Simply the Best

Holidays. It’s something we all look forward to. Quality time spent with family and friends in the world’s most beautiful places. It’s the greatest feeling in the world when it flows effortlessly, so you’re free to live in the moment.

There’s never been a more important time to choose to travel with someone you can trust from beginning to end, to deliver the holiday you’re dreaming of. As you turn every page, you’ll discover how we deliver Simply the Best experiences, with confidence and stability, while quickly and efficiently adapting to the needs of a changing world. Just a few of these include:

- Bringing on-board a solely dedicated Wellbeing Director for 2021 to support your Travel Director and Driver Team for additional reassurance and comfort. (page 11)
- Achieving the endorsement of the World Travel and Tourism Council for our 3-step Wellbeing Protocols and guidelines across everything we do. (page 11)
- Increasing our offering of flexible, risk-free bookings, with the reassurance of knowing your monies are safe with us. (page 11)

Importantly you’ll travel knowing that you can simply sit back and enjoy the same remarkable travel experience that we’ve been perfecting for over a century. Behind us is the 100% family owned and operated company, The Travel Corporation (TTC) founded in 1920, where my family name personally and proudly stands behind 42 award-winning travel and hospitality brands. Tour Differently isn’t just what we promise, it’s what we deliver.

We can’t wait to welcome you back to Europe and Britain once again.

Gavin Tollman, CEO
49 countries. 126 trips. The care and attention to detail you’re looking for.

No matter where you choose to go, from planning to travel and everything in between – we take care of it all and take care of you, making it easy to sit back and enjoy your holiday.

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Group Bookings

Corporate, sporting or community, family or friends, our group travel options will meet your needs.

Autumn, Winter, Spring & Christmas Markets

Travel with Faith

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TOUR DIFFERENTLY

The Trafalgar Difference

Dream holidays without the stress of the ‘what ifs’, is what we do.

We design our tours so you can experience the world differently. You’ll get the care, attention to detail and ease you’re looking for, and enjoy the unmissable experiences you’ve always dreamed of.

Discover why we’ve been trusted by 5 million guests and are proud to deliver the very best holidays that you’ll cherish for years to come.

Worry-Free Travel

Have peace of mind knowing that your travel plans are secure and that on every perfectly planned trip your wellbeing is our priority.

| 3 step Wellbeing Protocols |
| Perfectly Planned Tour With 24/7 Support |
| Risk-free And Flexible Booking Options |

Learn more on pages 10-11.

Always Remarkable

You’ll get the best of every place you visit. Every tour is designed so you cross off the must-sees and enjoy privileged access to the local people and places you’ve only dreamed of.

| Iconic Sights |
| Exclusive Local Experiences |
| Responsible Travel |

Learn more on pages 12-17.

101 Years of Experiences

Uncover a century of travel expertise. Family-run and operated - you’ll get unmatched knowledge and personal service on every trip.

| Expert Global Network |
| Family Owned, Family Run |
| Travels Most Awarded Brand |

Learn more on pages 18-19.

Learn more about the Trafalgar Difference at trafalgar.com

TOUR DIFFERENTLY
Worry-Free Travel

We’re by your side, taking care of everything on a journey where your wellbeing comes first. Your solution to worry-free travel starts here.

Always-On Support Team

As an industry innovation for 2021, a Wellbeing Director will support your Travel Director and Driver to monitor wellbeing protocols throughout your trip.

Distancing and Hygiene Protocols

Our Team and Guests all complete a travel declaration before travelling. All frequently touched surfaces on our coaches are cleaned multiple times a day, and sanitizer, extra gloves and masks are freely available and we’ve allowed additional space for onboard distancing. Our hotels, venues and suppliers are vetted to meet our stringent standards.

24/7 Incident Response

We are ready and equipped to pivot should regulations from health authorities and local governments change. Should an incident arise on trip, we’re by your side and ready to assist and follow directives from local authorities.

Total Ease

With your dedicated travel team by your side, everything is taken care of. You just sit back, relax and enjoy.

Must-See

Discover the best of wherever you choose to go. Our knowledge and connections unlock each place on your bucket list and beyond.

Local Access

Our tours are built from real insight of how the locals live. Our extensive global network gets you interactions and one-of-a-kind experiences, you won’t find elsewhere.

Feel Good Travel

Each tour isn’t just a great experience, it does ‘good’ too, making a positive impact for the people and places we visit.

Your Trip Reassurance

As a proud member of TTC, our financial strength, integrity and US $300m in assets gives the booking reassurance today’s traveller needs.

Flexible Change Options

Book knowing you’re free to change your plans when you book with us.

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No Risk, Low Deposit
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Relax over dinner, wine and ocean views at Konoba Humac, our exclusive My Guest experience in rural Hvar, Croatia. Included on Explore Europe without a worry in the world Radisson Hotel & Suites, Gdansk. Included on
"Every day was a ‘wow’ day... just when you thought it couldn’t get any better, it did."

Our guest A. Boden
Scenic Scandinavia and its Fjords

Always Remarkable

We know the places that everyone should experience at least once in their lifetime. That’s why we design our tours with a depth of culture. Not your standard tourism – you’ll visit the unmissable sites and spend time within communities around the world. Our connections and understanding of how the locals live, and the importance we place on making a positive impact on the places we visit are all part of what choosing to Tour Differently, is all about.

Unmissable Icons and Experiences

We hold deep knowledge of the icons and iconic experiences that have been written about and captured for 100s or even 1000s of years, the fundamental sites that deeply resonate with people. Here are just a few of the many foundation stones that you won’t miss when you visit Europe and Britain. Learn more on every trip page and at trafalgar.com

Your VIP Vatican Experience

Join our Local Specialist, a Vatican expert, who’ll bring the treasures of the Holy See to life, after the gates to the public have shut. You’ll love visiting the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo’s ceiling, before the main event - dining among the Greco-Roman splendours of the Vatican Museums.

Included on our trips featured on pages 38, 46, 60, 72 and 78.

An In-Depth Look at Versailles

Take a journey through time, history and opulence at Louis XIV’s palace. You’ll wander the halls and rooms with our Local Specialist, including the extraordinary Hall of Mirrors, and the Battle Gallery, whose busts of kings and queens and paintings of important battles speak of the great victories of the Ancien Régime. Finish the experience with a stroll through the Royal Gardens, Petit Trianon and Marie Antoinette’s rustic Hamlet.

Included on our trip featured on page 10.

Your Scottish Whisky Journey

Founded in 1833, there’s no better place to Dive into Culture than Glengoyne. Within the beautiful historic setting of the original distillery, you’ll learn the significance of this Scottish icon. Exploring the much-loved spirit’s historic roots to modern day production through the eyes of a whisky expert – topped off with a ‘wee’ dram or two at the end, will be a day to remember.

Included on our trips featured on pages 114 and 116.

Discover Granada’s Alhambra

No trip to Granada is complete without exploring the buildings and gardens of the exotic Alhambra. With our Local Specialist sharing stories and secrets, you’ll soon learn that the patterns and designs of the buildings and gardens are said to have been inspired by poetry, reflecting descriptions of paradise found in Islamic verse.

Included on our trips featured on pages 136, 140, 144, 146 and 150.
**Wind Back the Clock in Paris**

Feel like you’ve gone back to a legendary Paris of the mid-20th century at our exclusive Be My Guest experience at Bistro Chez Paul. You’ll be greeted with a welcoming smile by Daniel, who will guide you to the Balajo, once the haunt of stars such as Marlene Dietrich, Gregory Peck and Brigitte Bardot.

Later, take your seat for an aperitif and Parisian cuisine, knowing you’re experiencing hidden treasure of the Paris of old.

Included on Paris Explorer page 122.

**Privileged Local Access**

We are privileged to provide remarkable experiences all across Europe and Britain, including our exclusive Be My Guest series, established 11 years ago, where you have the opportunity to Connect with Locals in their homes and family businesses. It’s a rare chance to meet the characters who bring these places to life, a one-of-a-kind experience that will leave you with inspiring stories you’ll tell years to come.

**DID YOU KNOW**

We offer small group tours on select departures.

**Indulge in a Taste of Tuscany**

Alongside our longtime friend Chef Libero, you’ll Dive into Culture, leaving with an understanding and appreciation of life in rural Tuscany. First up, shop at his favourite market for fresh produce you’ll use to make lunch, paired with pasta you’ll make from scratch under his expert guidance. Feeling just like an Italian local, you’ll enjoy your creations over lunch and a tasting of Libero’s own blue wine!

Included on Rome and Tuscan Highlights page 48.
Explore the History of Asturian Cider in Spain

You won’t forget your first sip at the Castañón family’s Cider Mill, where three generations have been perfecting the art of cider production with a twist, at our exclusive Be My Guest experience.

Heading down to the ancient cellars, you’ll learn how the family have been brewing Asturian cider here since 1938, before witnessing the famous pouring technique. Afterwards comes the best part – tasting – before an ‘Espicha’ dinner, where cider takes the leading role, accompanying each delicious dish.

Have Lunch in A French Aristocrat’s Château

Spend an afternoon experiencing all things French with Remy de Scitvaux and his talented wife, Lydia, at Château d’Éporcé, their magnificent 17th-century home. At this exclusive Be My Guest experience you’ll enjoy a stroll around the idyllic gardens, hearing their family story, before a light lunch prepared by Lydia, featuring the best of Sarthe cuisine paired with local wines, cheeses, pâtes and macarons.

Make Travel Matter

Each tour is not just a good experience, it has to ‘do good’ too. We’re focused on ensuring we make a positive impact on the places we visit and the communities and cultures we interact with. Here’s just one of the many people and businesses who’s lives are enriched by the support of our visits. This is travel you can feel good about.

Meet One of Italy’s Last Remaining Weavers

At her workshop Guiditta Brozetti, meet the extraordinary Marta Cuccia, a fourth-generation Renaissance weaver who shares her creations, made on original antique looms using traditional techniques that have survived since medieval times. Not only will you Make Travel Matter, you’ll gain an in-depth understanding for the ancient Italian arts, not possible to find elsewhere.

Experience Life on a Portuguese Stud Ranch

Coudelaria Brito Pires stud ranch is a highlight of your Portugal trip. Under the guidance of your hosts Vera and Tiago, learn the rich history of the stables and their ancestors who founded them. Visit the ‘Picadero’ (riding school) where you’ll stop for coffee and watch a special performance from the iconic Lusitano horses, before a delicious Portuguese lunch in Tiago’s grandparent’s house, filled with charming salons and rooms that transport you to days gone by.

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DID YOU KNOW

All Make Travel Matter experiences contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H92BvAfPfQQ

TOUR DIFFERENTLY: ALWAYS REMARKABLE

Our guest L. Thornton

Italy Bellissimo

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Included on our trips featured on pages 142 and 144.

Spend the evening in Tuscany’s Most Infamous Castle

Connect with proud Tuscans, Anna and Alberto, in their home, Castello del Trebbio, one of Italy’s last year-round inhabited castles. At this exclusive Be My Guest experience you’ll take your front-row seat to the feud which rocked Florence centuries ago. It’s here at this very castle that Pazzi family came up with a plot to dethrone the Medici, rulers of the city. Finish the act with a taste of their award-winning Chianti, locally produced olive oil and a Tuscan feast as the night rolls in.

Included on our trips featured on pages 24, 26, 46 and 64.

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Included on Treasures of France including Normandy page 124.

See itineraries pages and trafalgar.com for more.
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Our journey started humbly, at a 13-room hotel in the tiny South African fishing village of Paternoster, purchased by Solomon Tollman. ‘Driven by Service’ was his promise to every single customer, and as the company has expanded to become the industry leader it is today, ‘Driven by Service’ remains the firm guiding light for all 42 brands that make up TTC.

Today, the Tollman family have reached the fourth generation of passionate explorers, proudly leading TTC into the future.

There’s an adventure for every age across every continent. Visit ttc.com to learn more.
### European Highlights

**7 Days | 4 Countries | 9 Meals | From NZ$2750**

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

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### Your 2022 Holiday Planner

If you’re looking even further ahead, this trip departs every Monday from April to September 2022. Visit our website for dates and today’s best prices.

### Today’s best price at Trafalgar.com

- Up to 5% when you book early.
- See page 231 for past guest, multi-trip, young traveller savings and more.
- Search European Highlights on our website or see your local Travel Agent.

### Travel Director Tip

**Make Travel Matter**

- On this adventure, your tour is laid-back and approachable. lounge in the cosmopolitan city of Paris for a full day and opt for an Optional Experience to a French Cabaret. **(B) Hotel: Pullman Le Defense**

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

Journey to the Floating City of Venice Journey through the Alps today, travelling through the St. Gotthard tunnel and the border at Chiasso into Italy. Catch a glimpse of northern Italy’s beautiful lakes, whose scenic retreats have attracted the aristocracy for centuries. Arrive in Venice later. (B) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

On to Florence Board a private motor launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark’s Square. View the Bridge of Sighs and serene Doge’s Palace. Then Live Into Culture and witness the centuries-old craft of glassblowing at one of the oldest workshops on the Island. We’ll have some time to explore and fit in some shopping before crossing the Apennine Mountains bound for Florence, the ‘Cradle of the Renaissance’. (B, D) Hotel: Cosmopolitan Concept

Journey to Rome The magnificent Renaissance Dome of Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and the Baptistery are among the sights we will view during our guided walking tour with a Local Specialist. Admire the Piazza Michelangelo, Florence’s most romantic square. Visit the Tina Bisk 15th-century church of Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and see the world famous works of art. View the Brancacci Chapel and the Basilica of St. Peter’s. See the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Basilica and the ancient city of Rome.

Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Visit the Vatican for a memorable encounter with the centre of Christianity. A Local Specialist will take you on a tour of St. Peter’s Basilica, the home of Michelangelo’s Pietà. Consider an Optional Experience to see the magnificent Fountains of the Vatican City, before travelling to Ancient Rome to view the Colosseum. This evening, at our Farewell Dinner, we connect with locals on a B A G Trip, experience and the Italian zest for life, food and good company. (B, D, G)

Discoveries

* We were absolutely blown away by our trip. There is no way we could off seen half of what we did in the time that we did if we had done it alone.*

“Our Guest, E. Scott on European Traveller

Dine on Rome’s only island. Join Fabio on Isola Tiberina, for prosecco and stories in the former home of famous director Antonioni, where you’ll dine above ancient ruins. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

Welcome Reception

Explore Paris, Florence and Rome with a Local Specialist

Discover Lucerne and Venice

Visit a glassblowing factory in Venice and admire the magic of the snow-capped Swiss Alps.

Feed your imagination as you relax on the stunning shores of Lake Lucerne, watch master craftsmen create treasures in Venice and admire the magic of the snow-capped Swiss Alps.

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

Journey to the Floating City of Venice Journey through the Alps today, travelling through the St. Gotthard tunnel and the border at Chiasso into Italy. Catch a glimpse of northern Italy’s beautiful lakes, whose scenic retreats have attracted the aristocracy for centuries. Arrive in Venice later. (B) Hotel: Novotel Mestre Castellana

On to Florence Board a private motor launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark’s Square. View the Bridge of Sighs and serene Doge’s Palace. Then Live Into Culture and witness the centuries-old craft of glassblowing at one of the oldest workshops on the Island. We’ll have some time to explore and fit in some shopping before crossing the Apennine Mountains bound for Florence, the ‘Cradle of the Renaissance’. (B, D) Hotel: Cosmopolitan Concept

Journey to Rome The magnificent Renaissance Dome of Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and the Baptistery are among the sights we will view during our guided walking tour with a Local Specialist. Admire the Piazza Michelangelo, Florence’s most romantic square. Visit the Tina Bisk 15th-century church of Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and see the world famous works of art. View the Brancacci Chapel and the Basilica of St. Peter’s. See the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Basilica and the ancient city of Rome.

Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Visit the Vatican for a memorable encounter with the centre of Christianity. A Local Specialist will take you on a tour of St. Peter’s Basilica, the home of Michelangelo’s Pietà. Consider an Optional Experience to see the magnificent Fountains of the Vatican City, before travelling to Ancient Rome to view the Colosseum. This evening, at our Farewell Dinner, we connect with locals on a B A G Trip, experience and the Italian zest for life, food and good company. (B, D, G)

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Your holiday

Day 1
Welcome to Rome. Class Pass! Welcome to the ‘T碼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 sites.

Day 2
Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City. The Day Tour takes centre stage today, as we join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will see us visit the 3rd-century St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican City 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 Colosseum where brave gladiators and slaves dwelled to their deaths. Later, enjoy some free time to explore the picturesque piazzas of Rome. Set 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.

Day 3
Onwards to Florence. We travel north to the vineyard-clad hills of Tuscany and along the Arno River Valley. Connect With Locals over lunch in a castle during a Pi(i)zza experience, 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.

Day 4
Explore a 13th-century castle. Meet the Bay Watch for stories of the Pazzi and Medici feud, plotted within its walls, before feeding on organic produce and exploring the former dungeons. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

Day 5
Journey to the Canals of Venice. The romantic 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 iconic Doge’s Palace. We Dive Into Culture and witness the centuries-old art of Venetian glassblowing before enjoying an afternoon at leisure to explore narrow canals in search of a cozy bistro where you can enjoy delicious Venetian cuisine washed down with an Aperol Spritz or two. If you have time, venture to the enchanting canal-side setting of St. Mark’s Square – the sounds of talented musicians, seagulls and lapping water provide the perfect backdrop for a memorable stroll over the Grand Canal.

Day 6
Across the Alps to Lucerne. We depart Venice, travelling north into the picturesque Italian and Swiss Lake Districts via Como and Lugano. Skiing through the Alps, we arrive in Switzerland and the lake-buckled lakeside city of Lucerne. The city is perhaps most famous for its solid wooden Chapel Bridge and pergola Lion Monument, a memorial to Swiss Guards. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure, amble through the Old Town or consider joining an Optional Experience and ascend one of the surrounding mountain peaks for panoramic views.

Day 7
Through Burgundy to Paris. From Lucerne, we head into France and through the rolling vineyard-clad hills of Burgundy. Arriving in Paris, we enjoy a free evening. Wander up grand boulevards and along the scenic Seine, or consider attending one of the city’s famous colourful cabaret shows.

Day 8
Explore Elegant Paris. Join a Local Specialist today and see the Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde. View Notre-Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter.

Day 9
Cross the English Channel to London. Pass the trumps of Somme battlefields on route to Calais from where we set sail across the English Channel to Dover and travel through Kent to London.

Day 10
Discover Historic London. Join a Local Specialist today to see the sights of London. View Big Ben, the imposing Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace, after which you have an afternoon at leisure to soak up the dynamic atmosphere of this capital city that combines centuries-old heritage with modern verve. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a memorable Farewell Dinner.

Day 11
Journey Home. It’s time to bid farewell to London and your fellow-travellers as your memorable European holiday comes to an end.

Your Must-See Highlights
- Explore Rome, Florence, Paris and London with a Local Specialist
- Discover Venice and Lucerne
- Visit St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome and a glassblowing factory in Venice
- View the Colosseum and other ancient sites in Rome, St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice, the Louvre Museum and the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Alps and the House of Parliament in London
- See the Tuscan countryside, the vineyards of Burgundy and the Somme battlefield in France

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Europe and the Mediterranean. We continue through alpine landscapes, past Lugano and through St. Gotthard tunnel into central Switzerland, where we’ll spend the next two nights in the medieval lakeside city of Lucerne. (B) Hotel: Grand Europe

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Uncover Lucerne’s Treasures

Enjoy an orientation of Lucerne with your Travel Director. You’ll see the Lion Monument and pay tribute to the Swiss Guards who lost their lives during the French Revolution, before heading to thesolid wooden Chapel Bridge. Spend the rest of the day at leisure walking past the beautifully painted façades in the Old Town. Shop for luxurious Swiss chocolate or consider joining an Optional Experience to one of the surrounding mountains to admire panoramic views. (B, D)

Journey to Paris

Cross the French border and what remains of the Magnificent Line, journeying through the rolling vineyard-clad hills of Burgundy, one of France’s most prosperous wine regions. Arriving in Paris later this afternoon, we have the evening at leisure to wander up grand boulevards and admire the vestigial citizenship of one of Europe’s most sophisticated cities. (B) Hotel: Hôtel La Defense

Discover Magical Paris

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

Au Revoir Paris

For now, it’s time to say fond farewell to our wonderful friends and Travel Director at the end of an unforgettable journey. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freeairportfers. (B)

Please note: Your coach returns to London from Paris on day 12. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer.
Welcome to Rome. Buckle up “Zambini” - we’re off on a grand adventure through Europe, launching our Family Experience in the ‘Eternal City’ of Rome. This evening we enjoy a Kick-off Party where we dive into Culture with a Family Fun experience and learn how to make pizza. (D, FD) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter’s

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Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City: Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour to the Vatican. See Michelangelo’s famous ‘St Peter statue in St. Peter’s Basilica before crossing the Tiber into Ancient Rome to visit the Colosseum and see Circus Maximus. (B)

Admire Siena and Florence: Explore the medieval playground of Siena, home to the famous Palio horse race. Arrive in Florence this afternoon, followed by a Local Specialist experience where you’ll Complimentary Lunch and dinner in the Chianti countryside. (B, H, BC) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Explore Florence: Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the city. Visit the Piazza della Signoria, and view the magnificent marble Duomo. Spend the afternoon at leisure perusing the pavements in search of the city’s tastiest gelato. (B)

Journey to Bologna and on to Venice: Cross the Apennine Mountains to the city of Bologna where you will join a Local Specialist to view the city’s historic towers and Piazza Maggiore. Indulge in the delicious flavours of what is widely regarded as the gastronomic capital of Italy. Arrive in the island city of Venice later for some free time for lunch in the laid-back lakeside town of Como. We continue through alpine landscapes next, past Lugano and through the St. Gothard tunnel into central Switzerland, before arriving in Engleberg. (B) Hotel: M+ Hotel & Spa

Uncover Lucerne’s Treasures: Walk across the flower-lined 14th-century wooden Chapel Bridge and into a land of lakes and vineyards. See the grand dying sun throw a kaleidoscope of light over the city’s Kissing Bridge. Ascend one of the magnificent surrounding mountains during an Optional Experience or spend the afternoon sampling the rich flavours of delicious Swiss chocolate. (B, D)

Off to Magical Paris: From Switzerland, we cross the mighty Rhine River and into France, travelling through the famous Burgundy wine region en route to the ‘City of Lights’ (B) Hotel: Novotel Centre Tour Eiffel

Explore Paris’ Sights: Join a Local Specialist on a guided sightseeing tour which includes a drive along the Champs Elysées with views of the magnificent Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower. Next, take to the water for a leisurely cruise on the Seine River with spectacular views of the city’s bridges and life on the river. Enjoy a free afternoon to discover Paris. This evening, celebrate with our travel companions and Travel Director at a special Farewell Dinner. (B, FD) Farewell Paris

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Discover the Lights of Paris: Join a local Speicghts today for a sightseeing tour of this romantic city. We’ll visit the Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées, Place de la Concorde, the 10th Century Arc de Triomphe and Notre-Dame Cathedral, then enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Our European Whirl almost at its end, we spend the evening with fellow travellers and our Travel Director, enjoying a Farewell Dinner in a local bistro. (B, D)

Farewell Paris: Today but online to your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your memorable experience. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/free_transfers. (D)

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1 Eurostar to Brussels and on to Amsterdam
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2 Journey to the Rhineland and a Scenic Cruise
driving through the lush landscapes of the Netherlands and Germany, we arrive in Boppard where we board a cruise on the Rhine. See passing vineyards and medieval castles perched above riverside towns. Arriving in the Rhineland city of Heidelberg, we explore its iconic and unexpected highlights before travelling to our comfortable hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Simerheim

3 Off to Innsbruck: It’s time in Innsbruck, where you’ll enjoy an orientation of the city. We drive across the Austrian border, arriving in Innsbruck. Here, we’ll visit Emperor Maximilian’s famous Golden Roof and perhaps indulge in an evening of traditional Tyrolean entertainment. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Hotel Castelana

4 All Roads Lead to Rome: Travel south across the Veneto Plain, passing Bologna and the dramatic Apennine Mountains as well as the green and golden fields of Lazio before reaching Rome, the ‘Eternal City’. En route, we connect with local lunch at a do My Guest experience and enjoy true Tuscan hospitality with a local family at their private estate in the Chianti countryside. (B, D) Hotel: A Roma Lifestyle

5 Discover Rome, Florence and Paris with a Local Specialist
Discover Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Munich, Innsbruck, Venice and Lucerne. Visit a glassblowing factory in Venice and St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. View the canals in Amsterdam, the Golden Roof in Innsbruck, St. Mark’s Square in Venice, the ancient sites in Rome, the Chapel Bridge in Lucerne and the Effel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. See the Lorelei Rock and the vineyards of Lucern. Scenic Cruise along the canals of Amsterdam and the Rhine River

6 Across the Alps to Lucerne: Drive across the Alps into Switzerland, where the next two nights are spent in Lucerne. Tonight, why not consider an optional Santa Folklore Show? (B, D) Hotel: Grand Europe

Explore Lucerne: This morning, view the mausoleum, mortally wounded lion hewn from rock to commemorate the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI. Walk along the flower-lined 18th century covered Chapel Bridge, crossing the river

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Explore Paris’s Lights

Join a Local Specialist for a drive along the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe and view the Eiffel Tower. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Perhaps stroll along the Seine admiring the exquisite work of street artists or consider attending one of the city’s famous colourful cabaret shows.

Journey to Amboise and Bordeaux

Journey through France’s Loire Valley, stopping to see the royal château at Amboise. Continue south through one of France’s most renowned wine regions before arriving in Bordeaux. Spend the evening exploring its historical centre or amble along the Garonne and watch how the 18th-century Place de la D杈ssion glitters across the river at night. (B) Hotel: Mercure Centre Ville Amboise

Admire Elegant Biarritz and on to Pamplona

This morning, we delve into the heady days of St. Etienne Élysée in the gypsy seaside resort of Biarritz. Tonight we Connect With Locals over dinner at a Sir Y Guest experience of local specialties. (B, BMG, FD)

Onwards to Madrid

Head to the heart of Spain and its lively capital, Madrid. Enjoy an included visit to the Prado Museum and admire the works of Rubens, Goya and El Greco. This afternoon join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the city’s iconic landmarks. View the Royal Palace and the Sheikh Fouad before joining your fellow travellers for dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Tres Reyes

Discover Magical Madrid!

This morning, perhaps take to the waters of Retiro Park, visit the Mercado de San Miguel to indulge in the delicious flavours of Spain, or join an Optional Experience to the imperial city of Toledo. Enjoy free time this afternoon in one of Europe’s most gracious capitals. (B)

Off to Barcelona

Driving towards Catalonia and the shores of the Mediterranean, see Gaudí’s Changing scenery on route to vibrant Barcelona, where we will spend the next two nights delving into the intoxicating share of this cultural and artistic powerhouse. (B) Hotel: Tryp-Apopa

Uncover Colourful Barcelona

Join a Local Specialist today and delight in the whitewashed beauty of Gaudì. See his unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Familia, before spending the rest of the day embracing the energy of Barcelona. This evening, you could choose to witness Spanish passion, power and drama unfold at an unforgettable foot-stomping flamenco evening including a delicious Spanish buffet. (B)

Journey Along the French Riviera

From the rugged Costa Brava to the stylish shores of the French Riviera, we travel through the South of France, stopping to Discover Culture during a guided visit of Fragonard Perfumery where we’ll learn how fragrances are crafted. Later, we arrive in the glamorous French Riviera. (B, L, D) Hotel: Montaigne & Spa

Journey Home

After breakfast, you’ll say farewell to your fellow travellers and Travel Director as your memorable journey across Europe comes to an end. If you’re leaving today, choose one of our scheduled departures or consider joining an Optional Experience to the airport or consider joining an Optional Experience to the airport.

