for the next two nights. (B, RD) Hotel: Angelo by Vienna House

3. PRAGUE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Delve into centuries of history as you join a Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour of Prague. View St. Vitus Cathedral in the grounds of the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle, then cross the river on your walking tour to the Old Town Square to see the Astronomical Clock. The afternoon is yours to experience the city on your terms. (B)

4. PRAGUE – BRATISLAVA – BUDAPEST (2 NIGHTS) We leave the beauty of Prague behind for the lush landscapes of Slovakia and its capital, Bratislava, with its eclectic Gothic, Baroque and Art Deco architecture. Crossing the border into Hungary, we arrive in Budapest, the ‘Paris of the East’. (B) Hotel: Hilton City

5. BUDAPEST SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Admire the iconic and unexpected highlights of Budapest on a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the famous Chain Bridge and the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district. Visit Fisherman’s Bastion and enjoy superb views across the imposing Parliament building and Danube below. Spend the rest of the day at leisure before joining the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian lunch at Arabellapark. (B)

6. BUDAPEST – GYŐR – VIENNA (2 NIGHTS) Indulge in a leisurely start, then cross the hilly landscapes of Transdanubia en route to Győr. Here you’ll explore the Baroque architecture and medieval atmosphere before arriving in Vienna for an evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront

7. VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Explore the imperial splendour of Vienna at Hofburg Palace, the former winter residence of the Habsburg Dynasty during your guided sightseeing tour of Vienna with a Local Specialist. Admire the grand State Opera House and Ringstrasse. Then, see the ornate colourful roof of St. Stephen’s Cathedral, before spending the afternoon at leisure. (B)

8. VIENNA – SALZBURG SIGHTSEEING This morning we travel to Salzburg, en route we see the Benedictine Melk Abbey perched on a rocky outcrop above the Danube. Arriving in Salzburg, we embark on a leisurely walking tour of its Old Town with a Local Specialist. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Arcotel Castellani

9. SALZBURG – MUNICH Leave Austria behind, bound for the German city of Munich. This evening we celebrate an unforgettable journey through some of Europe’s most memorable cities during a Farewell Dinner with your travel companions and Travel Director. (B, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Arbeliapark

**ADD AN EXTRA NIGHT IN MUNICH** Why not extend your stay in Munich and explore this exciting city on your own? Ask your Trafalgar Specialist for accommodation and private transfer prices.

**TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip**

The sweet almondly flavours of marzipan are a firm favourite among locals in Budapest and make a great gift to take home for friends and family. When it comes to finding the best in the city, there’s only one name you should look for, Szamos. The Szamos family have been making marzipan since the 1930s.

Dean Smart

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Airport transfers: On arrival at Munich Airport transfers will operate at 10am and 3pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Munich Airport at 5.30am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, A$31 per person.

TRIP CODE: WEOX
ICELAND'S INTENSELY BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES ARE A MIRACLE OF NATURE, FROM THE VIVID BLUE LAGOON TO THE MYSTICAL AURORA BOREALIS AND THEIR ETHEREAL DANCE ACROSS THE CRYSTAL-CLEAR ICELANDIC SKY.
ARRIVE REYKJAVÍK (2 NIGHTS) Warm your winter heart in the creative city of Reykjavík. The capital of Iceland is yours to explore before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and canapés. (W) Hotel: Grand Reykjavík

REYKJAVÍK SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME We meander past the colourful façades and iconic attractions of Reykjavík during a sightseeing tour that will include views of Parliament House, the Old Harbour, the National Museum and Laugardalur swimming pool. A particular highlight is the imposing hilltop Hallgrimskirkja church, inspired by Iceland’s natural beauty. Weather permitting, this evening could see you venture out on a Northern Lights drive to catch a glimpse of the ethereal display of motion and colour. (B)

REYKJAVÍK – GOLDEN CIRCLE EXCURSION – HELLA (2 NIGHTS) We visit the Golden Circle and Thingvellir National Park to trace the gigantic cracks in the earth’s crust, formed over millennia as the tectonic plates of North America and Eurasia drifted slowly apart. Iceland’s natural wonders continue to astound as we watch the bubbling mud pits and Strokkur geyser erupt, spouting a spectacular column of boiling water and steam 30 metres into the air. Next up are the spectacular waterfalls of North America and Eurasia drifted slowly apart. Iceland’s natural wonders continue to astound as we watch the bubbling mud pits and Strokkur geyser erupt, spouting a spectacular column of boiling water and steam 30 metres into the air. Next up are the spectacular waterfalls of majestic Gullfoss, the ‘Golden Waterfall’, before we journey to Eyjafjallajökull, completely covered in ice in the winter. Visit the Skógafoss and the Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss and the spectacular column of boiling water and steam 30 metres into the air. Next up are the spectacular waterfalls of majestic Gullfoss, the ‘Golden Waterfall’, before we journey to Eyjafjallajökull, completely covered in ice in the winter. Visit the Skógafoss and the Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss and the Iceland’s natural beauty. Weather permitting, this evening could see you venture out on a Northern Lights drive to catch a glimpse of the ethereal display of motion and colour. (B)

SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE EXCURSION Embark on an epic journey through Iceland’s extraordinary south coast, a land of Viking legends and mystical natural beauty. Encounter the spectacular waterfalls of Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss and the volcanic midst of Eyjafjallajökull, completely covered in ice in the winter. Visit the Skógafoss Folk Museum where you will ‘Dive Into Culture’ and gain insights into Icelandic heritage, then travel to Vik to view the black sand beach. Tonight, we dine at our hotel and, if conditions permit, join our Travel Director for a walk, in search of the dazzling heavenly display. (B, D) Hotel: Strátt.

HELLA – BLUE LAGOON – KEFLAVÍK The extraordinary geothermal feats of Iceland are explored today as we ‘Dive Into Culture’ and learn how this island harnesses geothermal energy. We’ll visit the state-of-the-art Hellisheiði Geothermal Exhibition located on an active volcanic ridge, then ‘Dive Into Culture’ yet again to soak in the healing waters of the world-famous Blue Lagoon, a delicious cocktail in hand. Please remember to pack your swimwear. Iceland’s Viking heritage is next on our agenda during a visit to Viking World, before a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant with our Travel Director and travel companions. (B, D) Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson

DEPART ICELAND We bid farewell to this extraordinary land of legends and epic landscapes. (B)

Please note: This itinerary visits locations most likely to offer a glimpse of the colourful and mesmerising auroras. Viewing them is not guaranteed.

TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip

While in Reykjavik try one of the famous hot dogs from the tiny stand ‘Bæjarins Beztu Pylsur’, which translated means ‘the best hotdog in town’. Visited by politicians and famous musicians alike, the lamb hotdogs are best served ‘með öllu or ‘with everything’. Larae Malooly


Early Bird Savings

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Dive Into Culture

See how the Icelanders once lived while visiting the Skógafolk Museum’s cultural heritage collection and restored farm houses. (Day 4)

Visit the Hellisheiði Geothermal Plant and see how Iceland has become a showcase for sustainable geothermal energy worldwide. (Day 5)

Bathe in the warm waters of the geothermal Blue Lagoon, cocktail in hand. (Day 5)

More About Your Trip

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Triple Room share is not available on this trip.

Post-Trip Accommodation is not available on this trip.

Airport Transfers: On arrival at Reykjavik Keflavik Airport transfers will operate at 8am and 3pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last day will arrive at Reykjavik Keflavik Airport at approximately 5am and 12.30pm.

Drinking Water: Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.

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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

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EXPLORE ANCIENT GREECE, FROM THE TEMPLES OF ZEUS AND HERA TO THE PARTHENON AND DELPHI. WALK THE SACRED WAY TO THE 4TH TEMPLE OF APOLLO AND GREET THE GODS AND GODDESSES OF OLYMPIA.