Enjoy French Riviers Your Way

Tread in the footsteps of storied royalty, including a full day at leisure in the French Riviera. Admire the irresistible backdrop of the Mediterranean or consider joining an Optional Experience to the hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, renowned for its museums and galleries. (B)

Explore Monaco and Pisa on the way to Florence

Travel to the Principality of Monaco, where you’ll see the Royal Palace and the cathedral where Princess Grace is buried. Cross into Italy and pass Genoa, the birthplace of Columbus, before arriving in Pisa to admire its Leaning Tower. This evening we arrive in the Renaissance city of Florence. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Discover Florence

Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of one of the cultural capital of the world. Enjoy views of the marble Duomo, the Baptistery and the Ponte Vecchio bridge. Visit Piazza della Signoria, where the political hub of the city is, and in your free time consider joining an Optional Experience to the “Tuscan hilltop town of San Gimignano.” (B)

All Roads Lead to Rome

Italy’s ‘Eternal City’ beckons and we head south to Rome stopping in Passignano Sul Trasimeno to admire its beautifully preserved medieval centre. Arriving in Rome you’ll have an evening to explore the city your way. (B, D) Hotel: Barcelo Aman Mediterranea

Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City

Join a Local Specialist to visit St. Peter’s Basilica, then cross the Tiber for views of the mighty Colosseum and Circus Maximus. After an afternoon of sightseeing on your terms, you’ll join your fellow travellers for a memorable Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, FD)

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Your Must-See Highlights

- Explore Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, Florence and Rome with a Local Specialist
- Discover Bordeaux, Biarritz, Pamplona, French Riviera, Monaco and Pisa
- Visit the Prado Museum in Madrid, the home of Goya and Velázquez
- View the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, Château Amboise and the ancient sites of Rome
- See the Summe Battlefields in France

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

Your holiday

Day 1
Welcome to Rome! Explore this imperial city of emperors and senators, gods and goddesses, before joining your companions and Travel Director later for an Welcome Reception and glimper into what life in store during our stay in the Eternal City. (MR Hotel: Barcelo Aran Montegia)

Day 2
Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City! Join a Local Specialist to visit St. Peter’s Basilica, then cross the Tiber for views of the mighty Colosseum and Circus Maximus. Enjoy an afternoon of sightseeing on your terms. (MR)

Day 3
Onwards to Venice! We journey across the Tuscan countryside bound for Venice, the “Queen of the Adriatic.” The city’s canals and bridges beckon, but not before we Connect With Locals at lunch amidst the olive groves and vineyards of Tuscany for a Delightful guest experience that will linger long after you’ve left. (B, D, H, D Hotel: Viktoria Palace Lido)

Day 4
Cruise the Canals of Venice: Dive Into Culture and witness the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassmaking. Glide through the city’s bustling canals by private launch, arriving at St. Mark’s Square. The rest of today is yours to enjoy the sights and sounds of this Byzantine treasure. (B, A, P)

Day 5
On the Road to Vienna A scenic drive from Italy to Austria takes us through the Carpathian Alps to the imperial capital of Vienna. On arrival, transfer to your Stay With Stories accommodation, the palatial Schönbrunn Schlosspark, once the summer residence of Hapsburg emperors. (B, D, H, D Hotel: Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn)

Day 6
Explore Vibrant Vienna: Join your Local Specialist this morning to explore the sights, including views of the famous Opera House, Stadtpark, Parliament, Imperial Boulevards and Hofburg Palace. Spend the rest of the day delving into Vienna’s cozy coffee culture or discovering the harmonies of the world’s most capital. (B)

Day 7
Journey to Prague Leave the song of Vienna behind, bound for Prague, the ‘Golden City of a Hundred Spires’. Enjoy an orientation in Bratislava with your Travel Director before arriving in Prague this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Vienna House Andel’s

Day 8
Discover Prague’s Sights: Join your Local Specialist this morning to explore the jewels of Prague’s Old Town. You’ll stroll around the Old Town Square and see the 13th-century Astronomical Clock with its mesmerizing Walk of the Apostles. Spend your afternoon exploring Prague your way. (B)

Day 9
Taste of the Rhine Valley and board a relaxing cruise down the majestic Rhine from St. Goar to Boppard - fantasy castles and hillside vineyards line your scenic journey. This evening, we say one of your Traveler’s Stays With Stories - Bellevue hotel, located close to the Rhine River. (B, D, A Hotel: Bellevue)

Day 10
Uncover Lucerne’s Treasures Pay tribute to the brave Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending King Louis XVI in the French Revolution and see the famous mournful Lion Monument. Walk along the wooden Chapel Bridge and admire its decorative carvings. Then spend the rest of the day admiring the colourful facades of the Old Town and an Optional Experience to one of the surrounding peaks. (B)

Day 11
Enjoy a Scenic Cruise in the Rhineland Enjoy the views of Heidelberg Castle perched above the Neckar River and board a relaxing cruise down the majestic Rhine from St. Goar to Boppard - fantasy castles and hillside vineyards line your scenic journey. This evening, we say one of your Traveler’s Stays With Stories - Bellevue hotel, located close to the Rhine River. (B, D, A Hotel: Bellevue)

Day 12
Cruise down the Rhine: Watch the beauty of the Rhine Valley unfold, settling in for a relaxed cruise along one of Europe’s greatest waterways, from St. Goar to Boppard. Read more at trafalgar.com

Day 13
Onwards to Cologne and Amsterdam Admire the tall twin Gothic spires of the Cologne Cathedral this morning, before crossing into the Netherlands and on to Amsterdam where we spend the next two nights. Stroll under the busy canopies at Leidseplein indulging in French Dutch and Amsterdam, hire a bike and hit the city’s tree-lined streets or bask in the warm glow and gezelligheid of one of the city’s renowned brown cafes. (B) Hotel: Cordonen City

Day 14
Explore Amsterdam: Enjoy an orientation of Amsterdam and spend the rest of the day exploring the city on foot, by bike or tram. Consider delving into the tragic story of Anne Frank, admire the works of Van Gogh or people-watch in Leidseplein. This evening enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your travel companions on board a glass-top boat. Cruise through the city’s canals looking up at the centuries-old gabled façades for which Amsterdam is so famous. (B, P)

Day 15
Farwell Amsterdam After breakfast, it’s time to say a fond farewell to your fellow travellers and Travel Director as you return home with wonderful memories. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/forgetransfers. (B)

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Your holiday

Day
1. Eurostar to Brussels and on to Amsterdam. Meet your Travel Director this morning before boarding the Eurostar® for a high-speed train journey to Brussels and luxury coach trip to Amsterdam. Join your new travel companions for a canal cruise which includes a light dinner and welcome drink. (MR) Hotel: Comodoro City
2. Admire Cologne and Cruise in the Rhinehead. Stop in Cologne to see its imposing Cathedral, before boarding a river cruise along the Rhine to St. Goar. This evening we stay in the Rhinished. (B, D) Hotel: Martin Dmitzstad
3. Enjoy Heidelberg then drive into the Alps Heidelberg Castle features on our journey to Colmar where we will enjoy an orientation before continuing to the mountain retreat of Engerberg. (B, D) Hotel: Schneezerof
4. Uncover Lucerne’s Treasures Explore the medieval town of Lucerne, then spend the rest of the day at leisure or join an Optional Experience up one of the surrounding peaks. (B)
5. Journey to Liechtenstein and Innsbruck Admire alpine scenery as you journey to Liechtenstein. Cross the Austrian border to Innsbruck and see the famous Golden Roof. Admire the fascinating crystal installations and browse for precious gifts and souvenirs at the Swarovski Crystal World Store. (B, D) Hotel: Grauer Bär
6. Onwards to Venice Follow the Brenner Pass to Venice. Spend the evening at leisure or consider an Optional Experience cruise on a traditional gondola. (B, D) Hotel: Albergo Quattro Fontane Lido
7. Discover the Floating City of Venice Dine into Culture and admire the centuries-old tradition of Venetian glassblowing. Visit St. Mark’s Square to see the Doge’s Palace and Bridge of Sighs, then spend a leisurely afternoon seeing the sights. (B, D)P
8. All Roads Lead to Rome Travel over the green and golden landscapes of Tuscany and Umbria bound for Rome. (B) Hotel: Cardinal St. Peter
9. Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Delve into the treasures of the Vatican City with a Local Specialist® who will take you on a sightseeing tour through St. Peter’s Basilica. Cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to see the mighty Colosseum and enjoy views of Circus Maximus before free time. (B)
10. The Ruins of Pompeii with Sunny Sorrento Enjoy a scenic drive to the Campania region where you’ll meet a Local Specialist® who will share the fascinating story of Pompeii. Then on to Sorrento. (B, D) Hotel: Johanna Park
11. Sail to Capri then Onwards to Avala Cruise the Bay of Naples to the Isle of Capri where you’ll join your Local Specialist® for a walking tour. Travel north, past the restored Abbey of Monte Cassino, arriving later in Avila to the Isle of Capri with a Local Specialist® Hotel: Casa Leonori
12. Explore the Isle of Capri, experience all the sophistication of this famous island where you’ll capture the glamour and all its secrets shared by a Local Specialist. Discover more at trafalgar.com
13. Through Tuscany to Florence Beautiful Tuscan landscapes follow your journey to Florence. Join a Local Specialist® for an included walking tour. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo
14. Uncover Pisa, Monaco and the French Riviera Journey to Pisa and its Square of Miracles to see the Leaning Tower and its imposing Baptistry. Visit the playground of Monaco before arriving on the French Riviera. (B) Hotel: Novotel Airport Cap 5000
15. Discover Artistic Saint-Paul-de-Vence Travel to the footsteps of famous actors and artists in the medieval town of Saint-Paul de Vence before enjoying an afternoon at leisure. (B)
16. Journey through Papal Avignon to Lyon Travel to the papal city of Avignon to see the Palais des Papes, Cathedral and the famous Port de Fragon. Here, we’ll Connect With locals over lunch at a Provençal-style Be My Guest experience. Your journey continues to Lyon where you’ll embark on an orientation tour. (B, DGH, RD) Hotel: Mercure Centre Saxe Lafayette
17. Travel through Burgundy to Paris We leave the beautiful Rhône landscape behind us, enjoying the walled village of Beaune, then continue north to Paris. (B) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel
18. Explore Magical Paris Join a Local Specialist to see the sights of Paris, including the Champ-Élysées and the Eiffel Tower. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Later, you’ll have time of your journey over a farewell dinner. (B, FD)
19. Journey Home Today bid adieu to your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your memorable holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B) Please note: Your coach returns to London from Paris on day 18. You are welcome to use this souvenir brochure to help you plan your next adventure. Find out more at trafalgar.com

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

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Your holiday

Day

1

Journey to Bruges
Travel to Bruges for a Welcome Reception including dinner and drinks. We stay overnight in one of Trafalgar’s Stays With Stories — a former 17th century monastery with historical features. (B, D) Hotel: NH Brugge

2

Discover Amsterdam’s Canals
See Amsterdam’s iconic sights on today’s orientation tour. At this evening’s dinner, we’ll connect with locals during a Dine With Locals experience at the Pauw family dairy farm. (B, D, FD) Hotel: Leonardo Royal Amsterdam

3

Explore Lucerne
See Lucerne’s Lion Monument and the 10th-century wooden Chapel Bridge. (B, D) Hotel: Austria Trend Congress

4

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5

Take in Salzburg then on to Vienna. Join a Local Specialist on a guided walking tour of Salzburg before travelling onto Vienna. (B, D) Hotel: Austria Trend City Center

6

Explore Vienna’s Sights
Embark on a sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist past the State Opera House, the City Hall, Parliament, the imperial Boulevard and the Hofburg. (B)

7

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

8

Discover the Floating City of Venice
Dive Into Culture and address the Venetian tradition of glassmaking. Take a private launch to St. Mark’s Square, see the Doge’s Palace and Bridge of Sighs. (B, FD)

9

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

10

Explore Pompeii’s Ruins
On the way to Sorrento, stop in Pompeii. Here you’ll join a Local Specialist who will reveal the story of this tragic ancient settlement. We arrive in Sorrento late. (B, D) Hotel: Le Residence

11

On the island of Capri and Rome
Cross the Bay of Naples to the island of Capri and join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of Capri town. (B) Hotel: Crown Plaza St. Peter’s

12

Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican Museums
Explore the treasures of the Vatican City with a Local Specialist who will take you on a sightseeing tour through St. Peter’s Basilica. Cross into Rome to see the Colosseum and Circus Maximus. Then Dive Into Culture and gain priority access to the Vatican Museums for a guided tour. Admire Michelangelo’s magnificent ceiling, then enjoy an exclusive dinner on the backsteps of St Peter’s. (B, RD, FD)

13

Off to Explore Florence
Journey north to Florence where you’ll join a Local Specialist for an included walking tour. (B) Hotel: Cosmopolitan Concept

14

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

15

Discover Artistic Saint-Paul-de-Vence
Rub shoulders with artists and actors in Saint-Paul-de-Vence before enjoying an afternoon at leisure in the French Riviera to indulge in the laid-back seaside atmosphere. (B)

16

Journey through Papal Avignon to Burgundy
We travel to the Papal city of Avignon. We continue to Reims where we’ll explore the ancient walls and the Old Town. (B) Hotel: Mercure Centre

17

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

18

Explore the Sights of Paris
Join a Local Specialist and see the Champs Elysées and the Eiffel Tower. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy an stroll through the Latin Quarter. The afternoon is free. Before a farewell dinner with wine in a local restaurant. (B, FD)

19

Farewell Paris
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Travel Style

Discovery

Your holiday

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3

Enjoy a Scenic Cruise in the Rhine Falls
We travel to Germany, boarding the cruise on our way past Mittop casts. See Heidelberg’s ruined sandstone castle. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure am Rathaus

4

Admire the Black Forest
Then on to Lucerne. Journey through the Black Forest and past the Rhine Falls before arriving in lakeside Lucerne. (B) Hotel: Antonia

5

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Buckle up for an unforgettable Great European tour, filled with local flavours, the scents of France's artistry of Gastronomy and Michelangelo in Spain and Italy. Discover Bordeaux's rich culinary heritage, learn about la Belle Epoque in Biarritz, and count the 100 spires of Prague.

Your holiday

Day

1. Cross the English Channel to Paris. Leaving the bright city lights of London behind, we cross the English Channel by ferry from Dover to Calais and travel across the World War I battlefields where so many brave souls lost their lives. We catch a glimpse of the Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge before arriving in Paris. Later, we join a Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Reception including dinner and drinks and an evening drive to embrace the energy of this vibrant city. (B) Hotel: Evergreen Laurel

Explore Paris!Join a Local Specialist for a drive along the Champs Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe and view the Eiffel Tower. View Notre Dame Cathedral and enjoy a stroll through the Latin Quarter. Perhaps pay a visit to the Mona Lisa at the Louvre, stroll along the Seine admiring the exquisite works of street artists or consider attending one of the city’s famous colourful cabaret shows. (B)

2. Journey to Amboise and Bordeaux. Journey through France’s Loire Valley, stopping to see the royal châteaux of Amboise. Continue south through one of France’s most renowned wine regions, arriving in Bordeaux, celebrated for its centuries-old trading heritage and extraordinary architecture. Spend the evening exploring its historical centre or amble along the Garonne and watch how the 18 château at Amboise. Continue south through one of France’s most renowned wine regions, arriving in Bordeaux, celebrated for its centuries-old trading heritage and extraordinary architecture. Spend the evening exploring its historical centre or amble along the Garonne and watch how the 18th-century Place de la Bourse glitters across the river at night. (B) Hotel: Mercure Contres Ville

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4. Yoga Practice at Amboise. Breathe, strengthen and realign yourself as you spend the morning in a yoga practice. Follow in the footsteps of Royalty.

Visit the exquisite historic Château d’Amboise in the beautiful Loire Valley for more than a century. Read more at trafalgar.com.

5. Onwards to Madrid. Head to the heart of Spain this morning and its lofty capital, Madrid. Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour, during which we’ll see the Royal Palace, the official residence of the Spanish royal family, Puerta del Sol and the Cervantes Monument. Today’s highlight, however, is a guided visit to the celebrated Prado Museum. (B) Hotel: Meliá Castilla

Discover Granada. This morning, perhaps take to the waters of Retiro Park, visit the Mercado de San Miguel to indulge in the delicious flavours of Spain, or join an Optional Experience to the city of Toledo. Enjoy free time this afternoon in the city that King Charles III sought to ‘beautiful’ so that it could justifiably claim its place as one of Europe’s most gracious capitals. (B)

6. Off to Barcelona. Driving towards Catalunya and the shores of the Mediterranean, we pass Guadarrama and the Gorges of Jalón and Aragon on route to vibrant Barcelona, where we will spend the next two nights delving into the intoxicating charm of this cultural and artistic powerhouse. (B) Hotel: Tryp Atole

Discover Barcelona. Join a Local Specialist today and delight in the whimsical world of Gaudí, whose characteristic Art Nouveau architecture is dotted throughout the city. See his unfinished masterpiece La Sagrada Familia, before spending the rest of the day embracing the energy of Barcelona. Pay tribute to Columbus and his brave exploration of the New World, wander down La Rambla for some tasty tapas treats, or tumble up La Rambla watching street performers entertain crowds. This evening, you could choose to witness Spanish passion, power and drama solidify at an unforgettable foot-stomping flamenco evening including a delicious Spanish buffet. (B)

7. Journey Along the French Riviera. From the rugged Costa Brava to the stylish shores of the French Riviera, we travel through the South of France, stopping to view the Les Demoiselles de Cerbère. Later, we arrive in the glamorous French Riviera. (B, L) Hotel: Montaigne & Spa

Enjoy French Rivieras Way Toward the footstools of Showdown royalty, savouring a full day at leisure in the French Riviera. Admire the remarkable building of the Mediterranean and Eastern Hills or consider joining an Optional Experience to the medieval hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence, renowned for its museums and galleries. (B)

8. Journey Through Florence. From the rugged Costa Brava to the stylish shores of the French Riviera, we travel through the South of France, stopping to view the Les Demoiselles de Cerbère. Later, we arrive in the glamorous French Riviera. (B, L) Hotel: Montaigne & Spa

Discover Florence. Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of one of the cultural capitals of the world. Enjoy views of the marble Duomo, the Baptistery with its famous bronze doors, and the Ponte Vecchio bridge. Visit Piazza della Signoria, once the political hub of the city, and in your free time perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Tuscan hilltown of San Gimignano, known as Italy’s Medieval Manhattan. (B)

9. All Roads Lead to Rome. Italys Eternal City beckons and we head south to Rome in stopping in Passaggio Sul Tevere to admire its beautifully preserved medieval centre. Arriving in Rome you’ll have an evening to explore the city your way. (B) Hotel: Barcellona Arte Montegi

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Onwards to Cologne and Amsterdam We’re off to Cologne and Amsterdam, passing the Rhine, Heidelberg, Munich, Thermopylae (B, DM, g; Hotel: Vittoria Palace Lido)

Cruise the Canals of Venice Live the culture and witness the centred-old tradition of Venetian glassmaking. Glide through the city’s bustling canals by private launch, arriving at St. Mark’s Square. Spend the rest of today to enjoy the sights and sounds of this Byzantine treasure. (B, g; g)

On the Road to Vienna A scenic drive from Italy to Austria takes us through the Carnic Alps to the imperial capital of Vienna. On arrival, transfer to your Stay with Stories accommodation, the palatial Parkhotel Schönbrunn, the former guest house of Emperor Franz Joseph. (B, g; Hotel: Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn)

Explore Vibrant Vienna Join your Local Specialist this morning to explore the city’s historic core, including views of the famous Stadtpark, Stadttor, Parliament, Imperial Palaces and Hofburg Palace. Spend the rest of today to delve into Vienna’s coffee culture or discover the harmonies of the world’s music capital. (B)

Journey to Prague Leave the song of Vienna behind, bound for Prague, the Golden City of a Hundred Spires. Enjoy an orientation in Bratislava with your Travel Director before arriving in Prague this afternoon. (B; Hotel: Vienna House Andels

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Off to Munich First stop today is the UNESCO-listed town of Regensburg with its beautifully preserved medieval centre. Then it’s time to continue to the Bavarian capital of Munich, where we’ll see the Glockenspiel and Marienplatz on an orientation with our Travel Director. The afternoon is free to explore before we have dinner at our hotel. (B, D; Hotel: Leonardo Palaztpark

Uncover Liechtenstein and Lucerne We leave Germany for Switzerland, stopping in Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein. We continue to Lucerne, our home for the next two nights. (B; Hotel: Grand Europe

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Enjoy a Scenic Cruise on the Rhine The views of Heidelberg Castle perched above the Neckar River and board a relaxing cruise from St. Goar to Boppard – fantasy castles and hidden vineyards line your scenic journey. This evening, we eat at one of Trafalgar’s Stay with Stories – Bellevue Hotel, located close to the Rhine River. (B, g; g; Hotel: Bellevue

Onwards to Cologne and Amsterdam Admire the tall twin Gothic spires of the Cologne Cathedral this morning, before crossing into the Netherlands and on to Amsterdam where we spend the next two nights. Sit under the leafy canopy at Leidseplein indulging in Dutch beer and strokkor, hike a bike or hit the city’s tree-lined streets and bask in the warm glow and pavement of one of the city’s renowned bruin cafés. (B; Hotel: Cameleon City

Explore Amsterdam Enjoy an orientation of Amsterdam and spend the rest of the day exploring the city on foot, by bike or tram. Consider delving into the tragic story of Anne Frank, admire the works of Van Gogh or people-watch in Vondelpark. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner with your travel companions on board a glass-top boat. Cruise through the city’s canals looking up at the centuries-old gabled façades for which Amsterdam is so famous. (B, F, D)

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Uncover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Join a Local Specialist to visit St. Peter’s Basilica, then cross the Tiber for views of the mighty Colosseum and Circus Maximus. After an afternoon of sightseeing on your own, you’ll join your fellow travellers for a Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD)

Onwards to Cologne and Amsterdam We’re off to Cologne and Amsterdam, passing the Rhine, Heidelberg, Munich, Thermopylae (B, DM, g; Hotel: Vittoria Palace Lido)

Cruise the Canals of Venice Live the culture and witness the centred-old tradition of Venetian glassmaking. Glide through the city’s bustling canals by private launch, arriving at St. Mark’s Square. Spend the rest of today to enjoy the sights and sounds of this Byzantine treasure. (B, g; g)

On the Road to Vienna A scenic drive from Italy to Austria takes us through the Carnic Alps to the imperial capital of Vienna. On arrival, transfer to your Stay with Stories accommodation, the palatial Parkhotel Schönbrunn, the former guest house of Emperor Franz Joseph. (B, g; Hotel: Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn)

Explore Vibrant Vienna Join your Local Specialist this morning to explore the city’s historic core, including views of the famous Stadtpark, Stadttor, Parliament, Imperial Palaces and Hofburg Palace. Spend the rest of today to delve into Vienna’s coffee culture or discover the harmonies of the world’s music capital. (B)

Journey to Prague Leave the song of Vienna behind, bound for Prague, the Golden City of a Hundred Spires. Enjoy an orientation in Bratislava with your Travel Director before arriving in Prague this afternoon. (B; Hotel: Vienna House Andels

Discover Prague’s Sights Join your Local Specialist this morning to explore the jewels of Prague’s Castle District and Old Town. You’ll walk around the Old Town Square and see the 15th-century Astronomical Clock with its mesmerising Walk of the Apostles. Spend your afternoon exploring Prague your way. (B)

Off to Munich First stop today is the UNESCO-listed town of Regensburg with its beautifully preserved medieval centre. Then it’s time to continue to the Bavarian capital of Munich, where we’ll see the Glockenspiel and Marienplatz on an orientation with our Travel Director. The afternoon is free to explore before we have dinner at our hotel. (B, D; Hotel: Leonardo Palaztpark

Uncover Liechtenstein and Lucerne We leave Germany for Switzerland, stopping in Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein. We continue to Lucerne, our home for the next two nights. (B; Hotel: Grand Europe

Uncover Lucerne’s Treasures Pay tribute to the brave Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending King Louis XVI in the French Revolution and see the famous mountain Lion Monument. Walk along the wooden Chapel Bridge and marvel at its decorative ceilings. Then spend the rest of the day admiring the colourful façades of the Old Town or join an Optional Experience to one of the surrounding peaks. (B)
Day 1: Journey to Amsterdam: Travel to Amsterdam, where you’ll explore the capital’s streets, canals on a Welcome Reception cruise. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure City Centre

Day 2: Explore the Floating City of Venice: Join a Local Specialist for a tour, including views of the State Opera House, St. Stephen’s Cathedral and the Hofburg. (B)

Day 3: Journey to Ljubljana: Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Ljubljana with a Local Specialist then transfer with Local Guides over dinner at a My Goal Experience. (B, D, HNC, GLC) Hotel: Radisson Blu Plaza

Day 4: Venture to Pitocco Lake: Journey across the Slovenian border to Pitocco Lake National Park, where you’ll join a Local Specialist for a walking tour. (B, D) Hotel: Villars

Day 5: On to Beautiful Dubrovnik: Continue along the Dalmatian coast, past seaside villages to the ancient city of Dubrovnik – its terracotta rooftops appear to tumble into the waves of the wondrous Adriatic. (B) Hotel: Croatia Cavtat

Day 6: Uncover Montenegro and on to Tirana: Journey to Plzevce, admire its ruined sandstone castle. Board a Rhine cruise in Boppard then travel past the rolling Burgundy vineyards bound for Paris. (B)

Day 7: Journey to Ljubljana: Dive into Culture: Discover the Floating City of Venice and the historic Doge’s Palace and admire the remarkable antiquities and remnants of Ancient Greece at the fascinating Acropolis Museum or wander through the colourful stalls of Monastiraki. (B)

Day 8: Visit the Ancient Citadel of the Acropolis: Walk in the footsteps of Greek Gods and Heroes. (B, D) Hotel: Thermae Palace Acropolis

Day 9: Athens Your Way: Today in yours to embrace the spirited atmosphere of the Greek capital. Perhaps, venture by funicular to Mount Lycabettus for the most magnificent views of the sprawling city below; watch the pageantry of the changing of the Guard or join an Optional Experience. (B)

Day 10: Athens Your Way: Continue on your own or wander through the colourful stalls of Monastiraki. (B)

Day 11: Onwards to Kalambaka: Start your journey to Kalambaka with its gravity-defying Meteora monasteries that cling impressively to impenetrable, mounded rock towers. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia

Day 12: Uncover Meteora and on to Tirana: Journey to Kotor, then travel through Montenegro into Albania and overnight in the colourful capital of Tirana. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

Day 13: Onwards to Kalambaka: Cross the sacred Plains of Thessaly to Kalambaka with its gravity-defying Meteora monasteries that cling impressively to impenetrable, mounded rock towers. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia

Day 14: Uncover Delphi and Athens: See the battle site at Thermopylae before arriving at Mount Parnassus, where you’ll join a Local Specialist to explore ancient Delphi before departing for Athens. (B) Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis

Day 15: Enjoy Athens: Spend the day discovering the birthplace of democracy – a centre for the arts, learning and philosophy. Stroll through the thriving, colourful alleys of Plaka, join Athenians for a noisy coffee stop at an open-air café or consider embarking on our three-day Aegean Cruise (see page 45 for full details). (B)

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Day 17: Athens Your Way: Continue on your own or wander through the colourful stalls of Monastiraki. (B)

Day 18: Onwards to Amazing Assisi & Todi: Continue on your own to Assisi and the birthplace of democracy – a centre for the arts, learning and philosophy. Stroll through the tiny, winding streets of Assisi to the 12th-century Monastery of St. Francis. Pass the Benedictine abbey in Monte Cassino before arriving in Assisi. (B) Hotel: La Residenza

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Day 20: Off to Sorrento: Join your Local Specialist and see the Beehive of St. Francis, Padre the Beneficiate Abbey in Monte Cassino before arriving in Sorrento. (B) Hotel: Alfonso

Day 21: Onwards to Ancient Ephesus and Patmos: Arrive early in Kusadasi, Turkey for your complimentary Shore Experience to the ancient settlement of Ephesus. Continue your cruise to Patmos, where you can relax on the beach, or consider an Optional Experience to the 13th-century Monastery of St. John. (B, L, D)

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Day 23: Cruise to Heraklion and on to Santorini: Wake up this morning in Heraklion, on the island of Crete, join a complimentary Shore Experience to the palace of Knossos. Continue to the volcanic island of Santorini, where you could explore the village of Oia on a Shore Experience. Later, set sail for the most beautiful sunsets in the Mediterranean. (B, L, D)

Day 24: Discover Athens: This morning, disembark from your cruise ship and enjoy the day to explore. (B, D) Trip code: ESUPC

Day 25: Visit the Ancient City of Persepolis: Walk in the footsteps of King Darius I, the Great, in Persepolis. (B, L, D) Hotel: In Persepolis

Day 26: Uncover Pompel’s Ruins then off to Rome: We arrive in Rome, the Eternal City this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Cardinal St. Peter’s

Day 27: Journey to Florence: Head to Florence for a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the Duomo, the Baptistry and visit the Palazzo della Signoria. (B) Hotel: NH Firenze

Day 28: Onwards to Alpine Engelberg: Continue along the scenically lined by whitewashed houses, bright pink bougainvillea clad walls and the windmills that stand impressively overlooking the tiny village of Oia on a Shore Experience. (B)

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Visit the Vatican before the crowds, journey through Tuscan landscapes and cruise along the canals of Venice. You’ll also encounter the Renaissance highlights of Florence and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

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- View the ancient sites of Rome, the Vatican City, St. Mark’s Basilica, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence
- Scenic Cruise by private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice

Dinner at a Tuscan vineyard.

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Survive the bustling crowds of Florence when our Local Specialist takes you behind the scenes to see Michelangelo’s sorrowful Pietà. Crossing the Tiber, to the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves.

Byzantine St. Mark’s Basilica, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence.

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View the ornate Doge’s Palace.

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1. **Welcome to Rome** - Casa Romana: ‘The Eternal City’ opens its doors for an unforgettable Art-Lover jaunt through Tuscany and its reflection of culture, history and fine Italian food. Spend the afternoons exploring the city before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. Embark on an orientation drive past Rome’s iconic and unexpected highlights, including views of the Colosseum and Circus Maximus, once the site of exhilarating chariot races which attracted thousands of enthusiastic spectators. (BB) Hotel: Barceló Occidental Aurelia

2. **Journey to the Tuscan Hills** - Our journey through Rome begins in the centre of Christianism, where we will visit the magnificent Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Basilica and Michelangelo’s much-admired Pieta. This afternoon, we enjoy a leisurely drive through the iconic Tuscan hills to the thermal spa resort of Montecatini, the largest and most famous spa town in Italy and your home for the next six nights. (B, D) Hotel: Columbia

3. **Explore Renaissance Florence** - Your Local Specialist will reveal the history of Renaissance Florence during your walking tour. View the magnificent Duomo and visit Piazza della Signoria. Perhaps in your free time walk across the Ponte Vecchio bridge, one of the city’s most famous landmarks, lined with goldsmiths and jewelers. This is a legacy of the 16th-century market where goldsmiths and goldbrothers were allowed to ply their trade on the bridge. (B, D)

4. **Montecatini Your Way** - You have a full free day to relax in the soothing waters of Montecatini Thermal Spa or join an Optional Experience to Cinque Terre, whose postcard-beautiful villages cling to the rugged Ligurian cliffs. (B)

5. **Discover Pisa and Vinci** - Journey to Pisa where we will join a Local Specialist to view the famous Leaning Tower, the finely sculpted marble Cathedral and the ornate Baptistery, said to be the largest in Italy. We continue through Tuscany, arriving in Vinci where we’ll Dive Into Culture with a Local Specialist at Museo Leonardiano and gain a deeper understanding of the life of this talented master. Admire Leonardo da Vinci’s machines and models, his sketches and handwritten notes, as well as interactive exhibits during your visit. Tonight, Connect With Locals at the Agriturismo Borgo Vigna Vecchia where you’ll enjoy dinner at an exclusive Be My Guest experience surrounded by vineyards and olive groves. (B, D, W, P)

6. **Off to Siena and San Gimignano** - Sautter through the beautifully preserved medieval city of Siena to see the 13th-century marble Cathedral and the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo which hosts the Ballet of the white horses. We venture to the walled medieval town of San Gimignano, renowned for its towers. Enjoy some free time striding through its narrow lanes and shopping for locally-produced delicacies and hand-painted Tuscan pottery; the alluring aromas of pesto and cured meats can be found around every turn. (B)

Tuscan Lifestyle Experience

Feast your eyes on the vibrant colours and lively stalls housing with fresh produce at a local food market where you will join a local specialist professional chef for a tasty introduction to Tuscan cuisine. (B, L)

Your Must-See Highlights

- **VIP Admission** to the Vatican Museums
- **Dive Into Culture** in Florence and Pisa with a Local Specialist
- **Discover Siena and San Gimignano**
- **Visit St. Peter’s Basilica and the Sistine Chapel in Rome** and the Leaning Tower of Pisa
- **View** the ancient sites of Rome including the Colosseum, Santa Croce Basilica and the Domus Flaviae and the Leaning Tower of Pisa

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Lunch with Chef Libero. Taste sun-ripened tomatoes and the freshest herbs with a Tuscan local at a Florence market, before making pasta the Italian way and sampling your own creations. Read more at trafalgar.com.

Onwards to Rome and the Vatican City Departing Tuscany, we travel south to Rome. This evening, we Dive Into Culture at a Forward Dinner amidst the stunning Roman and Ancient Greek artistry. We’ll have access to the museum before dinner and join a Local Specialist later for a guided evening tour of the Vatican Museums, including a visit to Michelangelo’s magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel when it is less crowded. (B, FD, W) Hotel: Barceló Aran Hatinges

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*Our Guest: L. Bouch on Rome and Tuscan Highlights*

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Welcome to Milan.
Embrace the glamour of Milan, your introduction to the sights and sounds of northern Italy. Spend the day exploring this stylish city at your own pace, or join one of the many itineraries on offer. Decorate the day with a visit to the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, one of the finest opera houses in the world. Later, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception, evening orientation drive and brief of the highlights and adventures to come (B).

Discover Fashions of Milan

Mingle with the sophisticated streets of Milan, joining your Local Specialist on a tour that will reveal the city’s iconic and unexpected highlights. See the Gothic Cathedral, glass-domed Galleria and La Scala Opera House, one of the finest opera houses in the world. Then it’s time to round the piazzas and see Milan your way. Your Travel Director will share their personal favourites. Consider a visit to the medieval fortress of Sforza, Castello adorning the magnificent arco di d’Aronco and Michelangelo, including the famous statue of the Pietà Rondanini. Or don’t miss an opportunity to join today’s Optional Experience to visit Lake Como for a cruise past some of the region’s most glamorous lakeside properties. (D)

Journey to Parma

Leaving sophisticated Milan behind, today is the day to treat your taste buds. Gourmands will adore our Day into Culture visit to a prosciutto farm factory near Langhirano, perched high above the Parma Valley, before arriving at a family-run factory where we’ll learn the ancient craft of Parma’s famous cheese production – perfected since the 1600s. On arrival in Parma, continue your day of tasting and feasting, deepening your knowledge of Parmigiano’s PDO heritage at an Optional Experience dive into local specialities paired with Italian wine. (B, D) Hotel: Sina Hotel La Palma

Off to Genoa and Lake Maggiore

The maritime city of Genoa and birthplace of Columbus is your first stop today as you join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour to view the city’s majestic Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Visit Via Garibaldi, the historic centre of Genoa lined by ancient palaces, and enjoy time for lunch in the city centre, perhaps sampling some of the local foccacia before continuing to Lake Maggiore. Set against the backdrop of the Southern Alps, the quiet shores of this lake are your home for the next two nights, as they are for many well-heeled locals. Later, you could choose to join an Optional Experience to one of the Borromean Islands – Isola Bella, which includes a visit inside the stunning Borromeo Palace and its gorgeous terraced gardens. (B, L) Hotel: Simplon/Grand Dino

Lake Maggiori Your Way

Lap up gentle lakeside living during a full day spent at leisure in this picture perfect setting. Spend the day relaxing or take an alpine train journey to see the magnificent panoramic views of the north. This evening, we cross the tranquil waters of Lago Maggiore to Isola Madre in the middle of the lake. Visit the picturesque Isola Madre Botanical Gardens with its rare plants before you.

Connect With Locals at La Rosita Experience with Signor Telli. This private Piedmontese Farewell Dinner at La Rosita, a restaurant housed in a converted 800-year-old tower, is filled with captivating tales of ‘The Pirate Island’ and how Telli’s grandmother came to open her restaurant in 1937 at the request of a local prince wanting to entertain VIPs in private. (B, D, MG)

Farewell Italy

While your holiday has come to an end, the special memories made with new friends will linger long after you return home. Say farewell to your Travel Director as you prepare to take your transfer from your hotel in Baveno to Milan Malpensa airport for your onward journey home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freeupgrade.

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1. Journey from Milan to Lake Maggiore. The picturesque summer resort for the who’s who of Italy for centuries provides an enchanting backdrop for your first day in Italy. Airport transfers will be provided at set times from Milan Malpensa Airport to your hotel in the charming resort of Baveno on the shores of Lake Maggiore. Enjoy a Welcome Reception this evening to meet your fellow travel companions and Travel Director before embarking on your AT Leisure journey. (MR): Hotel: Simplon/Grand Dino

2. Admire Beautiful Lake Como. Journey through Italy’s exquisite Lake District to scenic Lake Como. Walk along the beautiful Como waterfront or relax by the lake indulging in a tasty gelato. Then it’s time to ease into a leisurely stroll, ambling along the glamorous Brunate Mina – the gentle sounds of this lakeside setting are a soothing way to enjoy your afternoon. Spend free time exploring Baveno with its Romanesque bell tower and octagonal baptistery. (B)

3. Continue to Lake Garda. The enchanting lakes of Bergamo, near the foothills of the Alps, yield architectural and artistic treasures which we will have an opportunity to explore this morning. Wander past centuries-old Renaissance façades and into the exquisite Piazza Vecchia built on the site of an ancient Roman Forum. See the ornate Contarini Fountain and 12th-century Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica. We continue our love affair with the Italian Lakes, travelling to Lake Garda for a relaxing five-night stay. This evening, we Connect With Locals at a local by Guest experience featuring local flare with the Serenelli family. Learn about their local history over dinner and the formation of the Red Cross as you explore their farm. (B, BMG, FD) Hotel: Oliveto

4. Explore Verona. Roman in its air as you journey to Verona and Juliet’s balcony, the setting for Shakespeare’s tragic tale of star-crossed lovers. Our walking tour with a Local Specialist will take us past the Roman arena, still in use today, followed by some free time to explore the city alone. See the seven medieval towers of Castelvecchio, relax under the shady trees in Verona’s expansive Piazza Bra or climb up Lamberti’s Tower for magnificent views. (B)

5. Discover the Treasures of Mantua. A leisurely start to your day could see you enjoy a quiet coffee at a local bar before we make our way to Mantua, a European ‘Capital of Gastronomy’. Surrounded by lakes, this historic city with its UNESCO-listed centre is a delight to explore as you’ll come to discover during your visit. See architectural treasures and artefacts, elegant palaces and Renaissance legacy as you return to the picturesque lakeside setting of Lake Garda. (B)

6. Lake Garda. Your Way. Indulge in a full day at leisure to soak up the picturesque setting of Italy’s largest lake. Journey along its tranquil shores, stopping at lakeside villages to savour the intoxicating aroma of lemons around every turn. Enjoy the flavours of delicious local olive oils and cheese at local markets, stroll along flower-lined lakeside pathways or visit the lake’s extraordinary sights. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Dolomites mountain range, a World Heritage Site comprising 18 peaks over 10,000 feet high. (B, FD)

7. Admire Ferraris in Modena. Get ready to explore the Enzo Ferrari Museum where you’ll discover the history of the Ferrari brand and admire a collection of the most noteworthy cars. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

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Day

1. Welcome to Rome! Climb the stairs and look for your welcome sign to meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Kickoff Party that will kick off Rome.

2. Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City. Join a Local Specialist to delve into centuries of history and culture, including a guided tour of the Vatican Museums. Gain up at the wonder of Michelangelo’s famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and explore the Catholic shrine of St. Peter’s Basilica. Venture across the Tiber to the Colosseum imagining a time when brave warriors fought to the thunderous roar of thousands.

3. Venture to a Gladiator School. Book your spot on the podium. It’s time to become a gladiator for the day. You’ll learn how to wield a gladiator’s sword and gain insights into military techniques with an expert. This afternoon, you’ll have some free time to explore the city with the family. Perhaps catch the Spanish Steps or toss a coin into the Trevi Fountain to secure your speedy return to Rome. Then it’s time for a cheery Family Fun affair as we Divent Into Culture and learn how to make authentic Italian pizza, sharing a tasty slice or two of our culinary masterpieces with our loved ones. 

4. Enjoy Pisa and on to Florence. Set your watch to Italian time and embark on a scenic drive north through Tuscany’s golden fields. Stop in Pisa to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site Piazza del Duomo to snap a selfie in front of the famous Leaning Tower. Then it’s time to delve into centuries of history and culture, including a guided tour of the Vatican Museums. Gain up at the wonder of Michelangelo’s famous ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and explore the Catholic shrine of St. Peter’s Basilica. Venture across the Tiber to the Colosseum imagining a time when brave warriors fought to the thunderous roar of thousands.

5. Venture to Bolonga and Onwards to Venice. Stop and smell the rich aromas of Bolognese sauce, spending the evening with a Local Specialist to explore the medieval city of Bolonga. Then it’s just a hop, skip and a jump to the island city of Venice. Discover the ‘Queen of the Adriatic’ from the comfort of one of its traditional gondolas on an Optional Experience. 

6. Florence Your Way! Have a family day ashore to enjoy this remarkable Renaissance city. Florence is a living museum that you can explore on foot. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the ‘Town of Towers’ – San Gimignano.

7. Venice’s Food Market. Navigating the bustling canals to the Rialto Bridge, we embrace the sights and sounds of Venice from the water before we Dive Into Culture and savour the flavours of Italy at the local market. View the famous Bridge of Sighs, so named for the sound condemned prisoners made at catching their last glimpse of beautiful Venice, the exquisite Doge’s Palace, St. Mark’s Basilica and the Campanile. The afternoon is yours to explore – go in search of the coolest corner in town.

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9. Journey Home. Our unforgettable journey together has come to an end. All that’s left to say is a hearty Salute!

10. Your Farewell Lunch at a local restaurant.

Your must-see highlights

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- Discover Pisa
- Visit St. Peter’s Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum in Rome, the Academy of Fine Arts and a gelateria in Florence and a glassblowing factory in Venice
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Your holiday

Day

1. Ciao Rome! Tread in the footsteps of emperors and gladiators – your first encounter with Rome is at the Eternal City and its glorious past which you will have an opportunity to explore on your own before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. This evening, we enjoy an enchanting outlook of our Italian Discovery during an orientation drive past some of the city’s most famous sights. (D) Hotel: Waldorf Astoria

2. Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City. Our exploration of Rome begins at the Vatican Museums where we have priority admission, allowing entry to view the masterpieces collected by Popes throughout the centuries. (V) Ticket to Culture during an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, admire Michelangelo’s magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and visit St. Peter’s Basilica to see his famous Pieta. Crossing the Tiber, we venture to Ancient Rome to see where hundreds of thousands of spectators would cheer chariot riders to victory at Circus Maximus, followed by a visit to the imposing Colosseum. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the magnificent sights of what was once the capital of the world, or kick back in a piazza sipping up a vermouth of fine coffee while you watch the world go by. (B, L, D)

3. Explore the Floating City. Take your VIP spot and explore the Venice with an expert, on hand to share all the little-known highlights of the heart of the Roman Catholic Church. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

4. Onwards to Florence. Today we drive north through the rolling Tuscan landscapes to the Renaissance city of Florence. Beauty and artistry leap through the walls of the city’s exquisite palazzi, churches and bridges. Embark on a walking tour with our Local Specialist to discover the enigmatic marble Duomo and Baptistry featuring beautiful bronze doors with relief sculptures. Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the fine art and architecture of Florence. This evening, Connect with Locals during a dinner at a Be My Guest experience with Count Miltiades’ on his 10th-century olive oil estate in the Tuscan hills. (B, L, D)

5. Admire Pisa and on to Turin. A short journey brings us to Pisa and its Square of Miracles, home to the famous Leaning Tower, orate Baptistery and Cathedrals. We continue northwards, past the marble quarries of Carrara and the resort hubs of Portofino, Rapallo and Genoa in Liguria before arriving in sophisticated Turin. This afternoon, we venture through the grand boulevards of this aristocratic city during an orientation drive which will reveal the impressive Castello del Valentino and Po River, the longest in Italy. (B) Hotel: Concord

6. Journey to Lake Como and Milan. We leave Turin and continue to the Italian lakes for a stop at Lake Como. Then it’s on to the economic powerhouse that is Milan, where we’ll enjoy a walking tour with a Local Specialist to explore the city’s spectacular sights. We view the ornate Duomo, one of the grandest Gothic cathedrals in the world, the ancient Galliana shopping arcade and the celebrated La Scala Opera House. This evening, join your companions for a delicious Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: Starhotels Business Palace

7. Explore the Floating City. Connect with Culture and witness first-hand the exquisite tradition of Venetian glassblowing – a tradition that spans centuries. Board a private launch and cruise to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark’s Square – an introduction to such sights as the Doge’s Palace and the Rialto Bridge. Enjoy free time to explore Venice. Wander through the labyrinthine alleys, over its bridges and into quiet squares. (B, L, D)

8. Continue to Beautiful Bologna. Visit the Renaissance city of Ferrara before arriving in Bologna – perhaps famous for its gourmet achievements than being the site of the oldest university in Europe. Join a Local Specialist to explore the sights, including Neptune’s fountain, the Kissing Towers and Piazza Maggiore. Of course, a visit to the home of tortellini, pasta, prosciutto, tagliatelle and ragù would be incomplete without taking time to sample its delicious cuisine. Be My Guest (B) Hotel: Best Western Plus Tower

9. Venture to Assisi on the Return to Rome. Today, we cross the dramatic Apennine Mountains to the spiritual town of Assisi. Come face-to-face with the legacy of St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan Order, during a walking tour of St. Francis and the Basilica of St. Francis. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis and see his tomb, before returning to Rome past the scenic hill-town of Orte. Tonight, we celebrate a journey of discovery through Italy during a Farewell Dinner with our companions and Travel Director. (B, FD) Hotel: A Rome Lifestyle

10. Farewell Rome. Our journey together comes to an end so for now it’s a fond ‘Arrivederci’ as you wave your local at Travel Agent...

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- Visit the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, the Villa Barbarini Gardens, Castel Gandolfo, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and a glassblowing factory in Venice

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

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

Your holiday

Day

1 Welcome to Rome Kick off your itinerary with a brief walking tour, with your Local Specialist, punctuated by a stop in the Piazza del Popolo where you can admire the Egyptian obelisk and the ruins of the Temple of Venus and Rome. Your journey through the city of ancient magnificence begins with a short walk to see the Colosseum and the Forum. (B) Hotel: Grand Palatino

2 Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Embark on a very special included Local Specialist sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist at the Vatican. The afternoon is yours to explore at leisure or admiring the artistic contribution of the Medici family at every turn. Lovers of art may wish to join the famous BORO museum or consider an Optional Experience delving into the tragic history of Pompeii when you explore a Roman city frozen in time by the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Your Local Specialist will bring ancient Roman history to life for you as you travel to Rome, passing the Colosseum, the site of an epic battle in 214. (B)

3 Rome Your Way Enjoy a full day free to explore Rome your way or consider an Optional Experience delving into the tragic history of Pompeii when you explore a Roman city frozen in time by the devastating eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Your Local Specialist will bring ancient Roman history to life for you as you travel to Rome, passing the Colosseum, the site of an epic battle in 214. (B)

4 Admire Assisi and on to Florence Head to the birthplace of St. Francis or Assisi, where your Local Specialist will take you to the Basilica of St. Francis and to see Giotto’s enchanting frescoes. Later, continue to Florence. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

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

6 Uncover Pisa’s Treasures Cross the Arno Valley to Pisa and join a Local Specialist to visit the Square of Miracles, home to the incredible Leaning Tower and breathtakingly sculpted marble Cathedral. See the

- Cruise Venice’s Canals 

- Explore the Pope’s summer residence.

- Hotel: Principe

- Enjoy a guided Small Group Sightseeing walking tour, which brings all the flavours of Italy to life at aorners-old food.

- Your love affair with Italy’s capitals comes to an end this evening at a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

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Your holiday

Welcome to Rome! Begin your adventure in the Eternal City where we will start your exciting journey through some of Italy’s most iconic cities, Rome, Florence, and Venice.

Starting on April 26, 2022, this 10-day trip includes flights from Rome to Venice, private launch to the Arno River, and visit to the Academy of Fine Arts in Florence. Enjoy a walking tour and explore the city’s magnificent architecture.

Day 1: Welcome to Rome! Begin your adventure in the Eternal City where we will start your exciting journey through some of Italy’s most beautiful cities. Spend time relaxing after your travel and walk down memory lane, tracing centuries of art, antiquities, and culture before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive through Rome’s intoxicating cityscapes. [MB] Hotel: Grand Palatino

Day 2: Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City. We visit the ancient city of Rome, including a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour which includes a visit to St. Peter’s Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. Our next stop is an ancient city filled with exquisite galleries, lush gardens and opulent palaces. Consider a visit to the hilltop town of San Gimignano, the ‘medieval Manhattan’ of Tuscany. Venture outside the city to see Tuscan villas and taste rich Brunello and Chianti, or shop for the latest fashions in Florence’s sophisticated boutiques. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience in Chianti for a delicious Tuscan dinner. [B, D]

Day 3: Travel by High-Speed Train to Venice. All aboard this exhilarating journey to Italy’s iconic cities of Rome, Florence and Venice. Cross the spectacular Appennines and ferry to Venice_plain before arriving in this island city. Get lost this afternoon, wandering to narrow lanes in search of a cozy bacco, people-watch in St. Mark’s Square, or take on unforgettable gondola rides along the city’s enchanting canals. [B, D]

Day 4: Discover Renaissance Florence. Today is yours to discover the beauty and elegance of Florence - a city filled with exquisite galleries, lush gardens and opulent palaces. Consider a visit to the hilltop town of San Gimignano, the ‘medieval Manhattan’ of Tuscany. Venture outside the city to see Tuscan villas and taste rich Brunello and Chianti, or shop for the latest fashions in Florence’s sophisticated boutiques. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience in Chianti for a delicious Tuscan dinner. [B]

Day 5: Cruising the Canals of Venice. This morning, we Dine Into Culture, admiring the centuries-old craft of glassmaking on the island of Murano. Breathe in the salty sea air as you board a private launch and cruise to St. Mark’s Square to see the Bridge of Sighs, Palladian Churches, the Customs House, and St. Mark’s Basilica and Campanile, as well as the Doge’s Palace. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the city. Find a quaint corner and pavement cafè or take a ride in colourful Burano for a delicious meal. [B, A]

Day 6: Experience Venice’s Food Market. The sights and sounds of modern Venice come to life today as we join our Local Specialist for a walking tour and explore the vibrant Rialto Food Market, which has been feeding Venetians since the 11th century. We wander through the narrow calli - seeing the ornate façades of merchant houses that line the canals, before enjoying an afternoon at leisure for one last taste of Venice. Our adventure through Italy’s charming cities is about to come to an end. We celebrate newfound friendships and an unforgettable experience at a Farewell Dinner. [B, FD]

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**Day 2**
Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Dive into Culture on an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist at the Vatican Museums. Admire the world’s great masterpieces - the Bramante obelisk, the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and the 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. (B, AP)

**Day 3**
Journey to Lucca We travel north to Lucca and enjoy time to wander through the medieval streets and admire the 12th-century San Martin Cathedral and Piazza dell’Anfiteatro, built on the site of an ancient Roman amphitheater. Relax in Piazza San Michele or ascend one of the city’s ancient towers for panoramic views in your free time. (B, LD) Hotel: Best Western Grand GmbH

**Day 4**
Explore Cinque Terre and Pisa A sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues cling dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in the Cinque Terre UNESCO World Heritage Site, where 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 daily life in these picturesque fishing villages. Stop in Pisa and visit its UNESCO listed Square of Miracles. Take in the architectural feat that is the Leaning Tower. (B, D)

**Day 5**
Onwards to San Gimignano and Florence The gentle Tuscan landscape gives way to our next destinations, the hilltop town of San Gimignano, famed for its stunning medieval architecture and historic towers. We Connect With Locals at aItaly's Unique experience in a beautiful family owned vineyard overlooking the rolling Chianti Hills. You will join the Lenzi family for a sea of pastel pinks, yellows and blues cling dramatically to the Ligurian cliffs in the Cinque Terre UNESCO World Heritage Site, where 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 daily life in these picturesque fishing villages. Stop in Pisa and visit its UNESCO listed Square of Miracles. Take in the architectural feat that is the Leaning Tower. (B, D)

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**Day 10**
All Roads Lead to Tivoli and Rome Discover the legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in his home town on the slopes of Mount Subasio. Join a Local Specialist for a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis, renowned for its beautiful frescoes depicting the life of this beloved saint. Continue to Tivoli for a guided visit of the Villa d’Este Gardens with a Local Specialist. This evening we enjoy a special Farewell Dinner with our fellow travelers and Travel Director. (B, F D) Hotel: Barcella Aran Hagnosta

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**Day**

1. **Welcome to Rome** Spend the day exploring Rome on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation. (NR) Hotel: Grand Tiberio
2. **Explore Ancient Rome and the Vatican City** Our captivating journey through Rome begins at the Vatican Museums where we join a Local Specialist to admire Michelangelo’s frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and his Pieta in St. Peter’s Basilica. We see the enduring symbols of Ancient Rome, including Circus Maximus and visit the Colosseum, before spending the afternoon at leisure. (B)
3. **To the Vatican Museums** We will be visited upon return to Rome.
4. **Admire Pompeii and on to Capri** Venture south towards the ancient city of Pompeii. Here we join a Local Specialist who will share insights into the city’s tragic history. Craze to the captivating island of Capri. (B)
5. **A Day on the Isle of Capri** Explore the glamour of Capri on a walking tour with a Local Specialist that will include views of the marina. Spend free time shopping at elegant boutiques or perhaps join an Optional Experience and explore the rugged coastline and hidden grottos by private motor launch. (B, D)
6. **Towards Assisi** We sail back across the Mediterranean to Naples and venture north to Perugia. Here we’ll have Travel Director guided discovery of Italy’s ancient weaving tradition. Continue to the ancient hilltop town of Assisi where tonight we stay at one of Truffle Italy’s Truffle Villas - a fully renovated old Franciscan monastery. (B, D) Hotel: Concale
7. **Journey to Venice** Visit the beautiful Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi with a Local Specialist before continuing north to Venice. Enjoy a free evening watching the sun set over the Venetian Lagoon or consider joining an Optional Experience. Tonight’s Truffle Dinner accommodation was once the residence of the Bishop of these cookies - a discordanza for the chocolate lover, a sweet memory more his crusade. This abandoned post office building is hidden within a vineyard. Cotelle Borsato
8. **Cruise the Canals of Venice** The Wrigled Lion of Venice is your constant companion as you cruise by private launch to Doges’ Palace & Bridge of Sighs. (B, D, Q)
9. **Discover Pisa and the Tuscan Hills** This morning we travel to Pisa and to its Field of Miracles to view the famous Leaning Tower, before arriving at the spa-resort of Montecatini Terme in Tuscany. (B)
10. **Hotel: Molino Palace**
11. **Off to Renaissance Florence** Your Local Specialist shares all the sights of Florence today, including views of the magnificent medici Duomo, Baptistry, Piazza della Signoria and Ponte Vecchio. Later, you’ll have some free time to explore or shop for high-quality leather goods in Florence’s boutiques. This evening, we Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience with the Callisi family at their ‘borgo’ in the heart of Limonaia for a delicious Italian dinner, olive oil tasting and leisurely walk through their olive groves and lemon orchards. (B, D, Q)
12. **Venture to Siena and Rome** We admire the medieval beauty of Siena today, strolling to its shell-shaped Piazza del Campo. See the hilltop town’s extraordinary architecture, shop for beautifully hand-painted ceramics or relax with a gelato at a pavement café. This evening, we celebrate a magnificent Italian adventure with fellow travellers at a Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Barceló Aran Mantegna
13. **Arrivederci Rome** After breakfast, we say a fond farewell to Italy. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freevans.

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- **Explore Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi and Florence with a Local Specialist**
- **Discover Venice and Siena**
- **Visit St. Peter’s Basilica, the Sixtine Chapel and the Colosseum in Rome, the excavations at Pompeii, the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi and a glassblowing factory in Venice**
- **View the ancient sites of Rome, St Mark’s Basilica in Venice, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo and the Piazza Vecchio in Florence**
- **Scenic Cruise to the Isle of Capri and by private launches to St Mark’s Square in Venice**

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

**Your holiday**

1. **Close Rome** Embark on this At Leisure journey through the highlights of Italy, which begins in Rome. Spend the day soaking it up in vibrant atmosphere before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers at a Welcome Reception. We enjoy a leisurely orientation through the city this evening, waking into Ancient Rome before our journey through Italy begins. (B) **Hotel: Cicero**

2. **Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City** Explore the Vatican City this morning with a Local Specialist who will reveal all the highlights of St. Peter’s Basilica. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to visit the awe-inspiring Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. We continue to Ancient Rome next, to admire where exhilarating chariot races were once held, and visit the Colosseum. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore on your own. From Roman ruins to Renaissance palazzo - Rome has it all. (B)

3. **Rome Your Way** Discover why the Italians say ‘It’s sweet doing nothing’, spending your day watching Rome’s beautiful people embrace life to its fullest. Delve into its treasures spanning millennia – the museums, churches, gardens and architecture that remain as enduring symbols of a powerful city. Or perhaps consider an Optional Experience to Truck, site of the magnificent Villa d’Este Gardens. (B, D) **Hotel: Santa Lucia**

4. **Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast** Today we pay homage to the thousands of brave souls whose final resting place is the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino. View the 6th-century Abbey that was destroyed during World War II, before venturing south to Pompeii, a city frozen in time. Join a Small Group Sightseeing tour through the excavations that yield the tragic story of a once vibrant city engulfed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Wander down the stone avenues past such sights as the Forum and Temple of Apollo. We arrive late at our hotel on the iconic Mediterranean Amalfi Coast where we’ll dine tonight. (B, D) **Hotel: San Pietro Maiori**

5. **Amalfi Town and Venice** Visit a coffee-roasting factory in Venice, St. Peter’s Basilica and the Colosseum in Rome. The name of Pompeii and the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino can never erase the memory of the thousands of brave souls whose final resting place is the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino. View the 6th-century Abbey that was destroyed during World War II, before venturing south to Pompeii, a city frozen in time. Join a Small Group Sightseeing tour through the excavations that yield the tragic story of a once vibrant city engulfed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Wander down the stone avenues past such sights as the Forum and Temple of Apollo. (B)

6. **Venture to Venice** After a leisurely start to the day, continue north, board for Venice, the ‘Queen of the Adriatic’ and our home for the next two nights. (B) **Hotel: Principe**

7. **Cruise the Canals of Venice** Glide through the bustling canals of Venice on board a private launch. Dive into Culture witnessing first hand the centuries-old craft of glassmaking on the island of Murano, before arriving at the gateway to the city, St. Mark’s Square. Our love affair with Venice continues as we view St. Mark’s Basilica, the Doge’s Palace and the Bridge of Sighs, before enjoying a Farewell Dinner with our Travel Director and newfound friends to toast to the delicious flavours of Italy. (B, D) **Trip Code:** VEN

8. **Journey Home** For now our leisurely encounter with an extraordinary destination has come to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freeair/itinerary. (B)

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- **View the ancient sites in Rome, the Benedictine Abbey in Cassino, the Duomo in Florence and St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice.**
- **Scenic Cruise to the Isle of Capri and private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice**

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Welcome to Rome. Savour some free time in Rome before joining your companions and Travel Director later for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive. (NR) Hotel: Commercianti

Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City. Join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour in the Vatican Museums. Visit St. Peter’s Basilica and admire the Bernini statue of Michelangelo’s magnificent frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel, then see the marble mace of St. Peter’s Basilica. We venture to Ancient Rome to visit the Colosseum and see Circo Massimo. Spend the afternoon at leisure. (B, D) 

Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and Sorrento. 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 painted mosaics of a house that was frozen in time. (B, D) Hotel: Johanna Park/La Residenza

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

Onwards to Assisi. See the Benedictine Abbey of Cassina. Continue north where you will meet a Local Specialist for a walking tour in Assisi to visit the Basilica of St. Francis. We’ll stay at one of Trafalgar’s Be My Guest – a family-run restaurant. Discover more at trafalgar.com. 

Discover Venice and Florence. We travel to Verona, the home of Shakespeare’s star-crossed lovers, where we’ll view the balcony from which Juliet once called to her Romeo, and the Roman arena, still in use today. Later, continue to Verona, where tonight we’ll enjoy a Regional Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Bosquet Lido/Villa Strada Lido

St. Mark’s and More in Venice. Today, we’ll Driver Into Culture searching for Saints, Catholic wonders, places of worship, and magnificent palaces, continuing past the Bridge of Sighs and the Doge’s Palace to St. Mark’s Square where we will view the imposing square and Basilica. (B, D) 

On to Milan and Siena. Lake Maggiori Today we cross the plains of Umbardy to unlock the secrets of Siena. Our orientation tour takes us past the Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the famous Galleria. Later arrive at Lake Maggiori where we’ll enjoy dinner served tonight at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Simplon/Grand Dino

9. Stroll around Lake Como. Indulge in free time to explore Lake Como. This evening, we venture by coach to the picturesque town of Tremezzo and a secluded island on Lake Maggiori where we’ll Connect With Locals over dinner at a 3 Star Swiss experience. (B, D) Signor Tell for colourful stories of pirates and princesses and a delicious local fare in this family-run restaurant. (B, D) Hotel: Simplon/Grand Dino

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Day
1. Journey from Milan to Como Stroll through Como, then spend the night at our hotel.