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CITY TOUR in Athens, Olympia, Delphi and Meteora

VISIT the Acropolis and Museum in Athens, the ancient ruins in Corinth, the Ancient Theatre in Epidaurus, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, and the incredible rock monasteries in Meteora

VIEW the Parthenon, the Agora, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the ancient theatre and Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidaurus, and the battle site at Thermopylae

SEE the Corinth Canal, the Lion Gate and Agamemnon’s Palace at Mycenae

Greek Olives And Vine Leaves
ARRIVE ATHENS (2 NIGHTS) Put the ‘oh’ in oop and embark on an unforgettable exploration of an ancient land of gods and goddesses, myths and legends. Your springboard to your spellbinding holiday is the vibrant capital of Athens, an effortless mix of ancient treasures and modern verve, which you will have an opportunity to explore after being transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Reception, including a light meal and welcome drink. (WR) Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis

ATHENS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join your Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour to the ancient Cradle of Western Civilisation. We’ll have an opportunity to explore the Acropolis with its treasures, including the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena, the Royal Palace, Temple of Zeus and the Agora. ‘Dive into Culture’ and see remarkable displays of an ancient world during an included visit to the Acropolis Museum, and see Hadrian’s Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy on your own. Stroll through the Plaka, people watch in Syntagma Square or go in search of a good ouzo bar.

ATHENS – CORINTH – MYCENAE – EPIDAURUS – NAFLION Depart Athens crossing the mighty Corinth Canal to the wild Peloponnesian Peninsula. Arriving in Corinth, we join a Local Specialist to explore an ancient city that several empires fought over throughout the centuries. We continue to Mycenae, a mighty kingdom of ancient Greece, where we’ll see the Beehive Tombs (the Treasury of Atreus), the Lion Gate and the remains of Agamemnon’s Royal Palace, in the company of a Local Specialist. Later, we’ll travel to Epidauros to visit the ancient theatre and view the Sanctuary of Asclepius, the God of Medicine, whose snake-entwined staff remains the symbol of medicine to this day. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Nafplio

NAFLION – OLYMPIA We traverse the Mountains of Arcadia to ancient Olympia, the site of the first Olympic Games held in 776 BC. This evening, we ‘Connect With Locals’ joining the Karambellas family on their olive and wine farm for a Be My Guest dinner, some traditional dancing and characteristic Greek philoxenia farm for a Be My Guest dinner, and see remarkable displays of an ancient world during an included visit to the Acropolis Museum, and see Hadrian’s Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy on your own. Stroll through the Plaka, people watch in Syntagma Square or go in search of a good ouzo bar.

OLYMPIA – PATRAS – DELPHI We join a Local Specialist this morning to delve into centuries of history. We’ll visit the ancient Olympic site, the museum and the ruined remains of the Temples of Zeus and Hera. Leaving Olympia, we skirt the coastline north to Patras, crossing the Gulf of Corinth to mainland Greece before continuing to Delphi, our home for the night. (B) Hotel: Amalia

DEPTHEMOPYLAE – KALAMBAKA Tread in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks, who would descend on the sanctuary of Delphi to consult with the most important oracle in the classical world. Join your Local Specialist and walk the Sacred Way to the 4th-century Temple of Apollo. View the statues immortaling the strength of the athletes who once competed in the Pythian Games held in honour of Apollo and the Arts. A scenic afternoon drive brings us to Thermopylae, famous for the heroic defence by Leonidas and his brave Spartans against the invading Persians. We cross the lush Thessaly region, the ‘bread basket of Greece’, then travel over the Pournaraki Pass towards Kalamabka. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia

KALAMBAKA – METEORA – ATHENS The UNESCO World Heritage monasteries of Meteora are our first stop today. Join a Local Specialist to visit two of the six Eastern Orthodox monasteries that cling impressively to immense, rounded rock towers overlooking the town. A scenic drive returns us to Athens, where we’ll enjoy a rousing Farewell Dinner with our travel companions and reminisce over an incredible journey through Greece. (B, FD) Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis

DEPART ATHENS We say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and the treasures of Greece after an unforgettable journey. Airport transfers are available, conditions apply. (B)

ONE-DAY 3-ISLAND Cruise Extension Consider extending your holiday by spending an additional night in Athens and taking a one-day ‘3 Greek Island Cruise’ extension.

ATHENS – TRANSFER TO PORT – 3 GREEK ISLAND CRUISE – TRANSFER TO HOTEL Set sail on shimmering Aegean waters, past Hydra, Poros and Aegina – enjoy a day spent gliding past hidden coves, lush pine-clad slopes and labyrinthine cobbled streets that reveal all the charm you’ve come to expect from the Greek isles. Enjoy lunch on board before returning to your hotel after a full day on the water. (B, L) Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis

DEPART ATHENS Farewell Greece. Transfers to the airport are available for all guests who have provided Trafalgar with flight details. (B)

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TRIP Highlights

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CONNECT WITH LOCALS Say opo! to an Olympic Be My Guest experience with the Karambellas family on their olive and wine farm, followed by a traditional meal and dancing. (Day 4)

DIVE INTO CULTURE Visit the Acropolis Museum containing remarkable antiquities giving visitors an insight into the lives of Athenians centuries ago. (Day 2)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Shared Rooming: Room Share is not available on this trip.

Airport transfers: Complimentary transfers will be available for guests who have provided Trafalgar with their flight details and are staying in an Athens hotel booked by Trafalgar.

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Christmas & New Year’s Eve Highlights: The 19 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in Athens. The 26 December 2019 departure will toast New Year’s Eve in Kalamabka. Each of these specially arranged festive meal celebrations will replace one of the included meals featured in the itinerary.

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CITY TOUR in Athens
ORIENTATION in Alexandria
VISIT the Acropolis in Athens, Great Pyramid of Giza in Alexandria, Lindos Acropolis and Citadel in Rhodes and Temple of Artemis in Kusadasi
VIEW the Parthenon, Hadrian’s Arch and the 1896 Olympic Stadium in Athens
ARRIVE ATHENS Welcome to a land of myths and legends, gods and goddesses, philosophers and politicians. Athens is your springboard to an exciting cruise adventure to three continents – Africa, Europe and Asia. In anticipation of your epic journey, spend the day exploring the sights on your own before joining your fellow travellers for a Welcome Drink. Hotel: Marriott

ATHENS SIGHTSEEING Step back in time, joining a Local Specialist today for a journey into antiquity. You’ll ‘Dive Into Culture’ on a guided sightseeing tour of the Acropolis that will reveal the wonders of ancient Athens. View bygone treasures such as the Parthenon, the Acropolis and Agora which remain as a testament to Greece’s great past. You’ll have an opportunity to admire the march of the famously clad Evzone guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Later, you’ll board your cruise ship for your journey across the Mediterranean. (B, D, L, D)

AT SEA Sail on the calm waters of the Aegean past the Greek Isles towards the North African coastline. Settle into your comfortable accommodation, stroll along the ship’s expansive promenade or sit back in one of the elegant bars and lounges and watch the world float by. You’ll have a full day at sea to recover from all of yesterday’s sightseeing in Athens. (B, L, D)

ALEXANDRIA – PORT SAID As the sun rises we arrive in Alexandria, the ancient capital of Egypt, your gateway to Egypt’s astounding pyramids and the modern capital of Cairo. ‘Dive Into Culture’ on a guided excursion to the only remaining Wonder of the Ancient World, the Great Pyramid of Giza. Admire the magnificent man-made feat which saw the pyramid built in just 20 years and learn about the secrets that lie beneath its dusty limestone exterior. We exchange the desert landscape for the secrets that lie beneath its dusty limestone exterior. We exchange the desert landscape for the wonders of ancient Alexandria. View the monumental Landmarks of the city, such as the Cairo Citadel, Cairo Tower and of the city’s most famous historic monuments the Great Pyramid of Giza. Admire the exterior. We exchange the desert landscape for the secrets that lie beneath its dusty limestone exterior. On an included excursion to the Alexandria citadel, view the monument of the city. (B, L, D)