2. Explore the Amalfi Coast Start your day at the Abbey at Cassino, then journey south to Positano, perched perfectly on this dramatic coastline.

3. Visit Amalfi Town, St. Peter’s Basilica and the Colosseum in Rome Visit our website for dates and today’s best prices.

4. Experience Ancient Rome and the Vatican City Visit the Piazza del Duomo to view its multi-coloured façade, and soak up the laid-back atmosphere. You’ll also have time to join an Optional Experience to Positano. (B)

5. Off to the Sunny Amalfi Coast Journey south through the Amalfi Valley, passing the Bay of Naples bounded by the lost city of Pompeii, which was buried under volcanic ash when Mount Vesuvius erupted. Continue to the ‘Eternal City’ of Rome later, enjoying views of the 6th-century Benedictine Abbey in Cassino on route. (B) Hotel: Grand Tiberio

6. Ponte Vecchio and More in Florence This morning we join a Local Specialist on a leisurely walking tour to delve into the culture and history of Florence. We’ll visit the Piazza del Duomo to view its multi-coloured marble Cathedral & Santa Maria del Fiore, Piazza della Signoria, with its regal art and political, and the Ponte Vecchio bridge that is almost 700 years old. Administer spectacular views of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo. Later, join your fellow travellers for an opportunity to Connect With Local over dinner at a family-run restaurant set against the backdrop of Tuscan vineyards and olive groves. (B, BMG, Q)

7. Rome Your Way Indulge in a full free day to explore the passionate embrace of the city and its many locals. Ease into Dolce vita or consider an Optional Experience to Trastevere, where you can visit Villa D’Este and its magnificent Renaissance gardens and exquisite fountains. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner with newfound friends and your Travel Director before bidding arrivederci to Rome. (B, FD)

8. Arrivederci Italy Our unforgettable encounter with Italy comes to an end today. Find out more about your free airport transfer at Trafalgar.com/free transfers.

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• See the Abbey at Cassino

• Scenic Cruise by private launch to St. Mark’s Square in Venice
Your holiday

Day

1. **Welcome to Rome** Embrace a trail through the Bella Italia Traverse the Vatican, meet your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation dinner this evening. (D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza St. Peter’s

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

3. **Journey to the Alberobello Region** We travel west through the orange and olive groves of Puglia. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Sienna Silvana

Admire Alberobello’s iconic Architecture Enjoy a leisurely morning in your own. Consider an Optional Experience or indulge in delectable local flavors at a traditional trattoria. This afternoon, the glorious limestone houses of Alberobello take centre stage during our guided tour with a Local Specialist. Here, we’ll see the UNESCO-listed collection of almost 1,500 trulli dating back to the 14th century. This evening, we Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience at a traditional masseria. Meet Signor Luciano for dinner on his Alberobello farm where you can taste seasonal produce, including fresh almonds, cherries, tomatoes and olive oil, as well as enjoy a local stone masonry demonstration. (B, DHL, W)

4. **Onwards to Sunny Sorrento** View the Piazza Tasso and Corso Italia in Sorrento before spending the rest of the day on your own. Tonight we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: La Residenza

5. **A Day on the Isle of Capri** Cruise the deep blue waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea to the beautiful Isle of Capri. Enjoy a guided tour of Capri town, watching the beautiful people sip their cappuccino in the piazzetta. (B)

Uncover Pompeii’s Ruins and on to Axel Hotel Explore the tragic history of the ancient lost city of Pompeii with a Local Specialist. Continue to the mystical NFL of Assisi, where you’ll join a Local Specialist for a walking tour, followed by dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Grand Trentino

6. **Onwards to Verona and Venice** Celebrate the epic tale of Verona and Juliet during this morning’s visit to the fair city of Verona where you will view Juliet’s Balcony and the Roman arena built in the 1st century. We venture to the Adriatic coast this afternoon bound for Venice. Our home for the next two nights is one of Trafalgar’s Stay with ‘Stories’ – Hotel Hyatt Centric. We’ll preserving the tradition of Venetian glass art. (B, D) Hotel: Hyatt Centric Murano

7. **Cruise the Canals of Venice** Wake into Culture this morning and witness the delicate craft of Venetian glassblowing. Glide by private launch to view the Bridge of Sighs, ornate Doge’s Palace and St. Mark’s Basilica before spending time at leisure. (B, A)

8. **Journey to Northern Trento** We visit Trento and on to the Italian Lakes. Uncover Pisa and on to Florence Join a Local Specialist this morning to view the city’s finest masterpieces – the Duomo, Giotto’s Bell-Tower and the 13th-century Santa Croce Basilica. Enjoy a free afternoon. (B)

9. **All Roads Lead to Rome** We journey through the spreading vineyards of Chianti, past the hill-towns of Umbria before arriving in Rome. This evening we Cue Into Culture at an elevated farewell dining experience in the Vatican. (B, FD, FD) Hotel: Barceló Aran Mantegna

10. **Onwards to La Spezia** Journey to Genoa where a Local Specialist will show us this city’s majestic architecture. Continue to the seaside resort of La Spezia where we will dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: NH La Spezia

11. **La Spezia Your Way** Indulge in a full day free to soak up the laid back atmosphere, or consider joining an Optional Experience where you’ll embark on an encounter with the eel-like fish of Cinque Terre. (B)

12. **Uncover Pisa and on to Florence** Travel to Pisa to view its famous Leaning Tower before continuing to Florence. This afternoon is yours at leisure. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

13. **Discover Renaissance Florence** Join a Local Specialist this morning to view the city’s finest masterpieces – the Duomo, Giotto’s Bell-Tower and the 13th-century Santa Croce Basilica. Enjoy a free afternoon. (B)

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Welcome to Palermo You’ll start your Sicilian journey in Palermo, whose rich trading history has left an unforgettable mark on the city’s Italian, Arab and Baroque-styled plazas, street markets and churches. Enjoy some free time to relax before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception to kick-start your Sicilian adventure. (MB) Hotel: Garibaldi

Explore the Capital of Sicily Palermo’s rich history, culture and quirkiness are revealed in this morning’s sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, who will take you on a journey into the city’s tumultuous past. You’ll have the afternoon to take in the colours and traditions of Palermo on your own before heading to Monreale on the slopes of Monte Cassino. A Local Specialist will guide you through one of the greatest examples of Norman architecture, the 12th-century Cattedrale di Monreale. This evening, why not join an Optional Experience to the beautiful fishing village of Scopello, at the foot of Monte Capiello? Here you’ll feast on Palermo’s specialties, perfectly paired with delicious Sicilian wine. (B)

Journey to Ancient Marsala Leave Palermo behind, stopping in the fishing village of Mondello, historically a favourite seaside retreat for the who’s who of Palermo. Breathe in the salt air and keep an eye out for the local wildlife as you walk along the seafront. You’ll have some free time for lunch before continuing to Marsala, home to the nutty-flavoured wine which shares its name – One Vino Culture along the way, stopping at the salt pans to visit the Infersa Mill to learn about the ancient ‘culture of salt’ and industry which has shaped this region. You’ll be thrilled with an evening at leisure in picture-perfect Marsala with its marble streets and expensive palazzi filled with colourful restaurants. Find a trattoria spilling out on to the pavement and indulge in the favourite local fish recipe Marsala chicken. (B, L, D) Hotel: Seawater

Journey to Ancient Marsala Leaving Marsala behind for the slopes of Mount Etna, wander the chic streets of Taormina and meet the locals in colourful fishing villages. Top it all off with a sweet treat – all the Modicana chocolate you can lay your hands on.

Day 6

Off to Historic Syracuse Once a major Mediterranean power and the birthplace of Archimedes, the historic city of Syracuse takes centre stage this morning as you join your Local Specialist for a deep dive into its colourful past. You’ll see some of its treasurers at the Archaeological Museum, then visit the island of Ortigia, the ancient heart of the city connected to the mainland by a stone bridge. Your afternoon is open to spend as you wish. This evening you’ll join your fellow travelllers for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD) Hotel: Mercure Prometeo

Venture Past Mount Etna to Taormina Continue up the coast to Catania, the city that lies on Mount Etna’s shadow. You’ll have some free time to explore on your own and perhaps sample some, a favourite Catania snack. Later join a Local Specialist to delve into the history and culture of the ancient town of Taormina. A particular highlight of this afternoon will be a visit to the beautifully preserved ruins of the Temples of Taormina. Imagine masked actors performing against the backdrop of glorious sea views more than 2,200 years ago. You’ll have an evening on your own to spend as you wish or consider joining our Optional Experience evening of Sicilian specialties in Catania, one of the most dramatically located villages in Sicily. (B)

Hotel: Casino Palazzo Gardini Nassau

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Your holiday

1. Welcome to Rome. Visit the Eternal City, which you’ll have an opportunity to explore on your own before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception this evening. Enjoy an orientation drive – a perfect introduction to this beautiful city, the centre of which has been proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site with its ruins, imposing monuments, statues and fountains. (NB) Hotel: Grand Palatino.

2. Explore the Ruins of Pompeii and Sorrento. From Rome, visit the Commonwealth War Cemetery in Cassino to commemorate those who died here in the WWI battle and visit the Benedictine Abbey, originally founded by Saint Benedict in the 6th century. Next, stop at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pompeii. Your Local Specialist will take you on a walking tour of the excavations buried for centuries under a layer of volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted. See such sites as the Gymnasion, the Temple of Apollo and the impressive Basilica before retiring later at your hotel in Sorrento. (B, D) Hotel: Jolly Park

3. A Day on the Isle of Capri. Take a ferry to Capri, the island of sirens according to Greek mythology. You’ll ascend to Capri town by funicular railway and see the Isle of Sirens. Tonight, you’ll use a walking tour of Taormina on the slopes of Mount Etna. Perhaps take a walk to the ruins of Venus Castle with its Balio Gardens. Before arriving in Palermo, the Sicilian capital, visit the city’s historic centre, the Cattedrale di Palermo. (B) Hotel: Garibaldi

4. Cross the Strait to Taormina. Drive south via Salerno and through Calabria, crossing the strait of Messina to Sicily and the beachside resort town of Giardini Naxos before Taormina. Tonight, Connect With Locals during a Sicilian seafood dinner hosted at a beautiful Sicilian inn and restaurant overlooking Mount Etna. (B, D) Hotel: Sant’Agata - Giardini Naxos

5. Gardens and Home in Taormina. Your Local Specialist will take you on a walking tour of Taormina on the slopes of Mount Etna, overlooking the sea. Visit the Greek theatre and see the terraced botanical gardens. Then, stroll along the elegant Corso Umberto I with a gelato pistachio and on to the Piazza for splendid panoramic views across the bay. Later, there’s free time for shopping for souvenirs and handmade ceramics on the Corso. (B)

6. Taormina. Your Way Enjoy a full day to do as you please in this beautiful resort town. Shop, relax, see the sights of your choice or consider an Optional Experience. Whatever you decide, your Travel Director will be on hand to help you get the most out of your day. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

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

8. Explore Sicilian Towns and on to Palermo. Drive south via Salerno and through Calabria, crossing the Strait of Messina to Sicily and the beachside resort town of Giardini Naxos below Taormina. Tonight, there’s free time to explore the city. (B, D) Hotel: Garibaldi

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Travel Director Tip

While in Sicily, do not miss one of the most iconic sites, Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe and one of the most active volcanoes on earth. Ascend across land and sea to your palate, the Caffo is unmissable. Alice Colombo

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Ancient history and fabulous food are the cornerstones of this colourful Italy and Sicily trip.

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<td><strong>Day 2</strong></td>
<td>Enjoy the View in Monreale. Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour, which includes the Teatro Massimo and old ‘La Cala’ Harbour. Later, visit Monreale on the slope of Monte Caputo overlooking the almond, olive and orange groves of La Conca d’Oro. Here you’ll visit the 12th-century Norman Cathedral, dedicated to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. (B) Journey to Ancient Agrigento. Continue to the pretty fishing village of Mandorlo. Journey to Agrigento to tour the impressive Greek Valley of the Temples, with a Local Specialist, dating back to the 5th century BC. This evening, dinner is served at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Discorso Bay Palace</td>
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<td><strong>Day 3</strong></td>
<td>Outward to Scenic Taormina. Travel through the vineyards of the southern hills towards the west coast of Taormina. Enjoy spectacular views and a taste of Sicilian life in this hillside town, with some free time on arrival. (B) Hotel: Caesar Palace Giardini Naxos</td>
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<td><strong>Day 4</strong></td>
<td>Taormina Your Way. Spend the day relaxing at your chic Sicilian resort. Dive into the warm Mediterranean waters, shop for exquisite handmade lace on Corso Umberto or indulge in a delicious meal at Piazza IX Aprile. Joining an Optional Experience to Etna, the village made famous by 'The Godfather', or Europe's most active volcano, Mount Etna. This evening, connect with locals over dinner at a In My Experience venue hosted at a vineyard on the slopes of Mount Etna. Join Maria Stanis for a walking tour through her estate and cellar, and enjoy her home-made appetizers accompanied by the local wine. (B, D, LD, G)</td>
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<td><strong>Day 5</strong></td>
<td>Explore Pompeii’s Ruins and Sorrento. Today we cross the Strait of Messina to mainland Italy by ferry, driving north through rustic Calabria via Salerno to UNESCO-listed Pompeii where a Local Specialist will take you on a walking tour of the town buried for centuries under a layer of volcanic ash after Mount Vesuvius erupted. We continue to our hotel in Sorrento where we’ll spend the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Le Residence</td>
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<td><strong>Day 6</strong></td>
<td>A Day on the Isle of Capri. We cruise to the Isle of Capri where we’ll enjoy a guided walking tour of Capri town with a Local Specialist. Window-shop along Via Camerelle and watch the beautiful people in the Piazzetta, before returning to Sorrento, where you will have the evening at leisure to indulge in a little limoncello at Piazza Tasso, with its many cafés. (B)</td>
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<td><strong>Day 7</strong></td>
<td>All Roads Lead to Rome. Admire the dramatic coastline, driving north from Sorrento to the ‘Eternal City’ of Rome. This evening an exclusive Trafalgar experience will see you Dive Into Culture and enjoy an al fresco dinner against the spectacular backdrop of St. Peter’s in Rome. Marvel at the frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel and visit the Museo Gregoriano Profano. (B, D, LD) Hotel: Crowne Plaza</td>
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**Your Must-See Highlights**

- **VIP Admission** to the Vatican Museums
- **Explore** Palermo, Agrigento, Pompeii, Capri, Rome, Assisi, Cinque Terre and Florence with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Taormina, Sorrento and Venice
- **Visit** the Norman Cathedral at Monreale, the fishing village of Mandorlo, the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, the Isle of Capri, the excavations at Pompeii, the amazing Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Basilica and Colosseum in Rome, and a glassblowing factory in Venice
- **View** Palermo Cathedral, the ancient sites of Rome, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Santa Croce Basilica and the Duomo in Florence and the Byzantine St. Mark’s Basilica in Venice
- **Scenic Cruise** to the Isle of Capri and St. Mark’s Square in Venice

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

**Your holiday**

Day 1
- **Cruise** Rome — Welcome to Rome, the ‘Eternal City.’ Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive to view some of this city’s magnificent sites. (B) Hotel: Crewea Plaza St. Peter’s

Day 2
- Discover Ancient Rome and the Vatican City - Visit St. Peter’s Basilica and view Michelangelo’s Pietà with a Local Specialist. See the Sistine Chapel where ancient ruins were once held and visit the impressive Colosseum. (B)

Day 3
- Journey to Renaissance Florence - Visit the Vatican Museums with a Local Specialist and see the Sistine Chapel as you ascend the Bramante staircase, then admire Michelangelo’s frescoed ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. Later, drive north to Florence. Tonight, Connect With Locals at a Local Italian dinner experience. (B, D) Hotel: Cosmopolitan Concept

Day 4
- Onwards to Legendary Delphi — Drive south towards Mount Parnassus and Delphi. Join a Local Specialist and walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo where athletes competed in the Pyramidal Games. (B) Hotel: Amalia Delphi

Day 5
- Off to Historic Athens — Travel to Athens where we’ll discover the city’s rich heritage during our morning sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Marvel at the Acropolis, the Royal Palace, the Temple of Zeus and the Acropolis. See Hadrian’s Arch and the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place in 1896. Indulge in a Farewell Dinner to celebrate the end of your trip. (B, D) Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis

Day 6
- Farewell Athens — Say goodbye to your fellow travellers and Travel Director after an unforgettable journey or join a 4-day Aegean cruise. For more information see the panel below. Find out more about your free-airport transfer at trafalgar.com/free.transfers.

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A 4-day Aegean cruise is available to join at the end of the ‘Best of Italy and Greece’ itinerary. On the morning of Day 10, you will be transferred from your hotel to the port of Athens to embark on the cruise.

Day 7
- Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive to view some of this city’s magnificent sites. (B, D)

Day 8
- Onwards to Legendary Delphi — Drive south towards Mount Parnassus and Delphi. Join a Local Specialist and walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo where athletes competed in the Pyramidal Games. (B) Hotel: Amalia Delphi

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Day 10
- Disembark in Athens — Board your ship in Athens, Cruise to the spectacular volcanic island of Santorini and perhaps visit the Palace of Knossos. Then cruise to Heraklion and on to Santorini. Experience.

Day 11
- A Day to Explore Beautiful Rhodes — Cruise to Rhodes. Explore the fascinating medieval Old Town, your complimentary Shore Experience. (B, L, D)

Day 12
- Cruise to Mykonos and on to Santorini — Experience. (B, D)

Day 13
- Cruise to Heraklion and on to Santorini — Board a Overnight Ferry to Greece Travel south to the ancient port city of Karmelia to board your overnight ferry to mainland Greece. (B, D)

Day 14
- Monasteries of Meteora on the way to Kalamaka — Arrive early at the port of Igoumenitsa and travel along the foothills of the Aetolian mountains before arrival at the UNESCO-listed monasteries of Meteora. Your Local Specialist will guide you on a visit to two of the six monasteries built on sandstone rocks that tower above the town. Dine tonight at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Amalia Kalamaka

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1. Welcome to London Embrace the pomp and pageantry of a city that marches to its own vibrant tune. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers later this evening for a Welcome Reception to kick-start your holiday. (MC) Hotel: The Tower

2. London Your Way Armed with your 3-day travel pass and recommendations from your Travel Director, make the most of your full day at leisure. 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. (BLD)

3. Explore London’s Markets and Museums Stroll past the buzzing stalls of Borough Market, where you’ll Discover the best of British cuisine. And take the opportunity to visit the world-famous museums, many of which are free to visit. Your London Oyster Card will allow the length and breadth of London. This evening you’ll enjoy a dinner and Connect with locals at an exclusive Be My Guest experience. (BL, BNG, FD)

4. Explore Westminster Abbey and Kensington Palace Imagine the kings and queens who have glided gracefully up the 20th-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 Discover Culture, gaining insights into the lives of the Royal Family, followed by an English cream tea. (BL, L, D)

5. Cruise the Thames to Greenwich Enjoy one last full day on 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. (FD, FD)

Optional Experience

London Oyster Card (Public Transport) pass

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These departures include 3 Countries: Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, and Cardiff, in the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle, in the heart of the city. Tonight, we celebrate the beginning of an epic adventure through Britain at a Welcome Reception. (BR) Hotel: Mercure Hadfield House

Through the Scenic Countryside to Liverpool The half-timbered Tudor houses of Ludlow feature medieval relics and half-timbered Tudor houses. Today, we 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 picturesque village of Gretna Green where ‘Blacksmiths Pirates’ would marry couples over the Marriage Act. Later, we arrive in Edinburgh – our home for the next two nights. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (BR) Hotel: Holiday Inn

Discover Edinburgh’s Treasures Rumble up the Royal Mile in the enchanting medieval city of Edinburgh, where you’ll join a Local Specialist on an included city sightseeing tour. Stroll through the Old Town and visit Arthur’s Seat until 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 this magnificent medieval site and elegant Georgian and Gothic façades on your own, or join your Travel Director on an Optional Experience to see your local Travel Agent.

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Admire Stratford-upon-Avon and return to London. Dive into the fascinating story of Shakespeare’s life at his Birthplace and visit Centre Court in Stratford-upon-Avon, and view Anne Hathaway’s thatched cottage. We return to London this evening where our memorable encounter with Britain’s iconic places comes to an end. (BR) Hotel: Mercure Holland House

Your holiday

Day 1

Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Cardiff Experience first-hand what’s ‘great’ about Great Britain on this mesmerizing journey past the peaks of Wales and the rolling hills and such landmarks of England to ‘bonnie’ Scotland. We kick-start our adventure in the cosmopolitan capital of London, heading west to visit Stonehenge’s stone monuments, whose centuries of mystery 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. Dive into the proud culture and heritage of the Welsh as you embark on an orientation of the city to see the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle, in the heart of the city. Tonight, we celebrate the beginning of an epic adventure through Britain at a Welcome Reception. (BR) Hotel: Mercure Hadfield House

Your Must-See Highlights

- Explore Edinburgh with a Local Specialist: Discover Bath, Cardiff, Liverpool and York
- Visit Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, the Tudor town of Ludlow, Gretna Green, Edinburgh Castle, and Shakespeare’s Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon
- 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
Your holiday

ENGLAND

Day

1

Explore Windsor, Bath and Bristol
Leave the bright lights of the British capital behind and journey through lush landscapes to the historic market town of Windsor. Journeying west, we embark on the stately Georgian town of Bath, whose beautiful Pulteney Bridge and 15th century Gothic Abbey provide a picturesque backdrop for the Roman Baths from which the city takes its name. See the steamy thermal pool of the 'Great Bath' before travelling to neighbouring Bristol, where we’ll enjoy an orientation of the city including views of the Clifton Suspension Bridge and enjoy the city’s JS Great British, the world’s first corn-sowing luxury liner. (MS) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn City Centre

2

Experience a Stately Home and British Village Life
Leaving trendy Bristol behind, we embark on a scenic drive through the English countryside, arriving at Longleat House and its Capability Brown parkland, one of England’s most stately homes. Continue to Buckfast Abbey where you’ll spend the night. (B)

3

Journey to Coastal Devon and Plymouth
The sounds and smell of the sea beckon as you make your way to Devon and stop in the fishing town of Brixham where Sir Francis Drake’s ship ‘Golden Hind’ is permanently moored. You’ll head to Totnes, on the Dart Rivers and Riviera, where local wine and cider are produced. You’ll enjoy a cream tea at The Old Forge. This 600-year-old structure was originally the workshop of the founder of the famous Berry Pomeroy Castle and Estates and the former family home of Jane Seymour, one of Henry VIII’s six wives. Continue to Buckfast Abbey where you’ll-Dive Into Culture and gain insights into how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed for nearly 1,000 years. Return to Plymouth or, where pilots once left English shores for an unknown new world. This evening you could chose to treat to their favourite over an optional dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, BMG) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

4

Admire Historic Sights and Ventures to Exeter
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5

Enjoy Sonic Somerset and Dartmore National Park
This morning, visit the ancient monoliths at Stonehenge, which rise impressively on Salisbury Plain, imagining a time when pagans and druids would gather in their mysterious ritual. We’ll visit the town of Salisbury, home to Britain’s tallest spire, before leaving to Exeter for a memorable farewell dinner with your travel companions. Return to Exeter, where you’ll spend the night. (B, FD)

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Onwards to Prehistoric Stonehenge and London
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Journey to Coastal Devon and Plymouth
The sounds and smell of the sea beckon as you make your way to Devon and stop in the fishing town of Brixham where Sir Francis Drake’s ship ‘Golden Hind’ is permanently moored. You’ll head to Totnes, on the Dart Rivers and Riviera, where local wine and cider are produced. You’ll enjoy a cream tea at The Old Forge. This 600-year-old structure was originally the workshop of the founder of the famous Berry Pomeroy Castle and Estates and the former family home of Jane Seymour, one of Henry VIII’s six wives. Continue to Buckfast Abbey where you’ll-Dive Into Culture and gain insights into how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed for nearly 1,000 years. Return to Plymouth or, where pilots once left English shores for an unknown new world. This evening you could chose to treat to their favourite over an optional dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, BMG, Q, Q) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

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Your Must-See Highlights

- Discover Bath, Bristol, Brixham, Plymouth, Dunster, Lynmouth, Exeter and Salisbury
- Visit Royal Windsor, the Roman Baths in Bath, Longleat House in Warminster, Lacock village, Buckfast Abbey, the artists’ colony of St Ives, Exeter Cathedral, the ancient stoneworks at Stonehenge and Jane Austen’s Salisbury
- View Windsor Castle, the Capability Brown landscaped parkland at Longleat, Tintagel Castle in Cornwall, the Mayflower Steps in Plymouth and St Michael’s Mount

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Great Britain and Ireland
Your holiday

1. Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to York
   Indulge your love of theatre and poetry this morning as we travel to the romantic Stratford-upon-Avon, made famous by its byzantine son, William Shakespeare, whose extraordinary works have been admired by audiences for over 500 years. View Anne Hathaway's thatched cottage and visit Shakespeare's Birthplace and Visitor Centre for insights into the life of the 'Tudor of Avon', before exploring the charming cobblestone streets of his hometown. Continue to the ancient cathedral city of York where we will enjoy an orientation walk to view the ancient city walls, picturesque Shaklands and magnificent 800-year-old Minster. Join your Travel Director for a familiarisation tour this evening for a memorable Welcome Reception and delicious local pub fare. (MR) Hotel: Holiday Inn

2. Cross Hadrian’s Wall and onwards to Edinburgh
   We venture north to the medieval/remote town of Durham, whose exquisite 12th-century Durham Cathedral sits impressively alongside Durham Castle, overlooking the charming medieval streets below. We cross what was once the northern frontier of the Roman Empire, Hadrian’s Wall, before enjoying a scenic drive through the breathtaking landscapes of Northumberland National Park. Admire spectacular views of the windswept Cheviot Hills as you cross the Scottish border, stopping to admire the 12th-century ruins of Jedburgh Abbey en route to alluring Edinburgh. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn

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Your Must-See Highlights

- Explore Edinburgh with a Local Specialist
- Discover York, Durham, Glasgow, Bristol and Bath
- Visit Shakespeare’s Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Edinburgh Castle, a whisky distillery, Gretna Green, Ludlow, the Wye Valley, the Roman Baths in Bath and the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge
- View Anne Hathaway’s thatched cottage, York Minster, Hadrian’s Wall and Jedburgh Abbey
- See the 18th green on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Blair Castle and the Lake District

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1. Journey to Stonehenge, Bath and Center
   Rural.Wiltshire provides a stunning backdrop for our drive to Stonehenge, which we’ll explore before travelling to UNESCO-listed Bath. Our home for the next two nights is Bath, where we will enjoy a memorable Welcome Reception. (B) Hotel: Mercure Southgate

2. Plymouth and Here in the Southwest. Our first stop today is in Plymouth, where we will delve into the history of the brave Pilgrim Fathers who set sail for an unknown New World. See the Royal Citadel overlooking Plymouth Sound and consider an optional cruise. We take a step back in time at our next stop—the Arthur’s seat of Plymouth. Continuing along the brooding moorland of Dartmoor, we arrive at Buckfast Abbey where we’ll dive into culture and gain insights into how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed for over 1,500 years. (B, L, D)

3. Onwards to Glastonbury and Cardiff. Enjoy a scenic drive and visit the ruined Glastonbury Abbey. Later, Connect With Locals, joining the Dyer family for lunch on this 15th-century farm for a 5 in 1 My Guest experience. Our final stop today is Cardiff, the capital of Wales, where we enjoy an orientation tour before a free evening. (B, D, MG, Q) Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson City Centre

Lunch with an English Lord & Lady. lunch at a 15th-century farm at the Dyer family’s 15th-century farm, mentioned in William the Conqueror’s Doomsday Survey of 1086. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

Explore Tudor History and on to Liverpool. We explore Tudor History in Lludlow and Chester this morning, enjoying views of Chester’s medieval city walls and red sandstone Cathedral. Join a local specialist later in Liverpool to gain insight into the city’s beating heart. (B) Hotel: Jurys Inn

3. Venture to the Romantic Lake District and on to Glasgow. We travel along the shores of Lake Windermere through countryside made famous by the poet William Wordsworth. Stop in Grasmere, where many an eloping couple have tied the knot. We arrive in Glasgow later for an orientation tour, including views of the Cathedral, George Square and the River Clyde. This evening, enjoy a Regional Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, BQ) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Holiday Inn Theatreland

4. On to Fort William and the Scottish Highlands. Journey along Loch Lomond, whose Bonnie Burns were immortalized in the well-known Scottish song. We arrive in Glasgow and remember the 1822 massacre that led to this place to be called the ‘Glen of Weeping’. At the World War II Commando Memorial near Fort William, admire views of Britain’s highest mountain Ben Nevis. Our day in beautiful surroundings comes to an end with a cozy dinner at our hotel located within the Cairngorms National Park in the Scottish Highlands. (B) Hotel: Loggan/Carrbridge

5. Discover the Isle of Skye. We travel to the coast this morning to the Isle of Skye where a local specialist will take us on a journey to admire the remarkable Cuillin Mountains. Later, we cross back to view iconic Eilean Donan Castle on the mainland. Travel through the Scottish Highlands on your return to your Highland hotel. (B, D)

6. Journey to Enchanting Edinburgh. We stop in Pitlochry before heading to St. Andrews. See its famous 19th hole before crossing the Firth of Forth to Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included in departures that coincide with performance dates. (B) Hotel: Marriott/Jurys Inn

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

8. Continue to York. We travel to the medieval market town of York this morning where we’ll see the impressive castle home to the Duke of Northumberland and the Taxonomy Centre. Then it’s on to Northumberland and York, where we will enjoy an orientation walk past its cobbledstone Shambles and see the Minster with its “heart of Yorkshire”. We enjoy a final farewell Dinner together to bring our memorable journey to a close. (B, FD) Hotel: Novotel Centre

9. To Shakespeare’s Stratford-upon-Avon and London. Shakespeare’s legacy and life are celebrated during our visit to Stratford-upon-Avon. Later, we travel back to London where our amazing holiday comes to an end. (B)

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- Explore Liverpool, the Isle of Skye and Edinburgh with a local specialist
- Discover Bath, Plymouth, Cardiff, Chester, Glasgow and York
- Visit the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the Roman Baths in Bath, Polperro, Buckfast Abbey, Glastonbury Abbey, the town of Ludlow, the Isles of Skye, Edinburgh Castle, Alnwick and Shakespeare’s Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon
- View Eilean Donan Castle: A 13th-century castle used as a filming location in the Harry Potter films, now a love island of facilities
- See Dartmoor, the Lake District, Ben Nevis and Glencoe in the Scottish Highlands and the 16th green at St. Andrew’s

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Your Must-See Highlights

- Explore Edinburgh, Belfast and Dublin with a Local Specialist
- Discover York, Glasgow and Bath and Bath with a Local Specialist
- Visit Shakespeare’s Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon, Greta Green, Edinburgh Castle, Guiness Storehouse, the Irish National Stud and Japanese Garden, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, the Roman Baths in Bath and the buzzing stone circle at Stonehenge
- View York Minster, Glasgow Cathedral and George Square, City Hall in Belfast, Kilkenny Castle and Gardens
- See the Principality Stadium in Cardiff

Through its tranquil Japanese Gardens, regarded as the best in Europe. Admire the imposing medieval castle at Kilkenny before some free time for lunch. Our next stop was a visit to Clonmel yet again to witness the delicate craft of Waterford Crystal. We’ll watch master craftsmen at work during a tour of the workshop and see the exquisite crafted pieces in the showroom. (B, L) Hotel: Marina/Fitzwilliam

Learn about Ireland’s harrington tradition. On or off the treasure hunt, the thresholds of the Irish National Stud turn everyone all your praise and you’ll get to meet them first hand. Learn more at trafalgar.com

Ferry Across to Cultural Cardiff

An early start to the day sees us cross the Irish Sea to Wales by ferry and continue our journey to the Welsh capital of Cardiff to view the Millennium Centre, National Assembly and historic Cardiff Castle, at the heart of the city. This evening, we Connect With Locals in the stylish Welsh countryside, joining a local family for a Farewell Dinner & By Guest experience. (B, BMG) Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson City Centre

Soak up Bath and Stonehenge then off to London

Travelling the Severn Estuary into England, we arrive in the glorious UNESCO-listed Bath, with its elegant Georgian façades and world-famous Roman Baths from which the city derives its name. Journey across the scenic landscapes of Wiltshire, paying a visit to the mysterious monolithic stone circle at Stonehenge, then return to London where your memorable holiday in Britain and Ireland comes to an end. (B, RD)

Discover Diverse Dublin

Gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of Guinness brewing and enjoy a Stonehouse tour and tasting technique demonstration. Drive through the pretty streets of Dublin with a Local Specialist to admire the stately Georgian Squares, Trinity College and St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the tallest church in Ireland, before spending the rest of the day exploring the sights alone. Sable through Temple Bar or Grafton Street, famous for its colourful street performers. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience to a charming Irish cabaret performance. (B, RD)

Journey to Kilkenny and on to Waterford

Discover Culture this morning and gain insights into rearing world-class thoroughbreds at the Irish National Stud and Japanese Garden, the Waterford Crystal Showroom. The Roman Baths in Bath and the buzzing stone circle at Stonehenge

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1. Stonehenge and Bath and on to Cardiff—Ponder the mysteries of the ancient monoliths of Stonehenge before driving west to Bath. Cross the Severn Estuary to Cardiff, then see the Millennium Centre and the National Assembly in Cardiff Bay. Later, enjoy warm hospitality and traditional Welsh pub fare and drinks at a roaring Welcome Reception. (MR) Hotel: Mercure Holland House/Park Inn by Radisson City Centre

2. Wonders to Waterford—This morning, we view the Principality Stadium and Cardiff Castle during our orientation of Cardiff. We cross the Irish Sea by ferry and travel to historic Waterford where we dine in our hotel tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Maria's/Fitzwilliam

3. Admire Blarney Castle and Journey to Killarney—Discover Culture and visit the master craftsmen at the renowned House of Waterford Crystal. Then, kiss the Blarney Stone to acquire the ‘gift of the gab’ before travelling to the picturesque town of Killarney. (B, D) Hotel: Killarney

4. A Day on the Ring of Kerry—Today we experience the enduring beauty of Ireland’s most scenic coastal drive. See Gerald O’Connor’s Cahersiveen, the fishing village of Waterville, the Black Valley and Healy’s Gap with its panoramic views. This evening, we Connect With Locals at Molly Gallivan’s 200-year-old cottage. (B, D) Hotel: Marina/Fitzwilton

5. Journey to the Cotswolds and visit the little thatched cottage of Sir Winston Churchill, then see the home of his great-uncle, the O’Sullivan family and their Kerry cows. (B) Hotel: O’Sullivan

6. Dive Into Culture and travel through countryside made famous by poet William Wordsworth. We cross the Scottish border and visit the warehouses’ wedding capital of Greenock. This evening, we arrive in Edinburgh. (B) Hotel: Apex City

7. The Sights of Chester and Edinburgh—Admire the landscapes of Snowdonia National Park bound for Chester, with its characteristic Tudor Row. We arrive later in Liverpool, pausing our companions for a tasty Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD) Hotel: Jurys Inn

8. Through the Lake District to Edinburgh—Glimpse the shores of England’s largest lake, Windermere, as we travel through countryside made famous by poet William Wordsworth. We cross the Scottish border and drive past the Edinburgh Tattoo and the famous Edinburgh Castle. Then, we’ll visit the city of Edinburgh for a sightseeing tour, including a visit to the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo. (B) Hotel: Mercure Edinburgh City Centre

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

10. Venture to York and journey south to the medieval market town of Alnwick, with the Tamworth Column. Travel to York where you’ll walk through the cobbledstone shore. We see the medieval walls and the York Minster, one of the greatest cathedrals in the world. (B) Hotel: Novotel Centre

11. On to Shakespeare’s Stratford-upon-Avon—We visit Shakespeare’s Birthplace, the birthplace of the Bard, to see where the famous author who was born and raised. View Anne Hathaway’s thatched cottage, then enjoy some free time to explore. This evening we join our fellow travellers and Travel Director for a farewell Dinner. (B, FD) Hotel: Mercure Shakespeare

12. Journey through the Cotswolds to Oxford and London—Journey to the Cotswolds and visit the little thatched cottage of Stratford-upon-Avon, where the famous author who was born and raised. Arriving in Oxford, we’ll enjoy an orientation tour of the city to see the Radcliffe Camera and the Bodleian Library, and visit one of the university’s famous colleges (when open). We return to London this afternoon and bid a fond farewell to our Travel Director and newfound friends at the end of a wonderful holiday. (B)

Your Must-See Highlights

- Discover Bath, Cardiff, Chester, York and Oxford
- Visit the ancient stone circle at Stonehenge, the dramatic Baths at Bath, the Waterford Crystal Showroom, Blarney Castle to kiss the stone, the Rock of Cashel, Glinna Green, Edinburgh Castle, Alnwick, Shakespeare’s Birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon and one of the famous colleges of Oxford (when open)
- View the Principality Stadium in Cardiff, the home to Harlequins and the stadium of Cardiff Blues, the famous rugby team from the Principality
- See St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the georgean squares in Dublin and the lake district’s magnificent scenery
- Scenic Drive of the Ring of Kerry
- Visit the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary, the seat of Irish kings for centuries. Later, travel to Stratford-upon-Avon, England to see where the famous author who was born and raised
- Connect With Locals at Molly Gallivan’s 200-year-old cottage. (B, D) Hotel: O’Sullivan

Dinner with the O’Sullivans. The perfect day exploring the idyllic beauty of Ireland’s Ring of Kerry followed by hearty Irish fare in legendary local Molly Gallivan’s 200-year-old cottage.

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**Dive Into Culture**
Admire Dublin’s iconic sights, visit Trinity College, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the stately Georgian Squares. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

**On to Galway and Limerick**
Journey to Galway, where you will have an opportunity to see Galway Cathedral and Eyre Square before continuing to Limerick. (B)

**Circled the Ring of Kerry**
On to Galway and Limerick

**Discover the Scottish Highlands**
Venture into the Scottish Highlands today, we travel across the Firth of Forth to St. Andrews to view its celebrated university and explore centuries of golf heritage. Our next stop is Pitlochry on the banks of the Tummel River. You could choose to join an Optional Experience to visit Blair Castle, the ancestral home to the Dukes of Atholl. We continue to the Scottish Highlands, our home for two nights. (B, D)

**Hotel:** Laggan

**Explore the Isle of Skye**
We pass the Eilean Donan Castle, then cross to the Isle of Skye where your Local Specialist will take us on a journey to admire the remarkable Cuillin Mountains. This afternoon, we view the mysterious Loch Ness. (B, D)

**Onwards to Loch Lomond and Glasgow’s Rich Legacy**
Our first stop today is the World War I Cenotaph Memorial for views of Britain’s highest mountain, Ben Nevis. We continue south through the ‘Glens of Healing’, arriving in Glasgow, where we enjoy an orientation tour. We’ll also visit the Necropolis and Discover Culture at one of Europe’s most important 19th-century burial grounds. (B, D)

**Hotel:** Mercure

**Admire the Sights of Blarney**
The Sights of Blarney, Waterford and Cork

**To Galway and Limerick**
On to Galway and Limerick

**Explore the Connemara Peninsula**
Begin our tour with a visit to the 12th-century Abbey of Corcomroe. Afternoon free time to explore the town of Galway before dining at the Hotel Clifden.

**Private dinner at EPIC – the Irish Emigration Museum**
Admire the Sights of Blarney, Waterford and Cork

**Discover Edinburgh**
We’ll see the Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates.

**Optional Experience to visit Blair Castle**
This evening, we join our Travel Director for a memorable Farewell Dinner.

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**Day 1**
- Journey to Stratford-upon-Avon and on to York
- Visit Shakespeare’s Birthplace and Holy Trinity Church and see Anne Hathaway’s cottage in Stratford-upon-Avon, before continuing on to see the magnificent York Minster. This evening, we join our Travel Director and travel companions for a delicious Yorkshire dinner in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Harrow at Centre

**Day 2**
- Continue through Northumberland to Edinburgh
- Journeying through Northumberland National Park’s dramatic landscapes, we arrive at the remarkably intact ruins of the 12th-century Edinburgh Abbey. We route to the enchanting Scottish capital, Edinburgh. Tickets to see the spectacular Edinburgh Tattoo are included on departures that coincide with performance dates. (B) Hotel: New Town, Princes Street and the Royal Mile.

**Day 3**
- Discover Edinburgh: join your Local Specialist for this morning’s sightseeing tour through New Town, Princes Street and the Royal Mile. Embark on a guided visit of Edinburgh Castle and consider a traditional Scottish right out. (B)

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

**Day 5**
- Explore the Isle of Skye: we pass the Eilean Donan Castle, then cross to the Isle of Skye where your Local Specialist will take us on a journey to admire the remarkable Cuillin Mountains. This afternoon, we view the mysterious Loch Ness. (B, D)

**Day 6**
- Onwards to Loch Lomond and Glasgow’s Rich Legacy
- Our first stop today is the World War I Cenotaph Memorial for views of Britain’s highest mountain, Ben Nevis. We continue south through the ‘Glens of Healing’, arriving in Glasgow, where we enjoy an orientation tour. We’ll also visit the Necropolis and Discover Culture at one of Europe’s most important 19th-century burial grounds. (B, D)

**Day 7**
- Explore the Connemara Peninsula: Begin our tour with a visit to the 12th-century Abbey of Corcomroe. Afternoon free time to explore the town of Galway before dining at the Hotel Clifden.

**Day 8**
- Private dinner at EPIC – the Irish Emigration Museum

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

2. Discover the Cornish Peninsula Embark on an orientation tour and see the Royal Citadel and Mousehole. Explore the Cornish peninsulas and visit the seaside villages of Launceston and Polperro. (B, D)

3. Soak up Bath and off to Cardiff Admire Bath’s elegant Georgian façades before continuing to Cardiff. (B, D) Park Inn by Radisson City Centre/Holiday Inn

4. Cross the Irish Sea to Waterford Explore Cardiff’s iconic sights then cross the Irish Sea to Waterford. (B, D) Hotel: Fitzgerald

5. Onwards to Blarney and Killarney Our first stop today is at the House of Waterford Crystal where we will tour into Culture during a demonstration with master craftsmen. You’ll have the chance to kiss the Blarney Stone, before leaving for Killarney. (B, ?) Hotel: Killarney/Inisfallen

6. A Day on the Ring of Kerry Ireland’s enduring natural beauty is our welcome companion today as we circle the enchanting Ring of Kerry. (B, D)

7. Off to Limerick, the Majestic Cliffs of Moher and Galway We stop in Limerick to view St. Mary’s Cathedral, the Treaty Stone and King John’s Castle. We’ll visit the Cliffs of Moher, before arriving in Galway. (B, D) Hotel: Connacht

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

9. Explore Londonderry, the Giant’s Causeway and Belfast We join a Local Specialist in Londonderry, then visit the Giant’s Causeway. Our expert North Travel Specialist will help you to conserve this iconic natural landmark. We proceed to Belfast where we’ll enjoy an orientation tour. (B, D) Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson/Slieve Donard

10. On the road to Dublin in a Local Specialist’s ‘cab’ takes us on a journey through the recent history of Belfast in their taxi. In Dublin, we join a Local Specialist to see St. Patrick’s Cathedral and other iconic sights. (B, D) Hotel: Hotel President/Cleyton Leopardstown

11. See the Sights of Dublin Dive Into Culture and gain entry to the Guinness Storehouse before general admission. The rest of the day is free. (B, ?)

12. Ferry across to Historic Chester and Liverpool Cross the Irish Sea to Wales and continue to the ancient town of Chester, where your orientation tour will take you past its Roman walls and famous half-timbered Tudor Rows. Later, we head to the head of the ‘Flib Flab’ estuary Liverpool, where we’ll spend the night. (B) Hotel: Jury’s Inn

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

14. Journey North to Glasgow Stop in the runawway wedding capital, Inverness Green before arriving in Glasgow. Our evening Culture at Falkirk Wheel and experience the world’s only rotating fossil Ban. Hilton Garden Inn City Centre/Park Inn by Radisson City Centre

15. Over the Sea to Skye Journey past the site of the tragic 1602 massacre at Glencoe and see Britain’s highest mountain – Ben Nevis. See Eilean Donan Castle before visiting the island of Skye. (B, D) Hotel: Dunvegan/Kings Arms

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

17. Onwards to Edinburgh We stop in Pitlochry before travelling to St. Andrews and then Edinburgh. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn

18. Explore Edinburgh Castle Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour which will include a visit to Edinburgh Castle. See the Royal Mile, Palace of Holyroodhouse and new Scottish Parliament building. (B)

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- Discover Salisbury Plain, Plymouth, Bath, Cardiff, Llandrindod, Bangor, Stornoway, Glasgow and York
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- View the Hayloft in Plymouth, the Principality Stadium in Cardiff, St. Mary’s Cathedral and King John’s Castle in Llantrisant, the scene of the Black Death, the 1st hole at St. Andrews, Eilean Donan Castle, Castled Rock/Irish & York Minister
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1. Welcome to Ireland. Put a little Irish spring in your step and walk through the lyrical capital of Dublin—your springtime to an unforgettable jaunt through the treasures of Ireland. Join a Local Specialist this afternoon to explore the city’s iconic sights. Walk the cobblestone courtyard of Trinity College and enjoy priority access to see the Book of Kells. Then, enjoy a Welcome Reception to get to know your fellow travellers. (MR) Hotel: Maldron Parnell Square

2. Journey to Waterford and Cork. Departing Dublin this morning, see journey to the peaceful monastic ruins at Glendalough which survived repeated Viking attacks on the complex. Walk the tiny Culture, watching the master craftsmen of the House of Waterford Crystal as they create delicate works of art. Our final stop today is the rebel city of Cork, where you’ll have a free evening to enjoy a little Irish craic and soak up the lively atmosphere of this university city. Our Steps With Stories accommodation is the historic Maldron Shandon Hotel, originally the city’s first general hospital built in the 1700s. (B, C, F, O) Hotel: Maldron Shandon

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5. Admire the Cliffs of Moher and on to Limerick. Delve into the era of the first transatlantic flights during a visit to the Flying Boat Museum in Foynes. At one time, it was the refuelling point for Pan Am’s Flying Boat, the Yankee Clipper. Dive into Culture as you board a replica Boeing 314 to experience life as a passenger. Learn how Irish Coffee was invented to treat weary passengers whose New York flights were delayed due to bad weather before enjoying your very own cup of ‘Foynes Original’. This afternoon, travel to the spectacular Cliffs of Moher which rise over 200 metres above the pounding Atlantic waves, before continuing to our hotel in Limerick. (B, C, O) Hotel: Great Southern

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- Discover Waterford, Cork and Killarney
- Visit Trinity College, Glendalough, Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Torc Waterfall, Foynes Flying Boat Museum and Waterford Crystal as they create delicate works of art.
- View St. Kevin’s Cross in Glendalough and St. John’s Castle in Limerick
- See Dublin’s Georgian Squares
- Scenic Drive of the Ring of Kerry
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- Discover Galway, Limerick and Waterford
- Visit Bunratty Folk Park, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney to kiss the stone and gain the ‘gift of the gab’, the Crystal Showroom at Waterford and the famine ship in New Ross
- View King John’s Castle in Limerick
- See St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin, the Cathedral of Galway and St. Mary’s Cathedral in Limerick
- Scenic Drive of the Ring of Kerry

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Onwards to Lively Limerick

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• Explore Dublin, Belfast, Londonderry and Westport with a Local Specialist
• Discover Galway and Ennistílleen
• Visit Titanic Experience in Belfast, the Giant’s Causeway, Londonderry, Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh, Belleek Pottery, Westport, Athlone, Cong and Aghilline
• See the Mural of Londonderry

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Hotel: Ten Square

Explore Galaxy and Journey to Athlone. See first-hand why the rugged beauty of Cong was chosen as the backdrop of John Wayne’s award-winning “The Quiet Man” before heading to Galway. Your Travel Director will lead an orientation tour past some of the city’s iconic sights before you have some free time to explore and enjoy lunch. Your final stop today is Athlone on the banks of the Shannon River. (B, D)

Hotel: Athlone Springs

Return to Lively Dublin. Enjoy a leisurely start to your day or consider joining an optional cruise along the Shannon River or a visit to 5th century Clonmacnoise, home to western Europe’s largest collection of Early Christian gravestones. Return to Dublin later where you will have some free time. This evening, embrace the good spirits of your Irish hosts and join your fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner you’ll remember forever. (B, FD) Hotel: Clayton Dublin Airport

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Enniskillen and on to Westport. Your first stop today is Enniskillen, where you’ll visit the Ulster American Folk Park to see the Ulster American Folk Park and delive into the story of the brave emigrants who journeyed across the Atlantic to seek a new life in America centuries ago. Return to Londonderry where you’ll have some free time to explore the city at your leisure. (B, D)

Hotel: City

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- **View the City Walls and Murals of Londonderry**.
- **Sea St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Dublin and Galway Cathedral**.
- **Scenic Drive through Connemara and along the Bénnge of Kerry**.

**Your holiday**

**Day 1**

Welcome to Ireland! Embark on yourulf’s aye and discover the lively Irish capital before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers this afternoon for a sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist. See St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the stately Georgian Squares and Trinity College. We enjoy a Welcome Reception this evening, joining a Local Specialist at the Gúnaiseaigh Trust to hear how our visit will reflect Travel Wonders and preserve Irish history. (B) **Hotel:** Heust/Sandybmount

**Day 2**

Journey to Colourful Belfast. Leaving the cosmopolitan streets of Dublin behind, we travel to Belfast, where we’ll have some free time for lunch. Later, we meet our Local Specialist ‘Cabbie’ for an insider view of the city’s local history on a journey through its vibrant streets in a real taxi. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure, or perhaps join an Optional Experience. (B) **Hotel:** Park Inn by Radisson/Haldon City

**Day 3**

Venture to the Giant’s Causeway and on to Londonderry. One of Culture during a visit to the award-winning Titanic Belfast. Gain insights into the tragic story of the Titanic and its passengers who best their lives in the icy Atlantic. We leave the city behind us, travelling along the beautiful Antrim coast road to the Giant’s Causeway and walk in the footsteps of Finn MacCool. Make Travel Matter by helping to conserve this scenic natural landmark. Take some time to admire the natural spectacle of 40,000 interlocking basalt columns before continuing to Londonderry, our home for the next two nights. (B, P, G) **Hotel:** Everglades/City Hotel

**Day 4**

Discover Londonderry’s Past. Join your Local Specialist for a walk along the 4th-century city walls and see the formerly turbulent Bogside neighbourhood, with no street murals depicting the history of the ‘Troubles’. Spend the afternoon on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience to Inishowen Peninsula. This evening we dine at our hotel. (B, D)

**Day 5**

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**Day 6**

Connemara Countryside. The rugged beauty of Connemara was captured in the film ‘The Quiet Man’ with John Wayne and Maureen O’Hara. Its boughs and mountains are yours to explore today during a scenic drive. We arrive at Kylemore Abbey later to visit the country’s most romantic castle and wander through the hidden nooks of its Victorian walled garden. Returning to Galway, we enjoy some free time to explore its imposing stone Cathedral or stroll through Eyre Square, which John F. Kennedy visited in 1963. (B, D)

**Day 7**

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**Day 8**

Off to Ballycastle and Killarney. Today you may acquire the ‘gift of the gab’, bending over backwards to kiss the Blarney Stone before we travel to Waterford. Admire the delicate creations of fine crystal during a visit to the House of Waterford Crystal where we will Discover Culture and witness a demonstration by master craftsmen. This evening, we arrive in Killarney. (B, P, T) **Hotel:** Killaryon

**Day 9**

Through County Wicklow’s Countryside to Dublin. After a morning exploration of Killarney, we depart for New Ross where we’ll see the monument to John F. Kennedy, who visited his ancestral family hometown in 1963. We Make Travel Matter and gain insights into the tragic plight of Irish emigrants during the potato famine of the 1840s on our visit to the nearby three-masted Famine Ship Dunbrody. Journey through the lush Irish countryside of County Wicklow, the ‘Garden of Ireland’, and preserves Irish history.

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Explore Glencoe Castle and on to Creative Dundee This morning, we cross the Fifes of Fife to the celebrated home of golf - St. Andrews, to view its ancient university and famous golf course. Shakespeare’s Macbeth takes centre stage as we visit Glencoe Castle, once the home of the beloved Queen Mother and birthplace of Princess Margaret. Enjoy a guided tour of the castle and explore its beautiful gardens, before we travel to the waterfront city of Dundee, distinguished for its status as the first UNESCO City of Design, and the original home of marmalade. (B) Hotel: Apex City Quay

Venture to the Highlands and the Scottish Borders Discover the Lochs and learn about the loch whisky industry at a famous distillery, including a tasting of Scotland’s much loved golden nectar. Hearts and hands warmed, we wind our way to the unique battlefield and Visitor Centre at Culloden, past rugged landscapes and the imposing Cairngorms Mountains. Our final stop for the night is in the Scottish Highlands. (B, D) Hotel: Carbridge

Journey to Loch Ness, Inverness and Thrum The mystical heart of Nessie is our first stop today before passing through Inverness on route to Dunrobin Castle. Follow your afternoon exploring the castle’s château-like structure and surrounds, once home to the Clan Sutherland. Arriving Inverness, you have time for the next two nights, we enjoy dinner at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Portland/Navarman

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Discover Enchanting Edinburgh. Soak up the mystical atmosphere of Arthur’s Seat, as you join a Local Specialist for an intriguing sightseeing tour of the city, including a visit to Edinburgh Castle perched atop Castle Rock. Tread in the footsteps of Jamie and his beloved scene after scene, embarking on an Outlander walking tour through Old Town’s winding cobblestone lanes. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

Explore Outlander Film Locations. We visit the 15th-century walls of Blackness Castle on the shores of the Forth. From forth – the backdrop for the infamous Fort William prison in Outlander season 2 – then, cross the Forth to the fictional village of Craclemuir – real-life Culross. Here we’ll see Claire’s herb garden and Geillis Duncan’s home. (B)

Visit Blackness Castle. Go behind the 15th-century walls of the setting for Outlander’s infamous Fort William prison where a fictional Captain Randall punished his captive, Jamie. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

See Outlander Sights and Journey to Dundee. We leave Edinburgh, we enter Falkirk, our Outlander filming location for 18th-century Inverness. Stop in at Comovement Hotel, which doubled as Mrs. Gaye’s B&B in the series, before heading to Stirling. Our final stop today is Dundee, where we’ll join the RRS Discovery, the last traditional wooden three-masted ship built in Britain. (B, D) Hotel: Apex City Quay

Venture into the Scottish Highlands. Celebrate rural Scottish heritage at the Highland Folk Museum, with its recreated 18th-century township, once used as a location in the filming of Outlander season 1. Dive into Culture and gain insights into rural life in Scotland from the 18th-century to the mid-20th-century, admiring the extensive collection of artefacts. We continue through the rugged landscapes of the Scottish Highlands to our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Ballantrae

The Sights of Callander, Inverness and Thanes. Our final stop today is the lovely hamlet of Callander, where Bonnie Prince Charlie’s Jacobite army was defeated in 1746. We relax in the brief, but brutal battle at the contemporary Visitor Centre, before continuing through Inverness to Inverness, the most outlander town in mainland Scotland. (B, D) Hotel: Inverness

A Day on the Orkney Islands. From the coastal village of John O’Groats, we catch the ferry that crosses the Pentland Firth and arrive at Skye, the legendary of Dr掠’s mystical Sealoch, which shift their aquatic form on land to walk as humans, is explored today as we roam these mystical islands bound for the remains of the brochs. Killin’s Brae Village allows freely among the standing stones of the Ring of Brodgar, before a final stop photo stop at Kirkwall cathedral and the ferry ride back to the mainland. (B, D)

Over the Sea to Skye. We travel south to soak up the swirling charms of Ullapool, a fishing town on Loch Broom. We admire the rugged countryside and we see the island forms of Eilean Donan Castle. Continuing to the Isle of Skye, we hear about Bonnie Prince Charlie’s daring escape ‘over the sea to Skye’. This evening, we enjoy dinner at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Kings Arms

Continue to Fort William and Kinloch Rannoch. Board a ferry back to the mainland to Halliag and later, travel to Fort William via the magnificent Glenfinnan Viaduct. Admire evocative views of Britain’s highest mountain, Ben Nevis, before travelling past the precipitous mountains of Glen Coe to the Glen of Weeping. (B) Hotel: Moidart/Loch Rannoch

Experience the Local Whiskey. Today, we dive into Culture and learn about the local whisky industry at the famous Blair Athol Distillery, including a tasting of Scotland’s much-loved golden nectar. Visit Pitlochry on the banks of the Tummel and enjoy some free time for lunch. (B, D)

Admire Scottish Castles and on to Glasgow. Head to Doune Castle, which served as the film location for Castle Leoch in Outlander. We see the site where Clan MacKenzie welcomed and hosted Claire on her arrival in 20th-century Scotland, then head to Stirling and its magnificent castle. View the site of the Battle of Bannockburn, before arriving in Glasgow for an evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Glasgow

Journey to Lochs and Landscapes. This morning, we enjoy an orientation tour of the city, including a visit to the memorably crafted St. Mungo’s Cathedral, the Outlander film location for ‘Hospital of the Angels’ in Paris. We visit the Lochs of Scotland, which doubled as the prison entrance and corridors of Wentworth Prison. Later join the Wood family at their 15th-century historical farm on the shores of Loch Ard. We’ll Connect With Locals over a home cooked Farewell Day Dinner amidst intriguing tales of Rob Roy. (B, D, G)

Farewell Glasgow. As the chapter closes on our Outlander-inspired journey through the wilds of Scotland and the countryside of fascinating heritage, we say farewell to our newfound friends and prepare to return to reality. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/transfer.

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1 Country

Paris and the Effel Tower Join your Travel Director this morning for a tour of this mesmerising city. Visit the grand Champs-Élysées, Place de la Concorde and Arc de Triomphe, built by Napoleon in the 19th century. Drive into the hidden squares and secret passages, visiting one of Paris’s most historic neighbourhoods and a favourite local haunt that remains a secret to outsiders. Next you’ll Dive Into Culture at Fragonard Parfumerie for a visit with a certified ‘nose’ who will guide you in the creation of your own unique fragrance. Later, you’ll experience a true Parisian highlight. Ascend to the second level of the Eiffel Tower for incredible views of the city, then enjoy an afternoon tea at the Tower’s restaurant. [B, D]

3 Consider an Optional D-Day 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 Normandy coast to uncover the poignant history of the D-Day Landings. Spend your evening at leisure exploring the city’s glittering nightlife at night. [B]

A Day to Explore Versailles Travelling 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. Return to Paris later for an evening at leisure. [B]

Experience the Haras and French Cuisine Explore the intriguing and beautiful Haras 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. Dive 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]

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Enjoy Montmartre and the Luxembourg Palace start to your morning seeing us take a private street trolley car back in time to Montmartre, home to the picturesque Sacré-Cœur. Join your Local Specialist and Dive Into Culture – discovering the hidden squares, artists’ haunts and romantic hideaways along with ample time for shopping. Spend the rest of the day on your own embarking on your inner bon vivant, before embarking on a special evening experience at the renowned courchevel hotel. Enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the museum during this Small Group Sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist. [B, D]

Paris’s Way Perhaps admire the exquisite collection of modern art in the Centre Georges Pompidou or enjoy an Optional Experience to the inspirational gardens of Monet at Giverny. This evening, Dinner with a Local Specialist during a memorable My Guest Experience and Farewell Dinner at Chez Paul, where you get back to the Paris of the forties and fifties. [B, D]

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Admire Normandy’s Colourful Honfleur and the Bayeux Tapestry. This morning, depart Paris and venture to the city of Rouen, the tragic site where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake. We travel to the enchanting harbour town of Honfleur – in its narrow lanes and colourful shipfronts have long attracted artists who have immortalised its beauty on canvas. Arriving in Bayeux, we visit the Tapestry Museum. Here you’ll feast on Culture and see the Bayeux Tapestry, depicting events before and during the Battle of Hastings in 1066. This evening, we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Omaha Beach.