KUSADASI We arrive in Kusadasi, your gateway to the ancient Greek city of Ephesus. Join an included excursion to this UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Stroll alongside the marble colonnades to Hadrian’s Temple and the Great Theatre, carved into the side of Mt. Pion. Later consider spending some time exploring the vibrant Turkish seaside setting with a stroll along its seafront promenade, before returning to your ship this evening for dinner. (B, L, D)

ATHENS FREE DAY We return to the Greek capital this morning and are transferred to our hotel, after which we’ll have a full day at leisure to explore on our own. Admire the Acropolis and watch the curiously clad Evzone guards. (B)

DEPART ATHENS Our cruise adventure at its end, we bid new friends a fond farewell and take a transfer to Athens Airport for our onward journey. (B)

RHODES We arrive on the scenic shores of Rhodes, one of the most popular holiday destinations in Greece with its beautiful beaches and centuries-old history. Explore the medieval Old Town of Rhodes with its thick stone walls, ancient ruins and Crusade heritage. Then embark on a medieval tour of the ancient Lindos Acropolis and Citadel of the Knights perched high above the coast and the quiet village of Lindos below. Rejoin your cruise in time for dinner. (B, L, D)

ASHDOD Sailing east, we arrive in Ashdod, the gateway to Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Embark on an Optional Experience to Israel’s most famous religious sites and cultural highlights, from trendy Tel Aviv to the ancient port city of Jaffa. Explore the holy landmarks in Jerusalem, including Temple Mountain, the Wailing Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and visit the birthplace of Jesus Christ, Bethlehem. Rejoin your cruise this evening bound for Cyprus. (B, L, D)

LIMASSOL The sophisticated seaside port of Limassol emerges on the horizon this morning. You’ll have an afternoon to explore the medieval Old Town or stroll along the seafront promenade and cobbled streets to the old fishing harbour. Consider a visit to the Prokymea Sculpture Park to admire the works of Cypriot, Greek and international artists, or sit back at one of the seaside cafés and savour a Cypriot coffee before boarding your ship for its onward journey north. (B, L, D)
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EGYPT
DAYS | BEST OF 8

1. ARRIVE CAIRO Embark on an expedition to the land of the Pharaohs. On arrival at Cairo Airport, transfer to your hotel and relax after your journey. Hotel: Hilton Heliopolis

2. CAIRO – LUXOR – NILE CRUISE (4 NIGHTS) Fly to Luxor this morning and connect with the remnants of ancient Thebes during a visit to the Temple of Amun and imposing Avenue of the Sphinx. Board your cruise ship in time for lunch, then visit the Grand Temple of Luxor before returning to your cruise ship for dinner. (B, L, D) Hotel: Nile Cruise

3. NILE CRUISE: LUXOR – EDFU Journey to the final resting place of Egypt’s Pharaohs, immersing yourself in the ancient history of Egypt’s Valley of the Kings. Visit the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Later, sail to Edfu. (B, L, D)

4. NILE CRUISE: EDUFU – KOM-OMBO Pay homage to the falcon-god Horus at Egypt’s best-preserved cult temple in Edfu, then sail upstream to Kom-ombo, where life remains much as it was a thousand years ago. Tour the Temple of Kom-ombo. Donning our galabias, we enjoy a traditional Egyptian dinner on board this evening. (B, L, D)

5. NILE CRUISE: KOM-OMBO – ASWAN Set sail on a traditional felucca across the mighty Nile to see the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener’s Island. On arrival, explore the Aswan Dam built to curb the periodic flooding of the Nile. Our next stop is the Temple of Isis, followed by a visit to the Unfinished Obelisk. As the dipping sun sets the sky on fire, admire the silhouette of feluccas plying the river’s waters. (B, L, D)

6. DISEMBARK – ASWAN – CAIRO (3 NIGHTS) Enjoy a day at leisure or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Sun Temple of Abu Simbel before flying back to Cairo this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Ramses Hilton

7. CAIRO SIGHTSEEING Embark on a sightseeing tour through the cacophony of Cairo’s busy streets. Visit the Hanging Church of St. Mary and the Sultan Hassan Mosque in Old Cairo and see the ancient Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque and Tutankhamen’s priceless treasures at the Egyptian Museum. (B)

8. CAIRO – PYRAMID EXCURSION The Great Pyramids of Giza beckon today and we have an opportunity to embark on a soul-stirring encounter with its treasures – the Colossus of Ramses II, the Step Pyramid of Sakkarra and the enigmatic Great Sphinx. Enjoy some free time this evening or consider joining a Nile dinner cruise. (B)

9. DEPART CAIRO Our epic journey at its end, we say farewell to newfound friends and transfer to the airport. (B)

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CARAVANS OF SPICE TRADERS AND CRUSADING CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS ONCE CROSSED THE DRAMATIC DESERT LANDSCAPES OF JORDAN AND YOU WILL TOO, JOURNEYING TO THE FABLED “ROSE RED” PETRA.

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CITY TOUR in Amman
VISIT the Greco-Roman city at Jerash, the unique ancient city at Petra, the Crusader Fortress at Shobak and Wadi Rum
VIEW the Roman amphitheatre and Citadel in Amman, Moses’ Promised Land on Mount Nebo, the mosaic map of the Holy Land at Madaba

Camel, Petra
YOUR Holiday

1 ARRIVE AMMAN (2 NIGHTS) Tread in the footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia, crusading knights and Bedouin tribes, who once crossed the length and breadth of Jordan leaving their mark on its mystical desert landscapes. Our springboard to the spellbinding ancient trading history of Jordan is the white stone city of Amman, which you'll have an opportunity to explore at your leisure after being transferred to your hotel from the airport. Meet your fellow travellers this evening for a cocktail reception followed by dinner. (WR) Hotel: Grand Millennium

2 AMMAN – JERASH – AMMAN This morning, we embark on a city tour of Amman to see its Citadel, Archaeological Museum, Roman Amphitheatre and Folklore Museum. Our next stop is to Iraq Al Amir where we'll ‘Make A Difference’ at the Iraq Al Amir Women’s Association and learn first-hand how they make soap from olive oil and craft greeting cards from recycled paper. Try your hand at making your own card before a lunch prepared by the women. (B) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

3 AMMAN – PETRA (2 NIGHTS) The enchanting rose-red façades of Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, beckon, but not before we visit Mount Nebo, one of the most revered holy sites of Jordan and the place where Moses is buried. You'll see the Madaba Mosaic Map that covers the floor of the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George in Madaba and ascend to the Crusader Shobak Castle, perched on the side of a mountain. We arrive in Petra later, where we'll spend the next two nights at one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’ – Hyatt Zaman, built on and around an ancient village. (B, D, Ḍ) Hotel: Hyatt Zaman

4 PETRA SIGHTSEEING Admire the archaeological wonder carved into the sheer rock face over 2,000 years ago by the Nabataean people. Imagine silk and spice caravans plying their wares as we enter this mystical trading city through the narrow Siq – flanked by towering cliffs soaring 80 metres high. As we emerge from the path, the stone façade of the Treasury with its ornate decoration looms ahead – the first of many wonders to be explored. Later, we Connect with Locals in their Bedouin camp near Little Petra. Relax amidst the surrounding dunes and hills, as you enjoy a traditional Bedouin dinner with live “Rababah” music. (B, D)

5 PETRA – WADI RUM – AMMAN This morning, we journey through desert landscapes to Wadi Rum, a timeless place whose towering sand dunes were once described by T.E. Lawrence as “vast, echoing and god-like”. Embark on a jeep tour through the desert watching the landscape rise almost 2,000 metres from the desert floor, amidst which you'll find canyons, waterholes and rock paintings that span millennia. Return to Amman for your final night in Jordan, enjoying a Farewell Dinner with your travel companions. As the sun sets on this magical city, listen to the mystical call of the muezzin and reminisce over an enchanting trip into antiquity. (B, FD) Hotel: Grand Millennium

DEPART AMMAN This morning, we bid farewell to this extraordinary land. Transfers to Amman airport are available, conditions apply. (B)

6 OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO THE Dead Sea

Extend your holiday and visit the mysterious Dead Sea.