Explore the D-Day Landing Beaches. We begin the day visiting the American Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc. Pay tribute to the brave souls who lost their lives on the D-Day Landing Beaches of Omaha, imagining the sense of terror and triumph felt the day that Allied forces set foot on mainland Europe. We stop for lunch in the secluded setting of Arromanches, once at the heart of Normandy landings, before visiting the D-Day Museum to learn about the artificial harbour used by the Allies. Finish the day on the beaches of Juno, where the Canadian landings, before visiting the D-Day Museum to learn about the D-Day landings. (B)

Continue to the Beautiful Loire Valley. Journey through the scenic countryside, stopping at Connect With Locals at a lunch with wine in a 17th-century château during a Wine & Gourmet experience set within beautiful gardens. We journey to the Loire Valley, where we will spend the next two nights. (B, D) Hotel: Moncel Ambassade.

Discover the Stunning French Châteaux. We spend our day admiring the beautiful châteaux of the Loire Valley and join a Local Specialist for a visit to the Ambrois Royal Châteaux. It’s here that King François I hosted Leonardo da Vinci, whose tomb now lies in the Chapel of Saint Hubert adjoining the château. We continue with a visit to Chenonceaux, built on the Cher River. (B)

6 Continue to Châteaux and Paris. Our first stop today is the town of Amboise and its beautiful Roman Catholic Cathedral, regarded as one of the most authentic and complete works of religious architecture from the early 15th century. We journey back to Paris this afternoon and spend the rest of our day in the ‘City of Lights’ with free time to take in some of the sights. Celebrate with your Travel Director and newfound friends this evening at a Farewell Dinner with local wines at a Parisian bistro. (B, DF) Hotel: Renaissance La Défense.

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1. Welcome to Nice Stretch your legs on sun-kissed Mediterranean shores. On arrival, you’ll be transferred to your hotel and have the day to embark on your own exploration of Nice before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. (MR)

2. Hotel: Deauville

3. Enjoy Elegant Nice Delve into the Italian heritage of Nice’s elegant Old Town when you join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will take you to the heart of the city. Place Massena, Promenade des Anglais and the Bay of Angels. On your free afternoon, consider an Optional Experience to the medieval hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. (B)

4. A Day in Italy Begin your day in the hilltop village of Dolceacqua with its 12th-century castle. Tread in the footsteps of Claude Monet, walking across the picturesque bridge depicted in several of his paintings. Continue with a visit to an Italian agriturismo in Rocchetta Nervina. Dive Into Culture and sample the flavours of taggiasche olives grown on-site during an olive oil tasting. (B, D)

5. Nice Your Way: Londres Full-day Optional Experience to St. Tropez and Cannes. You’ll embark on a drive along the scenic coast to Sainte-Maxime and board a boat to St. Tropez, where you’ll have some free time for lunch and your own exploration. Returning to Nice, you’ll stop in Cannes and view the Palais des Festivals, where the annual film festival is held. (B)

6. Dive Into Culture Discover the French Riviera and Monaco Dive Into Culture and stop at Fragonard Parfumerie, which has been crafting delicate French scents since the 17th century. A stop in medieval Eze delivers panoramic views of the sparkling Côte d’Azur before you continue to La Turbie for a memorable photo opportunity of Monaco. Follow the winding road down to the coast and the glamour of Monaco. Here you’ll visit the Roman-Balinese Monaco Cathedral and the Prince’s Palace. Experience lifestyles of the rich and famous as a diner in Monaco’s 18th-century main square. Afterwards, enjoy a scenic drive to Monte Carlo, to see the Grand Casino and parts of the Monaco Grand Prix race track. (B, RD, D)

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8. Farewell Nice Say a fond farewell to your fellow travellers with an evening at leisure and say bon retour. Head to Nice’s elegant Old Town when you join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour before heading to the heart of the city, Place Massena, Promenade des Anglais and the Bay of Angels. On your free afternoon, consider an Optional Experience to the medieval hilltop town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. (B)

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Markets, Mega-Yachts and More in Antibes Follow the Mediterranean coastline south to Antibes, once the haunt of Pablo Picasso. Join your Travel Director for an orientation tour before exploring the bustling market squares. Alternatively, head down to the harbour to admire the many private yachts moored there. Later, you’ll enjoy an exclusive French Host experience as you Connect With Locals over a hearty lunch. (B, BMG, D)

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Lunch for Madame Thérésa’s socca stall in Nice’s Old Town market. Here you will be able to try her delicious Socca, a traditional chickpea flatbread topped with onions and parsley that is sure to make your taste buds sing.

Meet Your Travel Director

Jonathan Holburn
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- See the Sights of London Travelling to Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey feature on this half day introductory sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, which includes stops of Buckingham Palace. This afternoon, we visit the Imperial War Museum, which tells the story of those whose lives were shaped by war, from World War I to today. (B)

- Cross the English Channel to Calais We journey south to Portsmouth and leave Britain behind for Calais for our ferry crossing. After dinner on the ferry, we transfer to our hotel in Calais. [B, D] Hotel: Novotel Côte d’Hacre

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- Journey to Bruges and on to Amsterdam Travel to Bruges and perhaps try the delicious local chocolate and Brugge’s famous fisht – the perfect fried chips! Explore the cobbled streets and medieval facades reflected in the still waters of the canals. Continue to Amsterdam, where we spend the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Leonardo Royal

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Beaujolais Wine Region

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1. Begin our Paris Aays the flavours of France come to life on this unforgettable journey that kicks off in Paris, the ‘City of Lights’. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Directors for a Welcome Reception and an orientation drive through the city. (WR) Hotel: Mercure 17 Batignolles

2. Journey through Burgundy to Lyon We travel south to Burgundy, past the City of the Flowers of Geneva, Chamberlins and the Rhône. The colourful geometric roofs of the 15th century Hospices are a sight to behold as we arrive in the medieval town of Beauvilliers before continuing to Lyon, the gourmet capital of France. Perhaps spend your evening dining into the epicurean delights for which Lyon is jauntily famous. (B, D) Hotel: Château de Beauvais

3. Onwards to Avignon, Monaco and the French Riviera We stop in the heart of Provence and the city of Avignon. See the Papal Palace and bridge made famous in the song – ‘Sur le Pont d’Avignon’. Journey through the fields of the Dordogne to the sophisticated principality of Monaco, where we view the cathedral where Prince Rainier and Princess Grace were married. This evening, we enjoy a Regional Dinner at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn

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5. Admire Arles and Continue to Carcassonne Join us for a stroll through the historic city. Later, a visit to the Roman amphitheatre and the city’s renowned cabarets. Alternatively, choose an Optional Experience to see the beautiful city of Carcassonne, perched atop St. Bernadette’s Grotto, where the Virgin Mary appeared to her as a young woman. See the Basilica, bat the cave, and view its impressive Norman architecture. (B)

6. Our view of the Dordogne and the Dordogne Valley

7. See the Roman Amphitheatre and the Cathedral in Arles

8. Scenic Drive through the Dordogne and the Loire Valley

9. Explore a Chateau in the Loire Valley We journey through the ‘Garden of France’, before we connect with our Local Specialist for a delicious lunch and for your Wine Experience, the Château du Clos Luce. Visit the Château du Clos Luce, and visit the remarkable gardens at Château Villandry before arriving at your special hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Château de Beauvais

10. Off to Mont-Saint-Michel and the Normandy Beaches We travel through the patchwork landscapes of Brittany, to the extraordinary island settlement of Mont-Saint-Michel on the Normandy coast, where we visit the island town and view its imposing Norman Benedictine Abbey. Follow the Liberty Highway to St. Lô, and on to Omaha Beach. Reflect on the bravery of the young men who sacrificed their lives for freedom and visit the D-Day Landing Zone. Learn how the operation was planned and executed. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Omaha Beach

11. Journey to Paris We travel west to Paris, stopping at Caen to see the house and gardens that once inspired Claude Monet’s exquisite Impressionist works of art. This evening, consider a trip to one of the city’s renowned cabarets. (B) Hotel: Mercure 17 Batignolles

12. Discover the Delights of Paris Join your Local Specialist on a journey through the historical neighbourhoods of Paris to see where the locals live and shop, visit the remarkable church of St-Sulpice. This evening, we celebrate an epic adventure with your Travel Director and newfound friends at a farewell dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Radisson Blu

13. Farewell, France For now it’s time to bid a fond au revoir to the Best of France and your fellow travellers at the end of a magical and memorable holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgur.com/freeairtransfers. (B)
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Hotel: Best Western Le Donjon

Sightseeing

Admire the genius of Salvador Dalí. Trace the artistic journey of this beloved Spanish artist as you explore the Dalí Theatre Museum, his last great work and a world of surrealism. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

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Your holiday

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- Discover Avignon, Nice, Monaco and Arles
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- Optional Madrid Extension

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On Day 10 you will be transferred to the station for a high-speed train ride to Madrid. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a two-night stay wandering you to have a whole free day to explore.

Journey By Train to Madrid Take the train to the Spanish capital. On arrival, transfer to your hotel.
Hotel: Hotel Ayna Gran Can

Fiery Madrid Your Way After breakfast, enjoy a full free day at leisure to enjoy the sights and sounds of Madrid.

Farewell Madrid Enjoy breakfast before you are transferred to Madrid airport for your onward journey home.

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Connect With Locals
- Welcome Reception
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- Grasps with Stories
- Lunch
- Driver
- Drive Into Culture
- Regional Dinner
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Travel Style
Regional Explorer

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3 Charms and Châteaux in the Loire Valley Visit Chartrons, an important place of pilgrimage on the ‘Way of Saint James’. Journey through the rolling landscape of the Loire Valley, past beautiful villages and castles. Visit the impressive Château de Chambord and visit Château de Chenonceau, which straddles the Cher River. Later, Connect With Locals, joining the de Montferrier family on their farm near the famous Château de Villandry for a traditional Tourangelle (B) and dinner experience paired with local wines. (B, BHG, (H) Hotel: Mercure Tours Nord

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8 Pass the Pyrenees to Barcelona Our journey continues past the South of the Pyrenees to Figueres, where we’ll visit the Dalí Theatre and Museum. Here, we’ll live city culture and gain insights into the world of Salvador Dalí. We arrive in Barcelona this afternoon and enjoy an included sightseeing tour, visiting the Columbus Monument and Antoni Gaudí’s unfinished Sagrada Familia, with a Local Specialist (B). Hotel: Hyatt Regency Barcelona/PortFairmar Rey Juan Carlos

9 Discover Lively Barcelona Spend the day soaking up the vibrant spirit of Barcelona. Consider an Optional Experience to Montserrat to visit its Benedictine monastery and see the mysterious Black Madonna. This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a memorable farewell dinner with wine at a traditional Spanish restaurant.

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10 Journey Home Say adiós to the bustling streets of Barcelona and your travel companions. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freeflights. You could choose instead to enhance your experience and travel from Barcelona to Madrid via high-speed train. (B)

Hotel: Tower/Fairmont Rey Juan Carlos

11 Madrid 2-nights
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1. Welcome to Madrid! The lively capital of Spain is our launch pad to a memorable encounter with one of Europe’s most soulful destinations. Relish in the laid-back environs of Buen Retiro Park, shop up a storm on Gran Vía or people-watch over coffee and churros can chockolate in the Puerta del Sol. This evening, join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for an orientation drive to see some of the city’s most iconic sights, followed by a Welcome Reception.

2. Explore Vibrant Toledo. 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 Talavera tile painter and browse the age-old steel craft, before seeing one of El Greco’s most famous paintings in the Church of Santo Tomé - ‘The Burial of the Count of Orgaz’. We then visit the synagogue, before returning to Madrid where we’ll admire the Royal Palace and Cibeles Fountain with our Local Specialist. Spend the evening on your own, diving into the delicious rival of Spain’s tapas capital.

3. Journey to Cordoba and on to Seville. Journey south to La Mancha, we arrive in Cordoba, 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 flamboyant Seville, our home for the next two nights. Consider an Optional Experience to see the colourful tapeting skins of a fiery flamenco show or rub shoulders with the Sevillanos in some of delicious tapas and wine.

4. Discover Seville’s Sights. This morning, we meet our Local Specialist for a fascinating tour of Seville. View the symbolically Grandia Bell Tower, see the Moorish-inspired Maria Lusia Park, with its tiled fountains, pavilions and pools, and walk through the imposing Plaza de Espana. Marvel at Christopher Columbus’s Pårelof the New World in the cathedral, then take a walk through the former Jewish Quarter. This evening, we Connect With Locals, joining the Seville family for a la My Guest experience at their Andalusian hacienda and wine.

5. Onwards to Granada Multicultural Granada takes centre stage today, as we visit the magnificent Alhambra in the company of a Local Specialist. A fine example of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra complex was built towards the end of Islamic rule in Spain. Wander through the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal Summer Palace, once linked to the other palaces by a covered walkway across the river. (B) Hotel: Occidental/Catania

6. Admire iconic Architecture in Valencia and on to Valencia This morning, we journey via the Nova Pass to Guadix in the northern foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. We’ll see the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings lodged into the ocho-coloured cliffs of the surrounding area, then travel to Valencia, where we’ll see the Bullring and admire the city’s medieval architecture. Embrace the city’s spirit of innovation and stop to visit the City of Arts and Sciences. This evening, dine at your hotel, and perhaps take to the vibrant streets of the Old Quarter.

7. Off to Coastal Peñíscola and Barcelona. Head north, along the coast through the Levant region, and stop at Peñíscola, the ‘City on the Sea’. View the ancient castle of the Spanish Pope, built by the Knights Templar and used in the film, ‘1492’. Then, journey along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona with its ornamental Gothic architecture. Admire this famous architect’s talents as we view his unfinished La Sagrada Familia. See the Plaza de Catalunya and pay tribute to the great Christopher Columbus, with your Local Specialist. From the hill of Montjuïc, we’ll enjoy panoramic views of this enchanting city. Enjoy a free evening to spend as you wish. (B) Hotel: U2/Hyatt Regency Tower

8. Uncover Gaudi’s Barcelona. Explore centuries of history, contemporary culture, exquisite art and architecture on your day at leisure. Visit Gaudi’s fantasy Park Güell, or join an Optional Experience to the monastery of Montserrat to see the mystical Black Madonna. This evening, we celebrate with our newfound friends and Travel Director at a Farewell Dinner with wine. (B, D)

9. Farewell Spain For now it’s a fond adios to Spain at the end of a memorable holiday. Find out more about our free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/cancellation. (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.

Your Must-See Highlights

- Explore Toledo, Madrid, Córdoba, Seville and Barcelona with a Local Specialist
- Discover Valencia
- Visit an inland steel factory, the Synagogue and Santo Tomé in Toledo, Mosque of the Caliphs in Córdoba, the Cathedral in Seville, the Alhambra Palace in Granada and Montjuïc Hill and Plaza de Catalunya in Barcelona
- View the Royal Palace and Elaborate Fountains in Madrid, the Caves Honeys of Guadix, the Serrano and Quiet Towns and the City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia and La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona
- Dine on an olive estate. Share songs and good times with the Morales family in the courtyard of their hacienda and learn all about their award-winning olive oil. Read more at trafalgar.com

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Day

1 Welcome to Barcelona! Travel the treasured north on this grand expedition from Barcelona to Madrid, exorcising yourself into the azure vistas as only the Spaniards can. Delve into centuries of history and the cosmopolitan culture of Barcelona, rambling up Las Ramblas, people watching in Plaza de Catalunya and admiring the whimsical architecture of Gaudi. Later, you’ll meet with your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and evening drive to see the city’s iconic sights. (NRW) Hotel: Conrad Mar

2 Discover Vibrant Barcelona! The unfiltered city of Sagrada Familia is our first stop this morning. We join a Local Specialist to see the Plaza de Catalunya and pay tribute to Christopher Columbus at the monument that bears his name. Later, spend the rest of the day on your own and explore the city’s enchanting barrios. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountain-top monastery of Montserrat to see the shrine of the Black Madonna—effectively known in Catalonia as La Moreneta (B).

3 Journey to Pamplona! The lively former capital of Navarre takes centre stage today. We follow in the footsteps of thousands of favoured runners and holigoodies. See Pamplona’s ancient city walls and Plaza del Castillo, the heart of the city where markets, tournaments and bullfighting have taken place. (B, D) Hotel: Tres Reyes

4 Off to Culinary San Sebastian and on to Santander! Today, we journey to the sophisticated culinary capital of San Sebastian. See the beautiful Bahia de la Concha beach or stroll along la calle 31 de Agosto in the Old Town. Our next stop is Bilbao to view the modern Guggenheim Museum, designed by talented architect Frank Gehry. We arrive in Santander later this evening for a two-night stay. (B) Hotel: Santemar

5 Sophisticated Santander! Your Way Speed day at leisure in elegant Santander. Relax on the sun-blessed shores of one of the nearby paseos, amble through the charming Old Town or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the coastal town of Getaria, with its cobbled streets. Here you will explore Gaudí’s El Capricho, built in the late 19th century as a summer villa, then carry on to Santillana del Mar to visit the museum dedicated to the impressionist UNESCO-listed Altamira Caves. (B)

6 Scenic Landscapes, Quaint Towns and Oviedo! Spectacular scenery awaits today as you travel through the dramatic Picos de Europa which sits between two main pilgrim routes along which you will encounter several quaint historic market towns. Visit the grotto of ‘Our Lady of Covadonga’ a famous Marian pilgrimage site, and the pink-hued basilica made from the marble ‘Our Lady of Covadonga’, a famous Marian pilgrimage site, and the pink-hued basilica made from the marble 'Our Lady of Covadonga'. Later we'll Connect With Locals and enjoy a traditional lunch and cider tasting at our Be My Guest experience with the Castañón family at their Cider Mill. This evening is free for you to explore Oviedo at leisure. (B, BMG, Gi) Hotel: Silken Monumental Naranco

7 Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela! The Asturian fishing village of Luarca is our first stop today. Soak-up its seaside atmosphere en route to the pilgrim city of Santiago de Compostela, renowned as the end of the ‘camino’ pilgrimage route that has its origins dating as far back as the 1st century. (B) Hotel: Tryp Santiago

8 Explore Santiago de Compostela! Join a Local Specialist who will share insights into the ‘Way of Saint James’ and explain why thousands of people attempt the life-changing pilgrimage annually. Visit the vast St. James Cathedral and the Praza do Obradoiro, a square dominated by four architectural styles. (B)

9 Onwards to Artistic Zamora and Salamanca! Journey through the lush Galician landscape and Castro Urdiales to Castro Urdiales, a genteel coastal town. Here you will explore Gaudí’s El Capricho, built in the late 19th century as a summer villa, then carry on to Santillana del Mar to visit the museum dedicated to the impressionist UNESCO-listed Altamira Caves. (B)

10 Venture to Stylish Madrid! Travelling east, we arrive in the lively Spanish capital, Madrid, for an afternoon of sightseeing with a Local Specialist. Dive into Culture and visit the Prado Museum, home to the largest collection of European art in the world. Then, see the Royal Palace, Gran Vía and the monocromatic Church of the Immaculate Conception. This evening is free to explore and make your own discoveries. Toasting to a magnificent journey through northern Spain.

11 Adiós Madrid! For now it’s a fond hasta luego to your newfound friends as our Spanish adventure comes to an end. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freeairporttransfers. (B)
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Day

1

Hola Madrid Welcome to the fiery Spanish capital that is Madrid. Drive deep into the soul of a city that reaches to the tune of the商贩, before meeting your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a memorable Welcome Reception and oneonation drive to see some of the city's most iconic sights. (M) Hotel: Rafael Atrocha

2

Journey to Burgos and on to Santander Journey over the prime Guadarrama Mountains to Burgos, the historic capital of Castile, where we will visit the tomb of El Cid. We cross the Ebro River and the Cantabrian Cordillera Mountains, traveling to the coast and the opulent capital of the Cantabrian region, Santander. (B, D) Hotel: Santemar

3

Oudows to Culisy San Sebastian and Pamplona We depart Santander and travel to Bilbao to view the striking Guggenheim Museum. Continuing to San Sebastian, the pohet capital of Spain, we see the beautiful Bahia de La Concha beach during our orientation drive. (B, D) Hotel: NH Iruña Park

4

Continue to Gau’s Barcelona Our journey continues through the Eloro Valley to Zaragoza where we’ll see the Basilica of Pilar and Cathedral of La Seo. Later, admire panoramic views of a city that dates back to Roman times from atop Montjuic in Barcelona. (B) Hotel: Barcelona Santos

5

Discover Barcelona The whimsical fantasy world of Gau is on display this morning as we embark on a sightseeing tour and see the inspiring, but as yet unfinished, La Sagrada Familia in the company of a Local Specialist. We’ll see Las Ramilletes and Plaza de Catalunya, before paying tribute to Christopher Columbus. (B)

6

Off to Coastal Peñiscola and Valencia The sweet scent of oranges accompanies us on our journey along the Costa Dorada south to the port of Peñiscola, where we’ll see the ancient castle used in the film ‘El Cid’. We arrive in sunny Valencia where we will stay the night. Our orientation of this cultural city includes views of the town hall, the bullring, the Towers of Serranos and Quart, and the cathedral. Witness the modern museum of Valencia and view the City of Arts and Sciences. (B) Hotel: Silken Puerta Valencia

7

Venture to Granada Journey via the dramatic Alpujarras Pass to the city of Granada where we’ll meet our Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the spectacular UNESCO-listed Alhambra. Admire extraordinary Moorish architecture and the exotic water gardens of the Generalife, the royal residence. Check-in to your hotel later, where we will dine tonight. (B, D) Hotel: Occidental Granada

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Access to attractions within the Alhambra complex, including the Nasrid Palace, is at the discretion of the staff of the Alhambra. Your Travel Director will advise and, if necessary, adjust your itinerary accordingly.

9

On the Road to Sunny Costa del Sol Enjoy a leisurely morning on your terms, or consider taking an Optional Experience to the medieval Moorish Quarter of Granada. We have Granada behind for the sun-kissed shores of the Costa del Sol, where we’ll spend the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Melia

10

Costas del Sol Way Your Another day in paradise for you to kick back, worship the Spanish sunshine and indulge in its exquisite food. Enjoy fresh seafood in Torremolinos, soak up the Mediterranean atmosphere or consider an Optional Experience to the effervescent Andalusian capital of Malaga to explore centuries of fascinating history. (B)

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• View the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, La Concha Bay in San Sebastian, the Cathedral of Zaragoza, La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, the Cathedral of Puebla, the Serrans and Quart Towers and City of Arts and Sciences complex in Valencia

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11

See the Sights of Seville Join your Local Specialist this morning for a tour of Seville’s lively quarters. See the iconic Giralda Bell Tower, a former minaret, and visit the Seville Cathedral, the final resting place of Christopher Columbus. Stroll through Maria Luisa Park with its tiled fountains, pavilions, palms and orange trees, and walk through the imposing Plaza de España. (B)

12

Journey to Córdoba We journey to Cordoba to meet a Local Specialist for a visit to the astounding Mosque of the Caliphs, a jewel of Hispano-Islamic art featuring striking arches and Byzantine mosaics. Then visit the remains of the 15th-century Mudéjar-style synagogues in the old Jewish neighbourhood. (B, D) Hotel: Hospes

13

Admire Ancient Toledo Then on to Madrid Your Local Specialist takes you on a walking tour of Toledo where you’ll Dive Into Culture as you explore the ancient Iberian city. Visit the Church of Santo Tomé and the synagogue during your guided walk through the narrow streets. Arrive later in Madrid. (B, D) Hotel: Rafael Atrocha

14

Discover Stylish Madrid We join our Local Specialist to see the Royal Palace, Gran Via and the Cibeles Fountain before visiting the world famous Prado Museum. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for an unforgettable Flamenco Dinner to celebrate an epic adventure through Spain. (B, FD)

15

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Hotel: Turin Ar Liberdade

Discover Colourful Lisbon Drive into Lisbon’s centuries-old seafaring heritage today, paying tribute to the brave men who set off from these shores to discover the ‘New World’. With our local Specialist you’ll see the dynamic white Monument to the Discoveries, the largest Baroque sculpture in the Western Hemisphere honouring the Tagus, and Belém Tower, built to commemorate Vasco da Gama’s expedition. Visit the Museum of the Tagus, including the Torre de Belem, and the Ajuda Palace, a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO-listed Iberian Monastery, an exquisite testament to 17th-century Manueline architecture and art. There’s time to join an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. In the evening, perhaps enjoy a traditional Portuguese dinner amid the heart-warming, harmonious sounds of the fado. (B, D)

Journey to the Algarve Region We journey across the Tagus this morning and drive south towards the Serra da Arrábida Mountains and to the golden pastures of the Alentejo. The hearty aroma of Portuguese chicken fills the air as we Connect With Lunch over a traditional lunch at a stud farm, where Lusitano horses were once reared at the pleasure of King João IV in the 18th century. Our journey continues further south, bound for the sun-kissed shores of the Algarve – our home for the next two nights. (B, D)

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Hotel: Mateus

Discover Colourful Porto Drive into Porto’s historic city centre. View the 18th-century Sé, the Palace Gardens, the Cathedral of Porto and the Stock Exchange. (B, FD)

Explore Vibrant Porto Join a local Specialist today for a sightseeing tour of Porto, which takes you past Baroque churches and along the winding lanes that tumble down towards the Douro River. See the remarkable bridges that span the river and the Gothic Church of St. Francis. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace with its splintered facade built ‘falling’ into Leonardo da Vinci’s Alhambra, before we delve into culture and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of local port production at a tasting in a port cellar. Spend the rest of the afternoon strolling through the historic centre of Porto. (B, D, Port tasting in Porto. Learn about Portugal’s 500 years of Port wine tradition when you visit a wine cellar and get to taste some of its uniqueness. Read more at trafalgar.com)

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End Portugal and Morocco
Welcome to Madrid! Embrace the noisy 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. (MR) Hotel: NH Collection Eurobuilding

Journey to Cuenca and Valencia Witness the dramatic honey-coloured cliff-sided 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) Hotel: Oca Valencia

Off to Unique Guadix and on to Granada We travel through the Sierra Nevada bound for Guadix, where whitewashed homes made of local clay and coir abode into their rocky surroundings. Next, we’ll drive through Andalusia’s Heart-Melting Pueblos Guadixes. This evening, sample the hearty flavours of Andalusia at a special Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD) Hotel: Catalonia Granada

Downward to Córdoba and Sevilla 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 you’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. Our final stop for the day is enchanting Seville. (B, D) Hotel: Meliá Lebreros

Uncover the Secrets of Seville Seville takes centre stage today as we explore this charismatic city. We’ll visit the magnificent Plaza de España in Maria Luisa Park and visit the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. This evening, consider joining an Optional Experience to the historic palace of the Governor’s Mansion. (B)

Admire the Sights of Jerez and Cadiz We indulge in the aromatic flavours of Jerez today as we Dive Into Culture and into the centuries-old tradition of Spanish sherry production. The leafy boulevards and quiet plazas of romantic Cádiz are next stop. Tread in the footsteps of Columbus, who used this historic port city as his launch pad to the ‘New World’. (B, L, D)

Venture to Évora Leaving the arty streets of Seville behind, we head to the golden landscapes of the Alentejo, where the Brits have flocked to build their dream homes. The Alentejo, along with your fellow travellers, will arrive for a guided sightseeing tour of Évora and a guided wine-tasting experience in the home of the famous Portuguese fortified wine, Madeira. (RD) Hotel: Hotéis de Portugal Maçãs de Dentro

On to Lisbon We arrive in the seafaring Portuguese capital of Lisbon this afternoon, where we’ll join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the city’s highlights. A particular highlight of this afternoon is an opportunity to Dive Into Culture at the UNESCO-listed Hieronymite Monastery, an exquisite testament to 16th-century Manueline architecture and art. (B, L, D) Hotel: Olissippo Marquês de Sá

Lisbon Your Way Wander through Old Town Lisbon and the grand shopping boulevards that stretch from the shores of the Tagus and Lisbon Baixa to Rossio. Today is yours to embrace the captivating sights and sounds of the Portuguese capital on your own. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the historic towns of Cascais and Sintra. (B)

Pilgrimage to Fatima and on to Salamanca Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 150 years to the Shrine of Fatima, a site of celebrated religious miracles. We leave Portugal, travelling to the historic Spanish city of Salamanca with its golden façades and ancient university heritage, where we will visit its 18th-century Plaza Mayor during our orientation tour. (B) Hotel: Gran Corona Sal

Continue to Toledo and Madrid See the walled city of Ávila, the ‘Town of Stones and Saints’, so named for its vast collection of Romanesque and Gothic churches. We arrive in the lofty city of Toledo and join a Local Specialist for an Optional Experience to the historic palace of the Governor’s Mansion. (B)

Adios Madrid! Today is an opportunity to Discover Spain’s capital city with your fellow travellers as we Explore Madrid! This evening, we’ll enjoy a special Welcome Evening at the UNESCO-listed Gran Colón, a grand hotel overlooking the Paseo de la Castellana. (B, L, D)

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1. **Hola Madrid** Kick-start your epic encounter with Spain and Portugal in Europe’s highest capital city, Madrid. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past some of Madrid’s most iconic sites. (MR) Hotel: Barceló Imagine

2. **Admire the Sights of Toledo and Madrid** We journey south for an excursion to the hilltop city of Toledo, where you’ll join a Local Specialist for a walking tour. Visit the Church of San Tomé, home to El Greco’s most famous painting, ‘The Burial of the Count of Orgaz’, and visit the former synagogue of Santa María la Blanca. This afternoon, join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the Spanish capital, which includes visits to the Royal Palace and the Palacio de las Cortes. (B)

3. **Journey to Segovia and Zamora** Venture to Segovia and see the Roman Aqueduct. View the Alcázar and see the city’s medieval and Moorish architecture. Travel to the city of Zamora where you’ll view the cathedral and the Church of Our Lady Magdalene. Then, Discover Culture and enjoy the hearty flavours of the city’s refreshingly sweet sangrías. (B, D, O) Hotel: NH Palacio del Duero

4. A Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela Travel to Santiago de Compostela, where you’ll join a Local Specialist, who will share insights into the ‘Way of Saint James’. Visit the vast Cathedral and the Praza do Obradoiro. (B, D) Hotel: Eurostars Gran

5. **Journey to Scenic Porto** Embark on a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist today in Porto. See the remarkable bridges that span the river, the medieval Ribeira Quarter and the city port. Visit the Stock Exchange Palace with its splendid Arabian Hall inspired by Granada’s Alhambra, before you take into Culture and the centuries-old tradition of local Port production at a tasting in a Port cellar. Later, check in to your impressive hotel. (B, D, O) Hotel: Neya Porto

6. **Onwards to Fátima and Lisbon** Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, site of a celebrated religious miracle. Later, we arrive in colourful Lisbon. (B) Hotel: VIP Grand

7. **Discover Lisbon’s Treasures** We’ll see the Monuments to the Discoveries, the suspension bridge spanning the Tagus Tags, and Belém Tower where you’ll join a Local Specialist on a sightseeing tour of Lisbon. We’ll Discover Culture at the UNESCO-listed São Jorge Monastery. (B, D)

8. **On to Seville** We travel east through Andalucía – the country’s south capital and cross into Spain, before arriving in Seville. Explore the fine art of olive oil production at a Día a Día experience and Connect With Locals over dinner at an olive oil estate. (B, D, O, L) Hotel: H10 Lebronnes

9. **Explore Spectacular Seville** Join a Local Specialist for a walking tour through the city. View the symbolic Giralda Bell Tower, see the Maria Luisa Park and walk through the impressive Plaza de España. Later, we’ll stroll through the historic Jewish Quarter before visiting the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. (B)

10. **Off to Granada** Local Specialist Granada takes centre stage today as we visit the magnificent Alhambra in the company of a Local Specialist. (B) Hotel: Abades Nevada Palace

11. **Onwards to Valencia** This morning, we journey via the Watts Pass to Guadalest where you’ll enjoy the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings lodged in the ochre-coloured cliffs of the surrounding area. We travel to Valencia to view the bullring and admire the architecture of its medieval cathedral and the Serrano and Quart Towers. (B) Hotel: Silken Puerta

12. **See the Sights of Barcelona** Head north along the coast through the Levante region and stop at Petrikos, the ‘City in the Sea’. We continue along the Costa Dorada to Barcelona, with its metamorphic Gaudí architecture. Join a Local Specialist and see the unfinished La Sagrada Familia before then exploring the Plaça de Catalunya. (B) Hotel: Tryp Alpina

13. **Barcelona Your Way** Embrace the charm of Barcelona, ramble through El Born or consider joining an Optional Experience to the mountain-top monastery of Montserrat. This evening, we’ll join our fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner. (B, O)

14. **Journey Home** For now it’s adiós to Spain at the end of an incredible holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

Please Note: Your coach returns to Madrid from Barcelona on Day 14. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer. Drop-off at Madrid will be at the Trafalgar Madrid hotel and not at the airport. Arrival will be at approximately 4pm, depending on airport. 