5 PETRA – WADI RUM – DEAD SEA (2 NIGHTS) Sightseeing as per Day 5 of Jordan Experience followed by a transfer to your hotel at the Dead Sea. (B, D)

Hotel: Crowne Plaza

DEAD SEA Set in a beautiful and dramatic landscape, the Dead Sea is famous for its mineral-rich waters. Relax and enjoy the resort, luxuriate in the warm, stimulating black mud and float in the calming water. (B, D)

6 DEPART AMMAN This morning bid farewell to this extraordinary land. Transfers to Amman airport are available, conditions apply. (B)

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This trip departs Mondays fortnightly between 11 November 2019 – 31 March 2020. From A$425 per person twin share. Single supplement available from A$280

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7 MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Visit the Iraq Al Amir Women’s Centre and learn how they create soap from olive oil and greeting cards from recycled paper, followed by a lunch prepared by the women. (Day 2)

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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

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STAYS WITH STORIES

Built in and around a 19th-century Jordanian village, Hyatt Zaman has maintained most of its original architecture and offers traditional Bedouin hospitality and cuisine. (Day 3)

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MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Shared Rooming: Room Share and Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

Transport: Smaller coaches without toilet facilities may be used on this trip.

Airport Transfers: Complimentary transfers will be provided for guests who have provided Trafalgar with their flight details and are staying in an Amman hotel booked by Trafalgar.

Important Visa Information: Visas are required for this trip. Please contact your Travel Agent when making your reservation to assess your requirements.

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BEST OF EGYPT ADD-ON

Why not add our Best of Egypt trip before your visit to Jordan? See pages 76-77.

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- Arrive Amman (2 Nights)
- Amman – Jerash – Amman
- Amman – Petra (2 Nights)
- Petra Sighting
- Petra – Wadi Rum – Amman
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CITY TOUR in Istanbul

VISIT the Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Hippodrome, Blue Mosque and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul, Anzac Cove and the War Cemeteries at Gallipoli, the ancient ruins of Troy, the Asclepion Medical Centre at Pergamon, the ancient city of Ephesus, the Virgin Mary’s House at Ephesus, the Cotton Castle Springs in Pamukkale, the Archaeological Museum in Antalya, the Roman cities at Perge and Aspendos, the home of the Whirling Dervishes at Konya, the underground city of Saratli, Goreme Open Air Museum and the Museum of Anatolian Civilisation at Ankara

VIEW the Wooden Horse at Troy

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ARRIVE ISTANBUL (2 NIGHTS) Stand at the ancient crossroads between Europe and Asia, embarking on a journey of discovery through ancient lands and the marauding empires who fought to rule it. Arriving in vibrant Istanbul, you will be transferred to your hotel before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a memorable Welcome Reception to kick off your epic adventure. (WR) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Old City

ISTANBUL SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Gain insights into the Ottoman Empire’s power during your guided tour of the Topkapı Palace, the Hippodrome and the Blue Mosque, then consider an optional cruise navigating the waters of the Bosphorus. ‘Dive Into Culture’ this afternoon, with a visit to the Grand Bazaar. (B, D)

ISTANBUL – GALLIPOLI – ÇANAKKALE Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives at Gallipoli – the national pride of two nations, the Turkish and Australians, were awakened at the site of the bloody WWI battlefields and are commemorated to this day. See Anzac Cove and Dardanelles, and visit the cemeteries of Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair, the final resting place of many Allied soldiers. We continue to Çanakkale where we dine at our hotel tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Kolin

ÇANAKKALE – TROY – PERGAMON – İZMIR (2 NIGHTS) Explore the legends of Troy and see the symbolic replica of the famous Wooden Horse the Greeks used to break their siege of this ancient city. Visit the ancient Asclepion Medical Centre in the city of Pergamon before retiring in seaside Izmir this evening, where we’ll dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Mövenpick

EXCURSION TO EPHESUS AND THE HOUSE OF THE VIRGIN MARY Stroll through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, past the amazingly intact façade of the Library of Celsus and down to what was once its thriving port. See the House of Virgin Mary at Mt. Køressos then spend the rest of the day at leisure. This evening, you may consider joining an optional dinner at a local restaurant in Izmir and indulge in some of the local raki. (B)

IZMIR – PAMUKKALE FREE TIME 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: Richmond Thermal

PAMUKKALE – HIEROPOLIS – ANTALYA (2 NIGHTS) Visit Hieropolis, then admire the bubbling pools and delicate white cascades of water of Pamukkale’s Cotton Castle Springs. Later, we join the Yarız community where we’ll ‘Connect With Locals’ over Be My Guest lunch. Our stop for the next two nights is the Mediterranean retreat of Antalya. (B, BMG, RD, D) Hotel: Rixos Downtown

PERGE EXCURSION Enjoy a free morning on the Turkish Riviera. This afternoon, we travel to the Roman city of Perge to visit the impressive Antalya Archaeological Museum. Your evening is free to find an inviting meyhane for some local chit chat and delicious flavours of kebab and baklava. (B)

ANTALYA – ASPENDOS – KONYA Witness the world’s best-preserved theatre of antiquity in Aspendos, before continuing to Konya, for insights into the Whirling Dervish sect. Continue to the Karatay Tile Museum. (B, D) Hotel: Dedeman

KONYA – CAPPADOCIA (2 NIGHTS) See a well-preserved 13th-century caravanserai. Then, journey to Cappadocia and the underground city of Sarhatli. This evening, indulge in the flavours of traditional pottery kebabs during a Regional Dinner. Tonight we stay in one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’, located alongside the ancient Ortahisar rock castle. (B, RD, D) Hotel: Dilek Kaya

GÖREME EXCURSION The other-worldly landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as we explore its volcanic landscape dotted with caves and troglodyte dwellings. We visit the Göreme Open-Air Museum to admire the extraordinary rock-hewn churches and learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos before dining in our hotel this evening. (B, D)

CAPPADOCIA – ANKARA We visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisations and the final resting place of the country’s beloved Atatürk in Ankara. (B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

ANKARA – ISTANBUL FREE TIME Returning to Istanbul, visit the Hagia Sophia then enjoy the rest of the day on our own. Delve into the depths of the Basilica Cistern, savour the intoxicating smells of the Spice Market or ascend Galata Tower for exquisite views of east and west. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow companions for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Old City

DEPART ISTANBUL We bid Istanbul a fond farewell. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Shared Rooming: Room Share is available on this trip. (B, D) Hotel: Richmond Thermal

TRIP CODE: WBOT
VISIT THE TOMB OF KING DAVID AND THE MOUNT OF BEATITUDES, WHERE JESUS DELIVERED THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT. FLOAT IN THE DEAD SEA, PRAY AT THE WAILING WALL AND EXPLORE TEL AVIV.

THE Icons

CITY TOUR in Jerusalem

VISIT the tomb of King David on Mount Zion, the Fortress of Masada, the Church of Annunciation in Nazareth, the old Synagogue and the Mount of Beatitudes near Capernaum, the ancient Synagogue and artists’ colony at Tzfat and the underground Crusader City of Acre

VIEW the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, the Baha’i Shrine from the summit of Mount Carmel in Haifa, the excavations of Solomon’s Stables and the Roman Amphitheatre and the aqueduct at Caesarea

SEE the Mount of Olives and the former Syrian bunkers at Golan Heights
ARRIVE TEL AVIV – JERUSALEM (4 NIGHTS)

Your pilgrimage through a land regarded by many as the holiest of the holy begins in the sacred city of Jerusalem, which you will have an opportunity to explore before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Drink to herald an epic journey into antiquity. (Ch’tim)  Hotel: Dan Panorama

MOUNT ZION – THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM Tread in the footsteps of prophets, crusaders and kings, admiring the Old City of Jerusalem from the sacred vantage point of the Mount of Olives. Ascend to Mount Zion to visit the tomb of King David and see the room where Jesus and his disciples shared in the Last Supper near Zion Gate. We stroll through the Jewish Quarter to the Wailing Wall. Here we’ll ‘Dive into Culture’ and watch faithful Jews.cede their prayers to the crevices of its ancient rocks. See the Dome of the Rock on Temple Mount and follow the path taken by Christ past the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa to Golgotha, arriving at the 4th century Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Christians gather to commemorate at the traditional site of His Resurrection. (B, D)

JERUSALEM – DEAD SEA – MASADA – JERUSALEM Journeying across the rocky Judean Desert, we pass by the sight where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found by a Bedouin boy in 1947. A short drive and journey up the cableway brings us to the striking cliff-top fortress of Masada, where a Roman siege ended in the German Colony. (B) Hotel: Dan Panorama

JERUSALEM FREE DAY Enjoy a full day at leisure to delve into the centuries-old history of Jerusalem. Discover the meeting place of three great religions and the ancient sites that remain as a testament to their vast heritage. From the Christian Quarter Road and market stalls of the Muslim Quarter, to Hurva Square, the social centre of the Jewish Quarter – the city’s treasures and diverse community are yours to explore during your free time. Wander through the Old City and into the New City to celebrate its talented artists in Ein Kerem or enjoy a coffee stop at a friendly café in the German Colony. (B, D)

NEW CITY OF JERUSALEM – LOWER GALILEE (2 NIGHTS) We continue our compelling discovery of Jerusalem and visit Yad Vashem to commemorate the millions of lives lost in the Holocaust during World War II. We’ll see the Dead Sea Scrolls at Israel Museum’s Shrine of the Book, the Knesset and the Givat Ram Campus of the Hebrew University, before travelling through the farmlands of the Jordon Valley. Celebrate a strong sense of community at your overnight stop at a Kibbutz hotel, where you’ll dine this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Lavi Kibbutz

EXCURSION MEGIDDO – NAZARETH – CAPERNAUM – MOUNT OF BEATITUDES Ascend to the hilltop ‘chariot city’ and battlegrounds of Megiddo to see the excavations of Solomon’s Stables. Our next stop is the sacred Catholic shrine of the Church of the Annunciation at Nazareth and the ruins of the old synagogue at Capernaum, said to have been built on the home of St. Peter. Later, we continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. This evening, we dine at our hotel in Galilee. (B, D)

LOWER GALILEE – TZFAT – ACRE – HAIFA – CAESAREA – TEL AVIV (2 NIGHTS) Venture to one of Judaism’s Four Holy Cities and the birthplace of the Kabbalah movement, exploring the ancient synagogue and artists’ colony of Tzfat. We continue to the almost intact 12th-century underground City of Acre to admire its medieval Crusader buildings, before enjoying views of the Baha’i Shrine and the beautiful Persian Hanging Gardens of Haifa, created as a memorial to the founders of the Baha’i faith. Imagine seafaring traders plying their wares in the ancient port city of Caesarea, then travel to the vibrant city of Tel Aviv, our home for the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Dan Panorama

TEL AVIV SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME Join a Local Specialist this morning to stroll through the ancient ruins of Old Jaffa to explore biblical stories and ancient mythology. Continue to Neve Zedek, the first neighbourhood of Tel Aviv. Soak up the cosmopolitan atmosphere of Rothchild Boulevard, then drive to Rabin Square, where you’ll learn about the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who has become a symbol of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Indulge all your senses on your final stop in Tel Aviv – the smells of roasted coffee and freshly baked bread provide a welcome backdrop for your leisure journey past bustling market stalls before you return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B)

DEPART TEL AVIV Our epic journey through the sacred lands of Israel has come to an end. All that’s left to say is a fond farewell to fellow pilgrims as you prepare for your journey home. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. (B)
MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Planning for your arrival

Airport Transfers
EUROPE AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

All Trafalgar and Costsaver guests receive complimentary arrival and departure transfers by shuttle coach on the arrival and departure day of their holiday. Times are specified on the individual itinerary pages. If your flight times do not coincide with the shuttle coach transfer timings you may choose to book and purchase an alternate transfer. If you have booked pre or post-trip accommodation you can also book a transfer through us, please see hotel table on the right for details and prices. If you are travelling to the Eastern Mediterranean region, complimentary airport transfers are offered at any time on the first and last day of your holiday, and on any pre and/or post-trip accommodation booked through us. Flight times must be provided to Trafalgar or Costsaver at least 21 days before flight departure. For our Terms & Conditions, please see below.

LONDON

Trafalgar and Costsaver has arranged group transfer rates from London Heathrow and London Gatwick airports to your London hotel:

A$80 single trip per person to/from Heathrow Airport
A$160 single trip per person to/from Gatwick Airport

Transfer terms and conditions:
1) For included and chargeable transfers, you or your Travel Agent must provide detailed flight information to Trafalgar or Costsaver at the time of booking or no later than 21 days prior to departure. Transfers cannot be amended once booked.
2) For London arrivals, you must stay in a hotel booked by Trafalgar or Costsaver on the night of arrival and the night prior to your departure date.
3) Trafalgar and Costsaver only includes one inbound and one outbound transfer (excluding London).
4) In the event of flight delays outside of Trafalgar and Costsaver’s control, the transfers will be deemed to be cancelled.
5) All transfers are based on group transfers. Refunds are not available for missed transfers or to guests not using this service.
6) In the event of unforeseen circumstances (such as road or rail works, strikes or demonstrations), Trafalgar or Costsaver will not be responsible for any missed or unused transfers for any reason.

Passports and Visas

✓ Each guest is responsible for ensuring that their passport is valid for at least six months beyond the conclusion of their trip and that all necessary visas and permits have been acquired. Multiple-entry visas may be required if you are entering a country more than once on your holiday. Each guest must comply with entry, health and other requirements of the countries visited during your trip.
✓ Contact your Travel Agent, airline or relevant government authorities to obtain the necessary travel information.
✓ The Operators and/or their employees and their agents are not responsible for passport, visa, entry, health and other requirements of the countries visited, or for any loss sustained by you for failing to comply with laws, regulations, orders and/or requirements of countries visited.