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Welcome to Madrid. Settle into the passionate embrace of fiery Madrid, your launch pad to an epic journey through Spain, France and Italy. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past some of Madrid’s most iconic sites. (WR) Hotel: AC by Marriott Cuzco

Discover Flirty Madrid. We join a Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour of the Spanish capital, during which we’ll see the Royal Palace and the Cibeles Fountain. Enjoy an afternoon on your own, exploring the world’s best collections of Spanish art at the Prado Museum. Or consider joining an Optional Experience to the Sepulchre of Christopher Columbus. (B) Hotel: Central Hong Kong

Day 2 Madrid to Zaragoza • Enjoy breakfast before departing on your flight to Zaragoza. This afternoon, we explore Zaragoza, whose centuries of heritage have been shaped by the Romans, Moors and Christians. We journey through Spain’s second city and the sun-kissed shores of Barcelona. We venture via the foothills of the Pyrenees into France. Stop in Perpignan before joining a Local Specialist for an optional visit to the birthplace of the Renaissance. (B) Hotel: Novotel Centre

Rome, the Eternal City • Journey to Rome. We’ll visit the Colosseum, Pantheon and Roman Forum, and admire the wonder of the famous Arch of Constantine. At the end of the day, we’ll set off for the imperial city of Rome. Your evening is at leisure. (B) Hotel: Grand Mediterraneo

Day 3 Rome • Today, we’ll venture into Ancient Rome with a Local Specialist and explore the remnants of Roman rule, enjoying views of the Colosseum and Circus Maximus. On your final afternoon, enjoy some free time to indulge in local vino. This evening marks the end of a magnificent journey through southern Europe. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for an unforgettable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

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1. Welcome to Casablanca: Dine into the intrigue and romance of Casablanca, immortalized by Hollywood, before meeting your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception. (BM) Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre

2. Journey to Rabat, Meknès and on to Fez: We continue along the coast to the capital, Rabat, then embark on an orientation tour of the city including views of the grand 17th-century Palace and Mausoleum of Mohammed VI. Traveling to the imperial city of Meknès, we’ll see the grand gate of Bab el-Mansour adorned by green and white arches. We arrive in Fez later today and spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B) Hotel: Marriott Jean Paul Fez

3. Discover Vibrant Fez: Join a local Specialist today to explore the Medina, one of the largest and most well-preserved medieval centres in the world. See the Royal Palace and Divine Culture during a visit to the round dye-pits and tanneries, revealing Morocco’s ancient leathercraft. Spend the rest of the day shopping or relaxing in a Eastern-influenced courtyard away from the Medina crowds. Join your companions this evening for a special opportunity to Connect With Locals over dinner for a My Guest experience, featuring Moroccan specialties served with wine in a traditional riad. (B, D, DNH, D, T, Q)

4. Onwards to Erfoud: We follow the old caravan trail south, stopping for a lunch in Melilt. Continuing along the palm-fringed Ziz Valley and past the Tafilalet oases, we arrive in the oasis town of Erfoud, regarded as the ‘Gateway to the Sahara’. (B, L, D) Hotel: Kasbah Zizou

5. Off to Tinghir Oases and the Stunning Dades Valley: Journeying west, we arrive in Tinghir, one of the most beautiful towns in southern Morocco. We continue through part of the Tadra Gorge and cut through the mountains for one of the most dramatic views in the country. Enjoy a memorable lunch, then follow the Road of a Thousand Kasbahs to the flourishing Dades Valley. Here we will overnight at one of Trafalgar’s Jockeys With Stories, Kalaa Dades, surrounded by panoramic views of the Atlas Mountains. (B, L, D) Hotel: Kasbah Dades

6. Venture through the High Atlas Mountains to Marrakesh: Discover the culturally rich and spiritual heart of Morocco, with a Local Specialist for such famous movies as ‘Lawrence of Arabia’, ‘Cleopatra’, and ‘Gladiator’. Spend some time exploring the sights 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 browsing and shopping. (B) Hotel: Le Méridien N’Fis

7. Explore Marrakesh: Visit the ornate Bahia Palace during a 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 and snake-charmers. (B)

8. Continue to Coastal Essaouira: We travel to the laid-back shores of Essaouira this morning. Stopping en route, we see Divine Culture 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 the UNESCO-listed Medina, the walled Jewish Quarter and Sidi Kaouki fortress. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure. (B, (Q) Hotel: Cold Ocean Mogador

9. Return to 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, D, Hotel: Grand Mogador City Centre

10. Farewell Morocco: Say goodbye to your newfound friends at the end of your Moroccan holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

Your Must-See Highlights
- Explore Fez and Marrakesh with a Local Specialist
- Discover Rabat, Meknès, Erfoud, Quarzazate, Essaouira and Casablanca
- Visit a traditional tannery and dye-pit in Fez, Melilt, Tafilalet Oases, Bahia Palace and a Moroccan pharmacy in Marrakesh
- View the Royal Palaces in Rabat, the Ziz Valley near Tinghir, the Todra Gorge, Aït Ben Haddou and the Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca

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Day 1

Welcome to Amsterdam. What better place to start your trip through Holland than Amsterdam? Spend your day strolling through its pretty streets and tree-lined canals, stopping for a coffee and speculaas along the way. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening on a scenic canal cruise, including a light meal and welcome drinks, admiring the centuries-old façades. (B) Hotel: Bolderberg Garden

Day 2

Explore Amsterdam’s Art and Architecture Dive into the Golden Age and its spectacular art, architecture and history, traversing the city’s inner labyrinth of canals and narrow streets, along which hundreds of sturdy Dutch bicycles rattle day and night. Enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum, featuring the works of great Dutch masters, including Rembrandt’s ‘The Night Watch’. (B)

Day 3

Journey to Aalsmeer/Khukenhof, The Hague and Rotterdam We rise with the birds this morning, taking a trip to Aalsmeer to visit the vibrant flower auction and see the uniquely hued blooms for which Holland is so famous. Alternatively, during the flowering season (end of March until mid-May), we’ll journey on included visit to the tulip fields of Khukenhof—the mesmerising sight of several million flowering bulbs planted across 32 hectares will leave you in absolute awe. This afternoon, we travel through The Hague to the historic town of Delft and Dive into Culture at the Royal Delft Pottery workshop where we’ll gain insights into the manufacturing of this delicate hand-painted blue and white porcelain. We continue to edgy Rotterdam, which was rebuilt from the ground up after being destroyed during World War II. Your orientation tour will reveal an innovative city with architectural treasures worth capturing on camera and a vibrant multicultural scene around every turn. (B, BD, BMG Hotel: Bolderberg Parkhotel

Days 4

Explore Delft, Royal Delft Pottery and Keukenhof Your Must-See Highlights • Explore the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Zwolle and Groningen (on bicycle tour) with a Local Specialist • Discover Amsterdam and Rotterdam • Visit Keukenhof or Khukenhof (when open), Royal Delft Pottery, the Airborne Museum in Arnhem; Hooge Veulvauw Park, Keuken-Bolle Museum in Zutphen and a cheese and clog factory in Volendam • View the John Frost Bridge in Arnhem • Tickets for Keukenhof Tulip Bulb fields are included during the flowering season (end of March until mid-May)

Day 5

Off to Stunning Zwolle and Groningen We head north to the beautiful Hanseatic city of Zwolle, where we’ll visit our Local Specialist for a walking tour through its medieval centre before making our way to Groningen. With its rich history and peculiar fireplaces, the city will be a highlight for culture and history buffs. (B) Hotel: Apollo

Day 6

Venture to Valkenburg and Return to Amsterdam Dive into Culture and saddle up to explore the university city of Groningen during a guided bicycle tour of its medieval centre. Wamble along the city’s ring of canals like a local, before enjoying a starring drive through the mesmerising Frisian Lake District or route to Valkenburg, a former fishing port on the edge of Lake Veendam. Dive into Culture and learn about the craft of wooden clog making and Dutch cheese, followed by a celebratory 51⁄2-Hour Guest Farewell Dinner with the Pauw family as you Connect With Locals over a traditional Dutch meal. (B, BD, BMG Hotel: Mercure City

Day 7

Farewell Amsterdam For now we say a fond fair to Amsterdam and our newfound friends, closing the door on a memorable Dutch experience. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/travellers.

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The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Sun. This Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg travel trio packs a punch with good food and epic sightseeing. The enchanting beauty of Bruges is a highlight, but there’s more to experience, from seeing how Belgian lace is made, to dinner in an 18th-century Flanders farmstead.

1 Welcome to Amsterdam. Launch your holiday in Amsterdam. Later, you’ll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception cruise, including a light meal and welcome drinks. (WR) Hotel: Apollo

2 Explore Amazing Amsterdam. Explore Amsterdam’s historic centre this morning and enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing tour of the Rijksmuseum with a Local Specialist. Celebrate spring and enjoy an included visit to Keukenhof (subject to weather) where you’ll stroll through an enchanting wonderland of tulips, daffodils and hysnths. (B)

3 Discover Delft and Rotterdam. Seakip the green and Dutch atmosphere this morning, before heading to Delft to The Hague. We Dine into Culture during a visit to the Royal Delft pottery workshop and admire the delicate blue and white porcelain that has made this historic town famous. We continue our journey south, ambling in the old port city of Rotterdam, where we will enjoy an informative orientation tour. (B, D)

4 Owards to Haarlecht, Bastogne and Luxembourg City. The fortified city of Maastricht takes centre stage this morning. We pay tribute to Allied Forces hero, General George S. Patton, whose final resting place is in the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial. Later, we embark on a leisurely walking tour of Luxembourg City, with its grand architecture and shops before continuing to Bastogne, the site of bloody skirmishes in the World War II Battle of the Bulge. Visit the 12th-century Cistercian Orval Abbey, renowned for being one of the few breweries that produce Trappist beer before journeying to the Duchy of Luxembourg, where tonight we’ll dine in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Kirchsberg

5 See the Sights of Luxembourg City. This morning, we pay tribute to Allied Forces hero, General George S. Patton, whose final resting place is in the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial. Later, we embark on a leisureably walking tour of Luxembourg City, with its classic architecture and shops before continuing to Bruges, the site of bloody skirmishes in the World War II Battle of the Bulge. Visit the 12th-century Cistercian Orval Abbey, renowned for being one of the few breweries that produce Trappist beer before journeying to the Duchy of Luxembourg, where tonight we’ll dine in our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Kirchsberg

6 Journey to Bruges. En route to the enchanting medieval city of Bruges, we stop in Ontario whose famous son, Adolphe Sax, is credited with having invented the saxophone. (B) Hotel: De’ Medici

7 Discover Bruges. Wake up in beautiful Bruges and join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the town. Take to the water and enjoy a whispering sightseeing cruise along the city’s wonderful canals lined with Gothic façades. Dine into Culture next and admire the delicate art of Belgian lace. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

8 Continue to Ghent and Brussels. Drive into centuries of trade heritage in the port city of Ghent. See the medieval city’s three famous towers – Saint Nicholas Church, the Belfry and Saint Baafs’s Cathedral – before continuing to Brussels. See the Atomium, designed for the 1958 Brussels World’s Fair, Manneken Pis and the exquisite Grand Place with its ornate guildhalls. Step into our elegant Stay With Stories accommodation, the Sofitel Brussels Europe surrounded by leafy parks, cafés and museums, in the heart of the tranquil European District. (B, D) Hotel: Sofitel Europe

9 Brussels Your Way. Embrace a full free day to explore the Belgian capital as you wish. Your Travel Director will assist you to make the most out of your free day. This evening we celebrate a memorable sojourn through three fascinating countries through three fascinating countries with a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

10 Farewell Brussels. We bid Belgium a fond farewell this morning, as we prepare to close the curtain on a memorable holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/free交通运输。 (B)

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Welcome to Frankfurt! On your first day in Germany, see the sights of Frankfurt on your own before meeting your Travel Director for an orientation of the medieval Hammerhof and financial district. Later, enjoy a Welcome Reception, including a light meal and welcome drink. (WR) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

Cruise along the Rhine and journey to Cologne and Düsseldorf. Board your leisurely White Cruise, stopping for lunch at a 12th-century castle where we cruise with Local Specialist on the Rhine. Continue on to Cologne and lunch with views over the Rhine Valley. Visit Cologne and view the Gothic spires of its cathedrals during an orientation, then continue to Düsseldorf. (BMG, LG) Hotel: Leonardo Royal Königsallee

Onwards to the Port City of Hamburg: journey through the lush landscapes of Lower Saxony to the international trade centre of Hamburg for an orientation tour. Spend the rest of the day at leisure exploring the city’s seafaring heritage. Tonight, we will dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Crown Plaza City Alster

Journey to Berlin. Crewe the former ‘iron Curtain’ to Berlin where your Local Specialist will reveal the city’s iconic landmarks, including the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden Boulevard. Enjoy some time at leisure this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Sheraton Grand Esplanade

Discover the Grit and Glamour of Berlin: Aboard the iconic Berlin TV Tower for 360° views of the city and Spree River! You’ll learn how this landmark changed from being a symbol of the communist regime of East Germany to a symbol of a reunited Berlin before enjoying some time this afternoon to explore Berlin your way. You could choose to join an Optional Experience to delve into the secrets of Berlin’s past, including a visit to the site of Checkpoint Charlie. (B) Hotel: Mitte Collection

Off to Dresden: Visit Dresden, the ‘Florence on the Elbe’ and learn about the restoration of the city’s beautiful Baroque palaces following its devastation during World War II. See the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and the fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. This afternoon, you could choose an Optional Experience to visit the Dresden Royal Treasury, one of the richest treasure chambers in Europe, followed by a visit to the Kreuzkirche. (B) Hotel: Pullman Nova

Venture to Historic Nuremberg: Gain insights into a divided Germany at Münchner’s open-air museum and see a section of the original wall with its security features. This afternoon, arrive in Nuremberg, once the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. During your orientation, see the mighty castle ramparts and stand in the Hauptmarkt main square, then spend the rest of your evening at leisure, perhaps indulging in grilled nürnberger and sauerkraut. (B) Hotel: Mitt Collection

Continue to Medieval Rothenburg and Munich: Stride through the medieval centre of Rothenburg, wondrously frozen in time and encircled by a fortified town wall that remains intact after centuries. Admire its beautiful market square and the Old Town Hall before following part of the Romantic Road through villages and the countryside to Munich. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Westpark

Explore Munich: Immerse yourself in the diversity and splendour of Munich. Enjoy an orientation tour of the city’s landmarks and see the Wittelsbach Royal Family Residence and Nymphenburg, home to the Town Hall Glockenspiel. Later you’ll have some time to explore Munich your way, including perhaps a visit to one of the local beer halls for which the capital of Bavaria is famous. (B)

Admire Neuschwanstein Castle and the Black Forest: Drop your fingers and be transported to a land of fables and folklore. Visit King Ludwig’s fairy-tale Neuschwanstein Castle, then continue to the Black Forest, whose mystical landscape inspired fantasy and fiction from the famous Brothers Grimm. This evening, we dine at our hotel. (B, L) Hotel: Hofgut Sternen

Explore Neuschwanstein Castle: With a wave of a magic wand, you’ll be transported into King Ludwig’s 19th-century masterpiece, the castle that inspired Walt Disney’s magical kingdom. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

On to Heidelberg and Frankfurt: Witness the centuries-old craft of cuckoo clock making as you tour the Black Forest. Then view the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, as well as the Baroque-style Old Town. Tonight, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our newfound friends. (B, FD) (L) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

Farewell Germany: After breakfast, we say a fond farewell after a memorable holiday. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/transferfind.

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• Explore Berlin with a Local Specialist
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• Connect With Locals: Welcome Reception
• Meals: 1 Breakfast, 5 Lunches, 9 Dinners
• Gratuities Included

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1. Welcome to Frankfurt. Embrace centuries-old heritage and modern style in the vibrant city of Frankfurt. Meet your Travel Director for an orientation of the medieval Main Tower and dynamic financial district. Later, join your fellow travellers for a memorable Welcome Reception. (BM) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

2. Cruise in the Rhine and on to Cologne. The legend of Lorelei kick-starts our morning as we board a leisurely cruise along the mighty Rhine past castles and vineyard-clad hills. We stop to Connect With Locals at our My Guest experience and lunch with views over the Rhine Valley. Continuing to the cultural capital of the Rhine, we view the spectacular Gothic spires of Cologne Cathedral. Spend the rest of the evening exploring the city’s great artistic treasures and historic town squares. (8, BMG, D) Hotel: Hzurec Saverinoshof

3. Journey By High-Speed Train to Berlin. This morning, we board a high-speed train to historic Berlin and join a Local Specialist to see the imposing Brandenburg Gate, Tiergarten, Unter den Linden Boulevard and the Reichstag Building, with its famous glass dome. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (8) Hotel: Hampton by Hilton City Centre Alexanderplatz

4. Uncover Berlin’s Secrets. Venture up one of the iconic pillars of united Berlin and Germany. Ascend the Berlin TV Tower for spectacular 360° views of the city. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to explore the city on your own. Perhaps see the remnants of the Berlin Wall, visit the infamous Checkpoint Charlie or enjoy an Optional Experience to the District of Potsdam, the former Prussian royal seat. (8) Hotel: HMST Bernstorff

5. Admire Neuschwanstein Castle and on to Innsbruck. Indulge in a world of fantasy and fairy tales during your visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, built as a retreat for King Ludwig II to retire from public life. Wind your way through the countryside, climbing higher into the Bavarian Alps bound for Innsbruck, where you’ll spend the next two nights. This evening, dinner is served at your hotel. (8, D) Hotel: Innsbruck

6. Discover Munich. This morning, we embark on a short orientation tour that includes views of the Old Town, Hofburg Palace and the ornate Golden Roof, built to commemorate the wedding of Emperor Maximilian. Next, admire the fascinating crystal installations at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Stone. You could consider joining a traditional dinner and Tyrolean folksong show this evening. (8) Hotel: Austria Trend Europa

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8. Visit Innsbruck. Admire art and architecture in beautiful Innsbruck, where you will see the Prince Bishops’ residence and Innsbruck Fortress, before arriving in Munich, where we’ll dine tonight at our hotel. Your Stays With Stories accommodation this evening is the traditional Bavarian inn, located within the 15th-century fortified town walls. (8, D) Hotel: Prinzhotel

9. Off to Historic Munich. This morning, we embark on an orientation walk through the medieval centre of Rothenburg, seemingly frozen in time and awarded by a fortified town wall that remains intact for centuries. Continuing south through picturesque landscapes of Bavaria, we arrive in Munich. We check into our Stays With Stories accommodation, the Arabella Sheraton Munich which once saw Lud Zepplin, Iggy Pop and Freddie Mercury belt out their tunes in the then hotel basement recording studio. (8, C) Hotel: Sheraton Arabellapark

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11. Through the Wachau Valley to Vienna. Scenic landscapes provide a beautiful backdrop for our drive past Lake Hintersee to the UNESCO-listed Wachau Valley. This afternoon, we arrive in the imperial capital of Vienna. We’ll transfer to your Stays With Stories accommodation, the Hilton Danube Waterfront, a renovated grain silo built in 2010. We have the evening at leisure to enjoy the sounds of the ‘City of Music’, or consider on evening of Viennese classical music. (8, D) Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront

12. Visit Vienna. We bid farewell to our companions at check-out. You’ll have the morning at leisure to explore the city on your own. Perhaps see the remnants of the Berlin Wall, visit the infamous Checkpoint Charlie or enjoy an Optional Experience to the District of Potsdam, the former Prussian royal seat. (8) Hotel: HMST Bernstorff

Welcome to Zurich. Your epic journey to the heart of Europe starts in Zurich. Explore its historic centre and its iconic lakeside setting, before meeting your Trafalgar Director and fellow travellers for an orientation talk and Welcome Reception. (MC) Hotel: Mövenpick Regensdorf

Journey to Liechtenstein and Salzburg Embark on a soul-stirring encounter with the valleys and lofty peaks of Liechtenstein, bound for its tiny capital, Vaduz. Continue along the scenic Albuey route through the Tyrol to your overnight stop in the Baroque city of Salzburg. Here, you will join a Local Specialist\* for a walking tour that will take you past kiosks, sights, including the house where Mozart once lived and Domplatz with its imposing Salzburger Dom Cathedral, Bruckner Cathedral and St. Peter’s Abbey. (B) Hotel: Austria Trend Europa

Onwards to Vienna Waltz through the scenic Austrian countryside, past Lake Mondsee and the rolling hills and fortresses of the Wachau Valley. See Melk Abbey overlooking the beautiful Danube, then continue to Vienna. Perhaps spend your first evening in the City of Music on an Optional Experience Vienna dinner with traditional entertainment. (B) Hotel: NH Danube City

Discover Artistic Vienna Admire the grand boulevards and beautiful Gothic and Baroque facades of the Austrian capital on a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist\*

Off to the Riverside Villach His journey south to Graz, with its striking architecture and fascinating Roman history. Continue to Lasseter Star Farm at Piber where you’ll Meet the Culture and gain insights into the breeding of these athletic white stallions. Then head to Graz, our home for the next two nights. Tonight, we Connect with Locals and join Sister Monika and the nuns of Kloster Wernberg at a monastery housed in a beautiful old castle. Enjoy their hospitality and a traditional Carinthian dinner at the Kloster Wernberg. (B, DHC, Q) Hotel: Palais26

Ascend to Alpine Innsbruck Admire spectacular Alpine scenery. Journey over the remarkableFelbertauern Road on your way to the capital of the Tyrol, Innsbruck. Here you will have an opportunity to admire Emperor Maximilian I’s Golden Roof, St. Jacob’s Cathedral and see the Olympic ski jump. You could choose to admire the fascinating crystal installations and browse for precious gifts and souvenirs at the Swarovski Crystal World Store. (B, Q) Hotel: Grazer Bar

Venture to St. Moritz This morning, we cross the Swiss border and travel through the enchanting landscapes of the Engadine Valley. Arriving in the chic winter sports resort of St. Moritz, we have the afternoon on our own to explore the scenic landscape or perhaps take a mountain pass train ride. (B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria

Journey to Lake Maggiore and on to Zermatt Drive via the Maloja Pass, past Lake Como, to Lake Maggiore. Explore the lakeside town of Stresa, before seeing the Borromean Islands. Then, head towards the Simplon Pass en route to Zermatt, where you will dine at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Alpen Resort

Zermatt Your Way Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt’s crisp mountain air. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn. (B)

On to Lake Geneva and Montreux We continue our journey through the Rhine Valley, among the tranquil shores of Lake Geneva later today, where we will see Chillon Castle. We follow the lakeshore to Montreux, set against the pristine backdrops of snow-covered peaks and vineyards. (B) Hotel: Eurotel

Cross the Brìgg Pass to Lucerne Travel via Bern to interlaken, in the shadow of the Jungfrau. Cross the Brìgg Pass to Lucerne, to view the ancient wooden Chapel Bridge and visit the poignant Lion Monument. (B) Hotel: Grand Europa

Luzerne Your Way Wander through Lucerne’s medieval streets, spending the day exploring the city on your own or consider an Optional Experience ascending a nearby mountain for panoramic views. This evening, toast to your epic journey during your Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

Journey Home We say a fond farewell to Switzerland and our newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey. Find out more about our free airport transfer at traslag.com/freeairporttransfers. (B)

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Contrasts of Switzerland

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Your holiday

Day

1. Welcome to Zurich
   - Zurch is our springboard to a spectacular journey through Switzerland. Explore the mix of ancient heritage and modern venue during your orientation tour before joining your Travel Director and fellow travelers this evening for a Welcome Reception to launch your Swiss experience. (NR)
   - Hotel: Hôtel Bâle–EuroAirport

2. Onwards by Train to St. Moritz
   - Our bow affair with the snow-capped peaks of Switzerland begins on a scenic train journey as we cross the stylish resort of St. Moritz, set against the Beautiful backdrop of Lake St. Moritz. Admire the inspiring natural setting and perhaps travel in one of Switzerland’s most spectacular rail routes across the Bernina pass this afternoon, before enjoying St. Moritz at your leisure tonight. (B) Hotel: Reine Victoria

3. Catch the Glacier Express to Zermatt
   - Embrace the glamour and romance of a bygone era. Watch the epic alpine landscapes drift past as you chug along one of the world’s most unforgettable rail journeys from the comfort of the Glacier Express. Cross hundreds of bridges and the Oberalp Pass at 2,033 metres above sea level. Enjoy an included lunch on board as you journey past lakes and glaciers bound for the resort town of Zermatt, at the footbds of the imposing Matterhorn. (B, L) Hotel: Alpen Resort

4. Discover Scenic Zermatt
   - Join your Travel Director for an orientation walk around this car-free resort before spending the rest of the day on your own, indulging in the tranquil mountain atmosphere. Consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn, ascending over snow-capped mountains to Europe’s highest cable car station. (B)

5. A Train Journey to Lakeside Geneva
   - We board a train to Vevey and Connect With Locals in Chêne-Bougeries on the shores of Lake Geneva. We’ll enjoy lunch at this memorable Be My Guest experience then continue to sophisticated Geneva where your orientation will include views of the Old Town, Jet d’Eau and the Flower Clock. Paying tribute to the city’s centuries-old watchmaking traditions, later, explore the sights of this lakeside city on your own. Stroll through the ancient maze of medieval streets and narrow lanes, or consider a cruise—enjoying views of the lakeside villages. (B, D, L) Hotel: Warwick

6. Journey on the Golden and Branzig Pass to Interlaken and Lucerne
   - “Picture-perfect landscapes are our constant companions as we journey from Geneva along the Golden Pass route. We stop at Interlaken in the heart of the Swiss Alps, located at the foot of a trio of famous peaks—the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Spend some time at leisure and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. We follow the Branzig Pass to the lakeside town of Lucerne in central Switzerland, where we will stay for the next two nights. The evening is free to spend as you wish, but you could choose to show off your vocal talents and learn how to yodel during an optional fun-packed Swiss folk song with fondue dinner. (B) Hotel: Astoria

7. Explore Medieval Lucerne
   - Mountain top peaks surround you as you wander through the medieval streets of Lucerne on an orientation walk. Visit the postcard Lion Monument, built in memory of the Swiss Guard who bravely defended Louis XVI during the French Revolution. View the covered wooden Chapel Bridge spanning the Reuss with its decorated wooden panels, which chronicle the history of Lucerne. Later, consider an Optional Experience to a nearby mountain peak, or explore the Old Town and shop for delicious Swiss chocolate. Tonight, we join our Travel Director and fellow travel companions for a Farewell Dinner with wine in a local restaurant. (B, FD)

8. Journey Home
   - We say a fond farewell to Switzerland and newfound friends at the end of a remarkable Swiss holiday. Your Travel Director will give you tickets for the short train journey from Lucerne to Zurich Airport, which can be used at your convenience for the onward journey. (B)

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Travel Director Tip

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Welcome to Zurich Welcome to the sophisticated Swiss city of Zurich – a heady blend of fascinating heritage and modern spirit. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and orientation in this beautiful lakeside setting. (MR) Hotel: Hövingsg Römerhof

Journey to Lake Geneva We leave the bright lights of Zurich behind and stop in Bern with its Old Town, admiring its medieval streets, ornate fountains and Elevated walkways. Journeying to Lake Geneva, we arrive in the resort town of Montreux, set against the pristine backdrop of snow-covered peaks and vineyards. After lunch, consider joining an Optional Experience to cruise Lake Geneva, including a visit to the Château des Ducs de Savoie, a former estate, Manor De Bon. (B) Hotel: Eurotel

Onwards to Chillon Castle and Zermatt This morning, we visit Chillon Castle, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. For nearly four centuries, this water fortress was the residence of the Counts of Savoy and an important stop for traders. Our next stop is Bourg-en-Lavaux, a charming wine village on Italy's Lake Maggiore. Spend the rest of the day enjoying wine tasting with views of Lake Geneva.