Extend Your Stay
EXTENSION HOTELS & TRANSFERS

City | Hotel | Single | Twin | Transfer
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Amman | Grand Millennium | 288 | 171 | Inc
Amsterdam | Mercure Amsterdam City† | 161 | 108 | 110
Athens | Divani Palace Acropolis† | 246 | 157 | Inc
Barcelona | U232* | 234 | 155 | 88
Berlin | Sheraton Grand Esplanade | 236 | 153 | 88
Budapest | Hilton City | 221 | 135 | 59
Cairo | Hilton Cairo Heliopolis* | 254 | 157 | Inc
| Le Meridien Pyramids* | 266 | 166 | Inc
| Ramses Hilton† | 254 | 157 | Inc
Casablanca | Grand Mogador City Centre† | 247 | 162 | 88
Dublin | Clayton Dublin Airport* | 219 | 144 | **
| Maldon Park Square* | 231 | 144 | 81
Edinburgh | Leonardo Royal† | 208 | 131 | 66
Frankfurt | Sheraton Offenbach | 154 | 107 | 95
Glasgow | Hilton Garden Inn City Centre | 178 | 122 | 59
Istanbul | Ramada Plaza City Center | 250 | 157 | Inc
| Crowne Plaza Istanbul - Old City | 243 | 154 | Inc
Jerusalem | Dan Panorama* | 429 | 243 | Inc
Keflavik | Park Inn | 504 | 297 | **
Lisbon | Olissippo Marques de Sa* | 180 | 120 | 44
London | Hilton Kensington | 225 | 165 | 80††
| The Tower†† | 323 | 184 | 80††
Lucerne | Astoria* | 292 | 217 | 330*
| Grand Europe | 242 | 161 | 330*
Madrid | AC Cuzco* | 231 | 138 | 95
| Ayre Gran Colon †† | 207 | 128 | 95
| Raffles Atocha† | 244 | 145 | 95
Moscow | Marriott Tverskaya | 304 | 221 | 95
Munich | Sheraton Arabellapark* | 261 | 155 | 125
Paris | Evergreen Laurel | 274 | 163 | 95
| Novotel Centre Tour Eiffel†† | 278 | 159 | 95
| Renaissance Paris La Defense* | 263 | 162 | 95
| Hyatt Regency Etoile†† | 300 | 182 | 95
Prague | Angelo by Vienna House* | 154 | 100 | 44
Reykjavik | Grand Hotel Reykjavik | 504 | 297 | 212
Rome | IL Canto | 221 | 151 | 73
| Crown Plaza St Peters† | 224 | 150 | 73
| Ergrife Palace | 180 | 127 | 73
| Grand Hotel Tiberio* | 221 | 151 | 73
| Sheraton Parco De Medici* | 189 | 134 | 73
| Victoria Hotel† | 289 | 157 | 73
St. Petersburg | Courtyard by Marriott Vasilevsky | 278 | 236 | 95
Sweimeh | Crowne Plaza Dead Sea* | 309 | 190 | Inc
Tel Aviv | Dan Panorama* | 496 | 277 | Inc
Venice | Boscolo Bellini Hotel* | 215 | 157 | 176
| Venice Mestre | Artilon Hotel* | 147 | 104 | 73
| Vienna | Hilton Vienna Danube Waterfront† | 189 | 135 | 73
Zagreb | The Westin† | 201 | 143 | 73

*Seasonal supplements apply. †Certain days of the week attract a supplement.
†† From Heathrow. †‡ To Zurich Airport. †§ Hotel shuttle.
All prices are per person per night, based on twin accommodation with private facilities. The price includes breakfast daily, hotel taxes and service charges. A supplement may apply for Christmas, New Year, Easter and Special Events; this will be advised at the time of booking.
Chargable transfer prices are per person one-way. Flight information must be provided to Trafalgar or Costsaver at the time of booking and no fewer than 21 days before flight departure. Chargeable transfers are by car or minibus; you will be met after cleaning customs and escorted to your vehicle. Please note: Trafalgar or Costsaver will not be responsible for any missed or unused transfers for any reason.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

What to do after you book

MyTrafalgar & MyCostsaver
ENHANCE YOUR TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

MyTrafalgar & MyCostsaver is an easy-to-use, interactive travel portal that connects you to your holiday before and during your trip. You’ll be able to register for your trip, download your travel documents and have a ready reference of your day by day trip inclusions and optional experiences.

Visit trafalgar.com/mytrafalgar or costsavertour.com/mycostsaver

Register for your Trip
GET READY TO GO

Every travel moment counts. To ensure you have a total stress-free holiday and that we can contact you in the unlikely event of an emergency, we require all guests to register before they travel. You can complete this online in a few short minutes by simply providing the following details.

1. Your contact details, including an email address and mobile number that you will be travelling with.
2. The name of someone at home whom we can contact in case of an emergency.
3. Your passport and insurance details.

Simply head to trafalgar.com/mytrafalgar or costsavertour.com/mycostsaver and you’ll be all set for the trip of a lifetime and can start personalising your holiday.

E-Documents
CHOSE TO DOWNLOAD AND NOT PRINT

✓ Once you register for your trip you will have the choice to choose e-documentation for your holiday.
✓ When you choose e-documents we will plant a tree in your honour, and you can be proud to be making a difference.
✓ e-documentation will be available approximately 21 days prior to departure on your MyTrafalgar and MyCostsaver.
✓ Printed documents will be available for Trafalgar on request should this be more convenient for you.

GOLD SEAL ADDITIONAL PROTECTION

TRAFALGAR AND COSTSAVER’S GOLD SEAL ADDITIONAL PROTECTION PLAN COSTS ONLY A$99 PER PERSON (PAYABLE WITH YOUR DEPOSIT ONLY) AND INCLUDES:

ON YOUR HOLIDAY
Should you, or your travel companion, leave at any time during the trip for personal sickness reasons or be required to return to Australia due to injury, illness or death of an immediate family member, you and your companion will be refunded up to A$90 per person, per day for the unused portion of the holiday (note that in some cases, hotels require a one-night cancellation fee). A medical certificate is required.

RETURN FLIGHT SECURITY
If you or a member of your direct family in Australia should fall sick* while you are on your Trafalgar guided holiday, we will take care of the additional cost of tickets for your earlier or later return home in the same class of air travel on the first available flight, provided you hold round-trip tickets on Trafalgar’s recommended airline(s) booked through Trafalgar from Australia.

PRE-PAID CANCELLATION OPTION
Your deposit and/or payment to Trafalgar will be refunded in full or you will have the option to carry it over to another Trafalgar or TTC holiday should you cancel your holiday for any reason prior to 30 days from departure date from Australia. This cancellation option covers land arrangements made by Trafalgar only.

If the Australian Government DFAT advice for the destination changes to “Reconsider the need to travel” or “Do not travel” you may have your deposit and/or payment refunded at any time prior to tour commencement or you will have the option to carry it over to another Trafalgar or TTC holiday.

Prior to departure from Australia your airfares are not covered by Gold Seal. We recommend you take out Covermore Travel Insurance specifically covering the value of your airfares should you cancel your holiday (Please review Covermore terms and conditions around cancellation cover). We are happy to help you with arranging that travel insurance. Any rebooking costs of airfares prior to departure are not covered by Gold Seal.

Cancellation option fee is not refundable for any reason.

Please note that travel agent fees and cancellation fees may apply.

* Medical certificates as proof of all illness claims must be supplied.

CAN WE HELP YOU?

Call Toll-free on 1800 002 006
For a Trafalgar expert: travel advice, bookings, information or a helping hand. (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Monday - Friday: 9:00am – 1:00am
Saturday: 9:00am – 10:00pm
Closed on Sundays

On-line 24/7 trafalgar.com or costsavertour.com for information, bookings, online payments and frequently asked questions.
BOOKING CONDITIONS

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SUMMARY BOOKING CONDITIONS & OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Full booking conditions are available at: trafalgar.com/booking-conditions

YOUR GUIDED HOLIDAY BOOKING

See our website for detailed terms on what’s included and not included in the guided holiday price and for information on reservations and payments including your travel documents.

BOOKING CHANGES, CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

See our website for details on Name Changes, Booking Changes, Cancellations and Cancellation Fees, Illness or Absence.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

See our website for detailed terms on Guided Holiday Prices, Other Fees and Taxes, and Travel Insurance.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Complaint Procedure If you have a problem during your holiday please inform Trafalgar or Costsaver’s Travel Director/Local Representative immediately, who will try to make things right. If the matter was not resolved locally, please write to Trafalgar’s Guest Relations Department at the address below within sixty (60) days of the end of the Trafalgar holiday, as it is important that you provide us the information quickly. Please quote your booking reference number and all relevant information. Failure to follow this procedure may delay or deny us the opportunity to investigate and rectify the problem, which may affect the way your complaint is dealt with and your rights under this contract. In any legal action, arbitration, or other proceeding to enforce, interpret or construe the terms of this Agreement, or concerning any grievance relating to the trip, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its actual reasonable legal fees, costs and expenses.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Passports, Visas and other Entry/Exit Requirements All guests including children must be in possession of a machine-readable passport valid for 6 months after their trip return date along with applicable visas. Please refer to “Passport and Visas” section. Due to government imposed security/immigration measures, passport and emergency contact information is required for all guests prior to the release of travel documents. It is the guest’s sole responsibility to secure and/or pay for any and all visas, reciprocity fees, affidavits, immunisations, etc. that are required to be permitted entry into each destination. You should also contact your doctor or a specialist vaccination centre for details of any measures you may need to take prior to departure. In some countries you may be subject to entry (reciprocity) fees and/or departure taxes/exit fees which will be collected at the airports upon entry/ departure by local government authorities. For up-to-date detailed information on travel documents and visas, entry/exit taxes and further information on entry and exit requirements please check with your Travel Agent or local consular services. Obtaining and carrying these documents is your sole responsibility. Trafalgar and Costsaver bears no responsibility for such information and will not be responsible for advising and/or obtaining required travel documentation for any guest, or for any delays, damages, and/or losses including missed portions of your holiday related to improper documentation or government decisions about entry.

Please note that entry to any country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete. Trafalgar and Costsaver will also not be liable in circumstances where entry is refused to another country for any reason. We do not accept any responsibility and will not make any refunds if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements or if you have lost or mislaid any necessary documents (including travel documentation).

Price changes Unfortunately it is inevitable that some of the prices or details contained within this brochure or on our website may have changed since the brochure was printed, and we reserve the right to alter the prices of any of our holidays before you book. You will be informed about any changes to any of the relevant details within this brochure before you book either with your Travel Agent or with ourselves as part of our commitment to high quality customer service.

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Day 1  Arrive Istanbul (2 Nights)
Welcome to Istanbul. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Relax after your journey. In the evening, attend a trip briefing with your Travel Director and meet your fellow travellers. Hotel: Ramada Plaza City Centre

Day 2  Istanbul Sightseeing
Enjoy a full-day sightseeing tour including a visit to see parts of the Topkapi Palace Museum, the former residence of the Ottoman Sultans. Visit the Hippodrome, once the centre of life where chariot racing and other public events took place. Visit the Blue Mosque and the world’s largest and oldest covered market with over 60 streets. Consider joining a delicious Turkish optional dinner where local cuisine is served along with traditional belly dancing entertainment. (B)

Day 3  Istanbul - Ankara
This morning, enjoy free time in the city or consider an Optional Experience Bosphorus cruise and visit to Hagia Sophia. This excursion enjoys views of the strait that separates Asia and Europe and a visit to the church built in the Byzantine capital during the 6th century and converted into a mosque by the Ottomans. Today, it houses a museum and is known as one of the world’s greatest architectural wonders. Early this afternoon, depart for the capital city of Ankara for an overnight stay. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Ankara - Kavaklidere

Day 4  Ankara - Cappadocia (2 Nights)
Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, a historic caravanserai featuring artefacts including the most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artefacts in the world. Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the father of modern Turkey. Perhaps take an Optional Experience this evening to see a Whirling Dervish performance with dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Ramada

Day 5  Cappadocia Sightseeing
This morning, travel to Pasabagi and the town of Avanos. Göreme, a historical region of Turkey settled back in the Roman period. Many rock-cut settlements built for protection and religious reasons. Drive to Konya and visit the famous mausoleum of the Sufi philosopher Mevlana. This was also the dervish lodge of the Mevlevi order, better known as the Whirling Dervishes. Later, check into your hotel in Konya and enjoy dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

Day 6  Cappadocia - Saratli - Konya
This morning, visit the underground city of Saratli, one of the many underground settlements built for protection and religious reasons. Drive to Konya and visit the famous mausoleum of the Sufi philosopher Mevlana. This was also the dervish lodge of the Mevlevi order, better known as the Whirling Dervishes. Later, check into your hotel in Konya and enjoy dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

Day 7  Konya – Pamukkale
Leave Konya and travel to see the unique cotton fortress of Pamukkale with its white lime cascades formed by mineral springs. You will also get to see the ruins of the ancient Roman health spa of Hierapolis. This evening, enjoy a relaxing dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Richmond Thermal

Day 8  Pamukkale – Ephesus – Izmir
Today, travel to Selcuk and tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, an important cultural centre of the ancient world and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore 2,000-year-old marble streets, view a magnificent theatre, see the Library of Celcus, a gymnasium and finally Hadrian’s Temple. Then take a short drive from Ephesus to visit St Mary’s stone cottage, where it is believed Virgin Mary spent her last years accompanied by St. John. Arrive later in Izmir. (B) Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Alsanack

Day 9  Izmir – Pergamon – Troy – Çanakkale
Visit the ancient Medical Center Asclepion in Pergamon and continue to Troy with its famous wooden horse. This town is best known for being the setting of the Trojan War as well as a place where many cities are built on top of each other. Continue to Çanakkale for the night with dinner served at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Buyuk Truva

Day 10  Çanakkale – Gallipoli – Istanbul
In the morning, depart for Gallipoli, the site of many WWI battles. Visit poignant Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair before returning to Istanbul. Enjoy a last night in Istanbul with your travel companions. (B) Hotel: Ramada Plaza City Centre

Day 11  Depart Istanbul
This morning bid a fond farewell to this wonderful city as your memorable holiday comes to an end. Transfers are available to the airport. Conditions apply. (B)

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10 Nights accommodation
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B Breakfast  L Lunch  D Dinner

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YOUR HIGHLIGHTS

• **Istanbul**  Sightseeing includes the Topkapi Palace, the Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar
• **Ankara**  Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisation and Ataturk’s Mausoleum
• **Cappadocia**  Visit Pasabagi and the Red Valley and marvel at the underground city of Sarhatli
• **Konya**  Visit the Mevlana Museum, home of the Whirling Dervishes
• **Pamukkale**  See the Cotton Castle springs and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis
• **Ephesus**  Visit the Great Theatre, Library of Celsus, Gymnasium, Temple of Hadrian and House of the Virgin Mary
• **Pergamon**  Visit the Asclepion Medical Centre
• **Troy**  Visit the ruins of the ancient city and see the Wooden Horse
• **Gallipoli**  See Anzac Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Cemeteries

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Image: Blue Mosque, Istanbul
Day 1  Arrive Rome (2 Nights)
Welcome to Rome. After checking in, relax and unwind. Later meet with your Travel Director and fellow travellers. This evening, consider a stroll around this fascinating city and take in the vibrant atmosphere. **Hotel: Ergife Palace**

Day 2  Rome Sightseeing and Free Time
Don’t miss the opportunity to join an Optional Experience to the famous Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums. Later your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour starting with a visit to the Vatican City and the awe-inspiring St Peter’s Basilica to view Michelangelo’s statue, the Pietà. Cross the Tiber to view the mighty Colosseum and see the ancient sites of Rome. **(B)**

Day 3  Rome – Sorrento – Bay of Naples
Today’s journey south to the Bay of Naples and stop in the nearby resort of Sorrento. Consider an Optional Experience to Positano and the Amalfi Coast. Later enjoy dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Grand La Panoramica**

Day 4  Bay of Naples – Cassino – Assisi
Perhaps join an Optional Experience guided walking tour of Pompeii, which laid undiscovered beneath a layer of volcanic ash for centuries after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Afterwards, leave the Bay of Naples and view the monastery at Cassino, the scene of fierce battles during the Second World War. Continue north to the mystical town of Assisi, built on the fertile slopes of Mount Subasio in Umbria. **(B, D) Hotel: Frate Sole**

Day 5  Assisi – Venice (Oriago) (2 Nights)
Your morning orientation tour of Assisi reveals a town that has changed little since the time of St. Francis, who was born here in 1182. See the sights of St. Francis’s birthplace, including the medieval ramparts and the Basilica of St. Francis. Your journey continues north across the dramatic Apennine Mountains to the magical, romantic city of Venice. **(B, D) Hotel: Il Burchiello**

Day 6  Venice Orientation and Free Time
Watch the Venetian craftsmen at work creating local specialities at a glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island. Then cruise by private launch to St. Mark’s Square in the heart of Venice. Admire the Bridge of Sighs, the ornate Doge’s Palace and the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. Spend free time afterwards exploring this fascinating city or perhaps take a trip out across the lagoon to the island of Burano for a relaxing meal. **(B)**

Day 7  Venice (Oriago) – Verona – Lake Como – Italian Lakes (Varese)
Head west across the plains of Veneto to Verona, the home of Shakespeare’s star-crossed lovers. View the vast Roman Arena, where concerts are still held regularly and walk to view Juliet’s Balcony. Continue north to the Italian Lake District to visit Lake Como, a favoured summer retreat of the rich and famous before arriving at your hotel where you dine tonight. **(B, D) Hotel: Palace Grand**

Day 8  Italian Lakes (Varese) – Pisa – Florence
This morning travel south to the famous town of Pisa. Explore the Square of Miracles, featuring the Leaning Tower, Cathedral and Baptistry. There is time to shop for souvenirs and take pictures. Arrive later at your hotel near Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. **(B) Hotel: Miro Calenzano**

Day 9  Florence Sightseeing – Rome
There are few cities in the world with an artistic legacy to equal that of Florence. Your Local Specialist gives a superb commentary of the city’s history during your walking tour, which includes views of the Baptistry, the Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the impressive Giotto’s Bell Tower, and a visit to Piazza della Signoria. Shop for high-quality leather and 18-carat gold jewellery, for which Florence is renowned and don’t forget to try a gelato. Later, travel back to the Eternal City. This evening in Rome you might like to celebrate the end of your holiday in style. **(B) Hotel: Ergife Palace**

Day 10  Depart Rome
This morning say ‘Arrivederci’ to Italy, your Travel Director and newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable holiday. Transfers are available to Rome Fiumicino Airport. Conditions apply. **(B)**

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- **Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver A$131 per person.
- **Drinking Water:** Tap water is safe to drink in all of the destinations on this trip. Please remember to bring a water bottle.
YOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- **Rome** Sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist includes a visit to St. Peter’s Basilica and views of the mighty Colosseum
- **Sorrento** Visit this popular resort
- **Cassino** Views of the monastery high on the hill
- **Assisi** Orientation of this beautiful town dedicated to St. Francis
- **Venice** Cruise by private boat to St. Mark’s Square. Visit a traditional glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island
- **Verona** View Juliet’s Balcony and the impressive Roman Arena
- **Italian Lakes** Visit Lake Como
- **Pisa** Visit the Square of Miracles to view the Leaning Tower
- **Florence** Sightseeing with a Local Specialist includes views of the Cathedral, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio
**YOUR HOLIDAY ESSENTIALS**

**Day 1** Arrive Rome (2 Nights)
Welcome to Rome. After checking in, relax and unwind. Later meet with your Travel Director and fellow travellers. This evening, consider a stroll around this fascinating ancient city and mingle with the locals in beautiful squares with stunning architecture. **Hotel: Ergife Palace**

**Day 2** Rome Sightseeing and Free Time
Your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour with a visit to the Vatican City. Enter the awe inspiring St. Peter’s Basilica and view Michelangelo’s statue, the Pieta. Don’t miss the opportunity to join an Optional Experience to visit the famous Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums. View the mighty Colosseum and see the ancient sites of Rome. Afterwards, enjoy free time to take in the sights or join an Optional Experience to explore the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. **(B)**

**Day 3** Rome - Pisa - Florence (2 Nights)
This morning, leave Rome and head north towards Central Italy. Travel through picturesque scenery in Tuscany before arriving in the town of Pisa. Visit the Square of Miracles featuring the Leaning Tower, Cathedral and Baptistery. There is time to shop for souvenirs and take pictures. Later, arrive at your hotel near Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. **Hotel: Novotel Firenze Nord Apertho**

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**Day 5** Florence - Verona - Venice (Mestre) (2 Nights)
Your journey continues north across the dramatic Apennine Mountains to Verona, the home of Shakespeare’s star crossed lovers. View the vast Roman Arena, where concerts are still held regularly. Stop and view Juliet’s balcony in a courtyard which has become a popular tourist site for the tragic story of the Montague and Capulet family feud. Head east to the magical, romantic city of Venice. **Hotel: Antony (B, D)**

**Day 6** Venice Orientation and Free Time
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**Day 7** Depart Venice (Mestre)
This morning say ‘arrivederci’ to Italy, your Travel Director and newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable holiday. Transfers are available to Venice Marco Polo Airport. **Condominiums apply** **(B)**

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From: A$1250 (per person twin share)
6 Nights accommodation
6 Breakfasts
2 Three course dinners
City orientation tours
Start: Rome  End: Venice

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Day 1    London - Stratford-upon-Avon - York - Bradford
This morning, visit Stratford-upon-Avon, where you have time to see the sights and shop for souvenirs. Later, during your orientation of York, your Travel Director will take you on a walk through the web of quaint, narrow streets and show you York Minster, one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in the world. Continue to your hotel in Bradford. Dine tonight in a local restaurant. (D) Hotel: Jurys Inn

Day 2    Bradford - Lake District - Gretna Green - Glasgow (2 Nights)
Drive through the Yorkshire Dales to the scenic glory of the Lake District. Skirt the shores of England’s largest lake, Windermere, and through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. We cross the Scottish border and visit Gretna Green, where eloping couples would say their vows over the anvil. This afternoon, your orientation tour of Glasgow includes views of the cathedral, the magnificent George Square and the River Clyde, former heart of the shipbuilding industry. (B) Hotel: Ibis City Centre

Day 3    Edinburgh Excursion
Today visit Edinburgh. Your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour of this wonderful city. View the famous castle, the Royal Mile, historic Palace of Holyroodhouse in the shadow of Arthur’s Seat and the new Scottish Parliament building. Admire the elegant Georgian architecture in the New Town. Later, enjoy free time to explore at leisure. (B)

Day 4    Glasgow - Belfast - Dublin (2 Nights)
Follow the rugged Ayrshire coast past the island called Ailsa Craig, the stepping stone from Scotland to Ireland, then board a ferry for the short crossing to Northern Ireland. See City Hall, Queen’s University and the dock where the Titanic was built during your city orientation. We cross St. George’s Channel to Wales, and continue your journey to Cardiff Bay to view the Millennium Centre and the National Assembly. View the historic Cardiff Castle and see the Principality Stadium before arriving at your hotel. (B) Hotel: Park Inn City Centre

Day 5    Cardiff - Bath - Windsor - London
Cross the Severn Estuary into England and the glorious city of Bath. See splendid Georgian architecture during your orientation. Perhaps consider a visit to the Roman Baths. View the world’s oldest and largest inhabited castle during your visit to Windsor. Why not enjoy a stroll along the banks of the river or shop for Royal souvenirs? Later, arrive back in London where your amazing holiday ends. (B)

Day 6    Waterford - Cardiff
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• **Stratford-upon-Avon** Visit the town of Shakespeare’s birth
• **York** View York Minster and stroll along the Shambles. See the city walls
• **Glasgow** View Glasgow Cathedral and George Square on your orientation tour
• **Edinburgh** Sightseeing with your Local Specialist includes the famous Princes Street, the Royal Mile and views of the new Parliament Building as well as the Castle
• **Belfast** See Belfast City Hall and Queen’s University
• **Dublin** Sightseeing with your Local Specialist to see St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin Castle, Christchurch Cathedral, the glorious Georgian Squares and Trinity College
• **Kilkenny** View Kilkenny Castle and gardens
• **Waterford** Visit the Waterford Crystal Showroom
• **Cardiff** See the Principality Stadium and view Cardiff Castle
• **Bath** Visit the Georgian spa town
• **Windsor** View the Royal Castle
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