Zermatt Your Way Spend the day soaking up the crisp mountain air and panoramic alpine views. You have a full day on your own to explore the town, or simply relax in beautiful surrounds. Consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views or explore the heritage of what was once a remote mountain village. (B)

Venture to the Italian Lake Maggiore Departing Switzerland, we travel to the lakeside town of Baveno on Italy's Lake Maggiore. Spend the rest of the day including the tea back lakeside atmosphere or consider joining an Optional Experience to Isola Bella, one of the lake's Borromean islands, with its palaces and exquisite gardens. (B) Hotel: Simplon/Grand Dino

Off to Alpine St. Moritz We travel through the scenic Italian countryside, crossing the Swiss border into the scenic Upper Engadine Valley. We stop in the fortified town of Tirano, where we will board the famous Bernina Express train and send our way through scenic landscapes on route to the stylish resort town of St. Moritz. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers. (B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria

Journey to Lakeside Lucerne Journeying through lush green landscapes, past Lake Zurich, we arrive in lakeside Lucerne. Pay Tribute to the brave Swiss Guards, who lost their lives defending King Louis XVI at the Lion Monument, and cross the iconic wooden Chapel Bridge before strolling past the city’s colourful façades. Consider joining a cruise on the tranquil lake waters and then ride the world’s first double-deck "Cabrio" cable car to the top of Mount Stanserhorn. (B) Hotel: Grand Europa

Admire Scenic Brienz and Interlaken We travel to Interlaken at the heart of Switzerland, which lies in the shadow of the Jungfrau Mountain. Stepping in the village of Brienz en route, we’ll Dive Into Culture and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of wood carving for which this village is so famous. Spend some time on your own and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. This evening, we enjoy a farewell Dinner with our fellow travellers and Travel Director touting the highlights of Switzerland we’ve enjoyed along the way. (B, RD, D)

Homeward Bound As our journey through the Best of Switzerland comes to an end, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

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Your holiday

Welcome to Prague

The gleaming spires of Prague shine brightly on this At Leisure square 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 Receptions to kick off your holiday. *(NE)* Hotel Vienna House Andel’s

**Day 1**

**Discover Historic Prague**

Delve into centuries of history, joining your *Local Specialist* for a guided walk past the city’s iconic sights. Visit the final resting place of Bohemian kings, St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the precincts of Prague Castle. Then, admire the Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, with its hour’s walk of the Apostles. See the 17th-century Charles Bridge, lined with the Baroque statues of saints, before spending the afternoon admiring the spectacular cityscape on your own. *(B)*

**Day 2**

**Vienna Your Way**

Today is yours to explore the legends, castles and palaces of Prague. Follow the ‘Royal Route’ and discover historic treasures, admire picturesque views of the city from Petrin Hill, or join an *Optional Experience* to Kutná Hora, with its bone-bedecked chapel and five-nave St. Barbara Church. Spend your evening at leisure, enjoying some of the local beer for which the country is famous. *(B)"

**Day 3**

**Journey to Slovak Bratislava**

and on to Vienna

Travel south from Prague through lush Moravian landscapes to Bratislava, passing the 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. *(NE) Hotel Imperial Riding School*

**Day 4**

**Explore Vibrant Vienna**

The heritage of one of Europe’s most influential royal families is explored this morning as we tour the Schönbrunn Palace and gardens. Afterwards, we visit the Hofburg Palace, the official residence of the President of Austria and former home of the Hofburg Dynasty. We then make our way to the Parliament Building, the magnificent Opera House and St. Stephen’s Cathedral with its geometrically tiled roof. Spend the afternoon on your own, indulging in the city’s bohemian culture with a slice of our world famous Sachertorte. *(B,AP)"

**Day 5**

**Vienna Your Way**

Today is yours to explore the “City of Music” on your terms. Tread in the footsteps of the great sons of Vienna – Mozart, Haydn and Strauss, as you delve into the city’s rich musical heritage nurtured by aristocrats throughout the centuries. Consider a visit to the beautiful Baroque Schönbrunn Palace to see the former imperial summer residence. *(B)*

**Day 6**

**Onwards to Budapest**

Journey along the Danube Bend, a narrow twisting valley in the pretty Carpathian Basins, stopping in Esztergom for a visit to 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. *(NE) Hotel Hilton Vienna*

**Day 7**

**See the Lights of Budapest**

Join a *Superior Hotel* for a walking tour through the winding lanes of Budai Castle District. Visit the Fisherman’s Bastion, view the Matthias Church and drive over to see the Great Synagogue, the largest in Europe. We pay tribute to the seven chathedral of the Magyars in Heroes’ Square before enjoying time at leisure to indulge in coffee and kaffee in the Jewish Quarter or shop for Hungarian embroidery and fine porcelain. Tonight’s Be My Guest experience will see us "Connect With Locals over dinner with the Schesgal family and hear the story of their winery. *(B, D, HH)"

**Day 8**

**Budapest Your Way**

Venture up Gellert Hill for spectacular views of the Budapest skyline, relax in the thermal baths, or join our optional excursion to Halaszbastya, the “Royal Route” and discover historic treasures, admire the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque façades, before spending the afternoon admiring the spectacular cityscape on your own. *(B)*

**Day 9**

**Farewell Budapest**

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Past Guest Rated

4.5⭐️

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**Your Must-See Highlights**

- VIP Admission to the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna
- Explore Prague, Vienna and Budapest with a Local Specialist
- Visit St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square in Prague, the old Hungarian capital of Esztergom, the UNESCO-listed Castle District and Fisherman’s Bastion in Budapest
- View the Castle and Old Town of Bratislava, the Hofburg Palace and Imperial Beehive of Vienna and the Parliament Building in Budapest
- See Hofburg Palace and the Opera house in Vienna

**Your holiday planner**

**Travel Style**

At Leisure

**Day Planner**

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**VIP entry to Kunsthistorisches Museum.**

Spend quality time exploring the Royal Collection of Habsburg Empire featuring the works of great masters in this palatial art museum in Vienna. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

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† The time in each city (three nights) was just perfect. I had never been to this area of Europe and I loved it. "

* Our Guest: S. Sondeling on Prague, Vienna and Budapest

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Your holiday

1 Welcome to Munich. The sophisticated city streets of Munich kick off your adventure through the capitals of Imperial Europe. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director this evening for an orientation tour, including views of Marienplatz and its iconic Glockenspiel, before a Welcome Reception to launch your journey. (B) Hotel: Sheraton Westpark/Holiday Inn Westpark

2 Journey to Medieval Regensburg and Prague?This morning we’ll Regensburg, a romantic medieval gem. Cross the Czech border and head to Prague, your home for the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Vienna Marriott/Anderl’s Hotel by Vienna House

3 Discover Colourful Prague. Delve into centuries of history as you join a Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour of Prague. View the impressive architecture of St. Vitus Cathedral on the grounds of the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle. Cross the river on your walking tour to the Old Town Square to see the Astronomical Clock, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. The afternoon is yours to explore the city on your own. (B)

4 Head to Bratislava and Budapest. Cross the lush landscapes of Moravia and stop in Bratislava with a Local Specialist. Experience visit to Szentendre, a picturesque medieval town located on the banks of the Danube. Later, you’ll tour Bratislava’s Fisherman’s Bastion and enjoy superb views across the Danube, and the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district. Visit the Astronomical Clock, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. The afternoon is yours to explore the city on your own. (B)

5 Explore Riverside Budapest. Admire all the highlights of Budapest on a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the famous Chain Bridge which connects two ancient settlements that刘备 the Danube, 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 or join an Optional Experience visit to Szentendre, a picturesque medieval town located on the banks of the Danube. Later, you’ll join the Schanzl family for a hearty Hungarian dinner at their home with locals and hear the story of their winery. (B, BRG, Q)

6 Venture to Vienna. A leisurely start to your morning could see you joining an Optional Experience guided tour of the magnificent Parliament Building and a visit to the world famous Gourmet Restaurant for pancakes. Cross the hilly landscapes of Transylvania stopping in Győr to soak up its medieval atmosphere. Arrive in Vienna for an evening at leisure to indulge in the captivating melodies, art and architecture of a city that was once home to famous composers. (B) Hotel: Holiday Inn South

7 See the Sights of Vienna. Join A Local Specialist and explore the imperial splendour of Vienna at Hofburg Palace, the former winter residence of the Habsburg Dynasty. Admire the grand State Opera House and Hofburg, then see the ornate colourful roof of St. Stephen’s Cathedral, one of the city’s most beloved icons. Perhaps consider a visit to the Baroque Schönbrunn Palace with its tranquil gardens or enjoy Vienna’s musical talents at one of the performances for which the city is famous. (B)

8 Off to Picturesque Salzburg?See the Benedictine Melk Abbey perched on a rocky outcrop above the Danube. Arrive in Salzburg later and embark on a leisurely walking tour with a Local Specialist. Drive in to your hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure City Salzburg

9 Return to Munich. Where your journey began. Celebrate a memorable holiday with new friends at an unforgettable Farewell Dinner. (B, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Westpark/Holiday Inn Westpark

Farwell Munich. Say a fond farewell to Munich and this tour. This was an unforgettable trip with new friends and amazing experiences! 

* I felt the itinerary was excellent, it gave me the choice to do just as little or as much as you wanted. We chose to do all the options and they fit into the schedule perfectly. *

Our Guest: E. Stoeckbauer on Imperial Europe

Hungarian dinner at a family winery. A heart-warming experience with the whole Schanzl family, featuring traditional Hungarian fare and the family’s captivating history. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

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• Explore Prague, Budapest, Vienna and Salzburg with a Local Specialist
• Discover 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 Boulvard of Vienna and Melk Abbey

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Welcome to Warsaw
Connect with Warsaw’s steadfast spirit – a city rebuilt from the ashes of World War II. This evening, meet your fellow travellers and Travel Director at your hotel. (NR) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hub

Discover Historic Warsaw
This morning, embark on an in-depth guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Gain a deeper understanding of how the city was rebuilt after the devastation of the Second World War. In your free time, you may consider an Optional Experience to Warsaw’s Vistula River. (B, D)

Onwards to Coastal Gdańsk
Journey to Gdańsk, the amber capital of the world and one of the oldest cities in Poland. Enjoy a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, then Delve into Culture during a visit to the European Solidarity Centre, which reveals the history of Solidarity, the Polish trade union and civil resistance movement. Tonight, dinner is served at your hotel. (B, D, O) Hotel: Radisson Hotel & Suites Gdańsk

Gdansk Your Way
Enjoy a full day to explore Gdańsk on your terms. Consider joining an Optional Experience to visit Malbork Castle, founded by the Teutonic Order of Knights in 1274. (B, O)

Journey to Toruń and Cultural Wroclaw
Stop in the medieval town of Toruń this morning, a UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site. You’ll join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will reveal the city’s Leaning Tower, the house of famed astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus and Toruń Castle, among other key attractions. Continue to Wrocław, a former European Capital of Culture. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Q Plus

Explore Wrocław This morning, join your Local Specialist on a guided tour of the city. Discover its complex history and see some of its most important sites, including Wroclaw Cathedral, the Main Market Square, Old Town Hall and Salt Square, a former medieval marketplace and today, a flower market. Dive into Culture and visit the Baroque ceremonial hall of the Old University. This afternoon, consider joining an Optional Experience to Ksiaz Castle and UNESCO-listed Silesian Church of Peace. (B, D, O)

Off to the Tatra Mountains and Zakopane
Your journey today takes you towards the foot of the Tatra Mountains, the highest mountain range of the Carpathians, which stretch across Central Europe. Spend some free time exploring the local town or consider taking an Optional Experience. Break bread with a local Polish family at the foot of the Tatra Mountains in Zakopane. You’ll Connect With Locals and gain insights into their way of life in the Polish Highlands, while enjoying a home-cooked dinner featuring local specialties at this memorable Zieba Experience. Tonight, you’ll have the evening at your leisure or consider taking an Optional Experience. Pull up a chair with the Ziebas, a family of forest rangers really did get The Best of Poland!

*The itinerary was perfect. We really did get The Best of Poland!*

Your Guest Rating
4.75/5

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Dinner in the Polish Highlands. Pull up a chair with the Ziebas, a family of forest rangers and enjoy roast goat’s meat and salty sheep’s cheese.

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Travel Style
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Explorer

Your holiday planner

Start & End
(start at)

September 2022

October 2022

Drop Off
(begin at)

Return Transfer

This evening, perhaps sample some lively Polish entertainment with dinner. (B) Hotel: Qubus

Continue to Kraków
Travel to Kraków where you will enjoy views of the Royal Castle and Cathedral on Wawel Hill during your tour with a Local Specialist. Your walking tour through the Old Town includes a visit to the Cloth Hall and St. Mary’s Church. This evening, perhaps sample some lively Polish entertainment with dinner. (B) Hotel: Qubus

Kraków Your Way
Consider joining an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, renowned as the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland. The rest of the day is yours to explore the sights on your own. (B)

Venture to Auschwitz and Return to Warsaw
We visit the concentration camp at Auschwitz, a poignant reminder of the horrors perpetrated during the Holocaust. Travelling to Jasna Góra Monastery, we see the iconic Black Madonna of Czestochowa. This evening, we arrive in Warsaw, where evening dinner is served at your hotel. (B, FD)

End Warsaw
Say farewell to your travel companions and Travel Director. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/tetourinfo.

Your Must-See Highlights

• Explore Warsaw, Gdańsk, Toruń, Wrocław and Kraków with a Local Specialist
• Discover Zakopane
• Visit the Old Town in Warsaw, the European Solidarity Centre, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Wieliczka Salt Mine, Wroclaw, Częstochowa, Kraków, the former capital city
• View the Cathedral, Salt Square and the Old Town Hall in Wrocław, Wawel Royal Castle and the Cathedral in Kraków

Our guest S. Mazza on World War. In your free time, you may consider an Optional Experience to Wilanów Palace. You’ll connect with Warsaw’s steadfast spirit – a city rebuilt from the ashes of World War II. This evening, meet your fellow travellers and Travel Director at your hotel. (NR) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hub

Discover Historic Warsaw
This morning, embark on an in-depth guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Gain a deeper understanding of how the city was rebuilt after the devastation of the Second World War. In your free time, you may consider an Optional Experience to Warsaw’s Vistula River. (B, D)

Onwards to Coastal Gdańsk
Journey to Gdańsk, the amber capital of the world and one of the oldest cities in Poland. Enjoy a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist, then Delve into Culture during a visit to the European Solidarity Centre, which reveals the history of Solidarity, the Polish trade union and civil resistance movement. Tonight, dinner is served at your hotel. (B, D, O) Hotel: Radisson Hotel & Suites Gdańsk

Gdansk Your Way
Enjoy a full day to explore Gdańsk on your terms. Consider joining an Optional Experience to visit Malbork Castle, founded by the Teutonic Order of Knights in 1274. (B, O)

Journey to Toruń and Cultural Wroclaw
Stop in the medieval town of Toruń this morning, a UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site. You’ll join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will reveal the city’s Leaning Tower, the house of famed astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus and Toruń Castle, among other key attractions. Continue to Wrocław, a former European Capital of Culture. Tonight, enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Q Plus

Explore Wrocław
This morning, join your Local Specialist on a guided tour of the city. Discover its complex history and see some of its most important sites, including Wroclaw Cathedral, the Main Market Square, Old Town Hall and Salt Square, a former medieval marketplace and today, a flower market. Dive into Culture and visit the Baroque ceremonial hall of the Old University. This afternoon, consider joining an Optional Experience to Ksiaz Castle and UNESCO-listed Silesian Church of Peace. (B, D, O)

Off to the Tatra Mountains and Zakopane
Your journey today takes you towards the foot of the Tatra Mountains, the highest mountain range of the Carpathians, which stretch across Central Europe. Spend some free time exploring the local town or consider taking an Optional Experience. Break bread with a local Polish family at the foot of the Tatra Mountains in Zakopane. You’ll Connect With Locals and gain insights into their way of life in the Polish Highlands, while enjoying a home-cooked dinner featuring local specialties at this memorable Zieba Experience. Tonight, you’ll have the evening at your leisure or consider taking an Optional Experience. Pull up a chair with the Ziebas, a family of forest rangers really did get The Best of Poland!

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This evening, perhaps sample some lively Polish entertainment with dinner. (B) Hotel: Qubus

Continue to Kraków
Travel to Kraków where you will enjoy views of the Royal Castle and Cathedral on Wawel Hill during your tour with a Local Specialist. Your walking tour through the Old Town includes a visit to the Cloth Hall and St. Mary’s Church. This evening, perhaps sample some lively Polish entertainment with dinner. (B) Hotel: Qubus

Kraków Your Way
Consider joining an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, renowned as the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland. The rest of the day is yours to explore the sights on your own. (B)

Venture to Auschwitz and Return to Warsaw
We visit the concentration camp at Auschwitz, a poignant reminder of the horrors perpetrated during the Holocaust. Travelling to Jasna Góra Monastery, we see the iconic Black Madonna of Czestochowa. This evening, we arrive in Warsaw, where evening dinner is served at your hotel. (B, FD)

End Warsaw
Say farewell to your travel companions and Travel Director. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/tetourinfo.

Your Must-See Highlights

• Explore Warsaw, Gdańsk, Toruń, Wrocław and Kraków with a Local Specialist
• Discover Zakopane
• Visit the Old Town in Warsaw, the European Solidarity Centre, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Wieliczka Salt Mine, Wroclaw, Częstochowa, Kraków, the former capital city
• View the Cathedral, Salt Square and the Old Town Hall in Wrocław, Wawel Royal Castle and the Cathedral in Kraków

Our guest S. Mazza on
Day

1. Welcome to Berlin Start your central European adventure in Berlin. Spend time meandering through this remarkable city before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. (MR) Hotel: Hilton

2. Journey to Poznan and on to Warsaw We travel through patchwork farm landscapes stopping in Poznan, before arriving in the modern Polish capital, Warsaw. You’ll have an opportunity to stop with Stories accommodation, the Leonardo Royal hotel, situated just 200m from the Warsaw Uprising Museum and near the remains of the ghetto walls if you’d like to dive deeper into the area’s tragic history. (B, D, Q) Hotel: Leonardo Royal

3. Explore Historic Warsaw Join a Local Specialist this morning to explore Warsaw’s colourful historic centre, including the Old Town, which the Nazis destroyed in retaliation for the brave Warsaw Uprising. We’ll also see the Ważowa Ghetto, tragically immortalised in the poignant Roman Polanski film, “The Pianist”. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city’s sights on your own. Consider a visit to the Black Madonna in Czestochowa. (B) Visit the Jasna Góra Monastery. Continue to Regional Dinner at a local restaurant.

4. Discover Historic Kraków Join a Local Specialist this morning to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine, renowned as the Underground Mining Museum or the “Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland”. (B, D) Visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine. Continue to hotel in Kraków.

5. View the famous Krzyżowa and Tarnian castles in Berlin, Kraków Cathedral and Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków and the UNESCO-listed Castle District in Budapest.

6. See the Best of Prague See the beautiful streets of Prague, joining a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the medieval Old Town. Visit the Hradcany, Church, St. Vitus Cathedral, the famous Chain Bridge and the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district with a visit to the Fisherman’s Bastion. See Heroes’ Square to pay tribute to the Hungarian chevaliers who founded the Hungarian nation. Spend the rest of the day exploring on your own or consider a trip to Szentendre, a lively riverside town renowned for its art life. This evening, see Connect With Locals and join the Schunzel family for dinner and hear the story of their experience at a famous local hostelry for traditional Regional Dinner.

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8. Admire Vibrant Vienna Vienna is at the heart of the Habsburg Empire, which once stretched over a third of the world. Vienna is home to the World Heritage Vienna State Opera House, the famous Reichstag and Tiergarten. Spend the rest of the day discovering the city. (B) Admire Vibrant Vienna Vienna is at the heart of the Habsburg Empire, which once stretched over a third of the world. Vienna is home to the World Heritage Vienna State Opera House, the famous Reichstag and Tiergarten. Spend the rest of the day discovering the city.

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11. Journey to Frankfurt Your journey went across the German border today before arriving in Frankfurt. Spend the last evening with your travel companions and Travel Director at a Welcome Reception. (FD) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

12. Visit the Black Madonna in Czestochowa. Stand in the site that pilgrims have flocked to for over 600 years, where you’ll learn all about this sombre painting’s many miracles. Discover more at trafalgar.com

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**Day 1**
Welcome to Vienna Admire Vienna’s Hofburg Palace, Imperial Boudoirs and the beloved St. Stephen's Cathedral in the company of your Local Specialist. We'll transfer to your Steps With Stoves accommodation, the Hilton Danube Waterfront, a renowned gem since built in 2016. Today, we join our Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception.

**Next (W), Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront**

**Day 2**
Journey to Lake Bled Journey through the Leith Pass to Slovenia, arriving late at Lake Bled. This evening, we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Park

**Day 3**
Lake Bled Your Way Spend the day on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience to the extensive maze of underground caves at Postojna. (B)

**Day 4**
Continue to LJUBLJANA AND ZAGREB We arrive in the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana, where we will join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour to see the Opera House, Cathedral, National Museum, Three Bridges Square and Castle. We cross into Croatia and travel to its capital, Zagreb. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Canopy by Hilton

**Day 5**
Discover Historic Zagreb Explore a tale of two hilltop settlements and Zagreb’s aluring streets, to this day lit by gas lamps in the Upper Town. Join a Local Specialist who will share the landmarks of the city’s Lower and Upper Town, including the Gothic Cathedral, the Archbishop’s Palace, the Opera House and St. Mark’s Church. (B)

**Day 6**
Explore the cultural heart of Croatia. Get a local perspective of this ancient European capital as you stroll along cafè-lined streets to Zagreb’s iconic St. Mark’s Church, featuring the coat of arms on its colourful roof. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

**Day 7**
Onwards to Lake Balaton Crossing the border into Hungary, we enjoy a photo stop on the shores of Lake Balaton. We continue to Budapest our home for the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Ensana Thermal Hargitzsgut

**Day 8**
Onwards to Lake Bled and Budapest Crossing the border into Hungary, we enjoy a photo stop on the shores of Lake Balaton. We continue to Budapest our home for the next two nights. (B) Hotel: Esztergom Thermal Hargitzsgut

**Day 9**
Explore Architectural Budapest Today, we join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the Castle district, where you will admire the Semper Opera, St. Gellért Church and the beautiful streets of Kraków this morning with the assistance of our Local Specialist, meeting at the Cathedral of St. Mary’s Church and view of the Cloth Hall. Spend the afternoon exploring the city or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine. This evening, we dine at our hotel. (B, D)

**Day 10**
On to Auschwitz, Częstochowa and Warsaw Our journey this morning takes us to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, a poignant reminder of the horrors perpetrated during the Holocaust. Travelling to Jews Gora Monastery, we see the Culture and reb soldiers with Catholic pilgrims, who have journeyed to the famous shrine for veneration to see the iconic Black Madonna of Częstochowa. This evening, we arrive in the elegant Polish capital of Warsaw where we dine tonight at our hotel, the Leonardo Royal. This Steps With Stoves accommodation is situated just 500 metres from the Warsaw Uprising Museum and near the remains of the ghetto wall. If you’d like to join deeper into the area’s tragic history, (B, D, D) Hotel: Leonardo Royal

**Day 11**
See the sights of Warsaw This morning, we join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of the Old Town and the site of the Warsaw Ghetto. Spend the rest of the day seeing the sights. (B)

**Day 12**
Journey to Berlin Berlin Journey across Poland’s patchwork countryside along the Autobahn Motorway (History of Freedom), Cross the German border and arrive in Berlin, a capital city with an enviable youthful vibe and charisma. Here you’ll enjoy an evening at leisure to explore the city your way. (B) Hotel: AC Humboldt Park

**Day 13**
Uncover Berlin’s Secrets Ascend an icon of reunification this morning as you indulge in spectacular panoramic views of the city from the Berlin TV Tower. Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour through the city’s great landmarks, including the Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden Boulevard and the Reichstag Building. (B)

**Day 14**
Onwards to Dresden and Prague Travel through the Sprawling Forest to Dresden where your orientation tour will reveal insights into the city’s restoration. Amble through its streets to see the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. We arrive later in gorgeous Prague. Spend your evening savouring hearty Czech flavours during a Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD) Hotel: Vienna House Diplomat

**Day 15**
Discover Colourful Prague Stroll through the ancient streets of Prague with your Local Specialist who will share insights into the city’s centuries-old history, Maroz at Prague Castle, the 14th-century Charles Bridge and Old Town Square. See the Cathedral of St. Vitus, then enjoy the rest of the day free to explore or relax. (B)

**Day 16**
Through Southern Bohemia to Vienna Journey through the lush green and golden landscapes of southern Bohemia, stopping in Tabor, once a house stronghold. Later, we travel to the imperial city of Vienna, where we’ll enjoy a final Farewell Dinner together. (B, FD) Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront

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1. **Welcome to Zagreb** Embark on an off-the-beaten track discovery of Croatia. The capital city of Zagreb is your springboard to an enchanting journey through what was once a troubled region and a today a land of diverse cultures and traditions. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive. (MR) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

2. **Journey to Lakeside Bled** Spend the morning exploring Zagreb with a Local Specialist before travelling through romantic landscapes to the lakeside resort town of Bled, where we’ll stay the next few nights. (MR) Hotel: Park

3. **Discover Enchanting Bled** Spend today exploring this magnificent setting on your terms, or consider joining an Optional Experience to discover more of Slovenia’s majestic scenery. This evening, our specially curated guest experience, savour local Slovenian favours as you Connect with Locals on a traditional dinner with a local family. (B, D, MG, G)

4. **Onwards to Ljubljana and Opatija** We leave the beauty of Bled behind for one of Europe’s smallest capitals. Embark on an orientation tour of Ljubljana this morning, adhering to Old Town, bridges and castle. We continue to the seaside resort of Opatija. (MR) Hotel: Park

5. **Enjoy a Day in Pula and Rovinj** Seaside splendour is on the agenda today and you’ll start your day in the coastal city of Pula on Croatia’s Istrian Peninsula. A visit to the 1st century arena will unveil a city’s historical roots as a strategic location for the Romans, Dalmatians, Venetians and Allied Forces in World War II. Later, we head for the fishing port of Rovinj, where we wander through the Old Town and admire its Mediterranean influences. Return to Opatija for some free time. See the statue of a nymph, her hand outstretched to cradle a seagull as a symbol of this region, and admire the bell-euphoric architecture. (B)

6. **Off to stunning Plitvice** The extraordinary natural beauty of Plitvice lakes will astound you as we embark on a guided walking tour. Admire the cascade of spectacular waterfalls and crystal-clear waters reflecting green, grey and blue against the lush landscapes. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Park

7. **Admire Historic Trogir and on to Split** Today, we visit the walled island of Trogir with a Local Specialist. The stone town is connected to the mainland and the island of Croatia by bridges and walkway, delighting visitors of the art, and Renaissance, Baroque and Romanesque architecture. We continue our journey to Split, where we’ll enjoy a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour, which includes entry into Diocletian’s Palace, built for the emperor’s retirement. Spend the evening on your own, or join an Optional Experience to enjoy traditional Dalmatian favours. (MR) Hotel: Adriatic

8. **Split Your Way** Decide on centuries of heritage in this free day in Split. Consider a half-day Optional Experience to one of the Dalmatian islands. Ascend the bell tower for magnificent views of the spreading terracotta roofs and white marble façades that edge onto the Adriatic. Or savour the city’s delicious gastronomy at cafes tucked away in hidden lanes. (B)

9. **Continue to Dubrovnik** The impressive walls of Dubrovnik beckon, but not before we stop to admire the extraordinary walled city of Ston, with its dramatic views and laid-back fishing village atmosphere. Dive into Culture and visit Europe’s oldest salt pans where you’ll hear how salt has been harvested here since ancient times. We continue to Dubrovnik this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Lero

10. **Explore iconic Dubrovnik** Tread in the footsteps of Lord Byron and George Bernard Shaw, who were intoxicated by the allure of Dubrovnik. With your Local Specialist, you’ll embark on a Small Group Sightseeing tour past the Rector’s Palace, Onofrio’s Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, before stopping time on your own. As our journey comes to an end, join your travel companions for a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

11. **Farewell Dubrovnik** Our time together comes to an end this morning after breakfast. Find out more about our free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/brochures.

**Explore soul-stirring nature in Plitvice** Admire all the shades of blue on this stunning encounter with the cascading waterfalls and lakes of Croatia’s Plitvice National Park.

**Your Must-See Highlights**

- **Explore Zagreb, Pula, Rovinj, Trogir, Split and Dubrovnik with a Local Specialist**
- **Discover Ljubljana, Bled, Opatija and Ston**
- **Visit the Church of Assumption on Bled Island, the arena in Pula, Franjo Tudjman’s Palace in Split and the salt pans in Ston**
- **Visit the Park of St. Jakob in Opatija and the lakes and waterfalls of National Park**
- **See Zagreb’s Battersea Square, the Triple Bridge and castle of Ljubljana and the old City of Dubrovnik**
- **Scenic Cruise to Bled Island**

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Welcome to Dubrovnik imposing stone walls encircle the Old Town of Croatia’s most recognisable city. On arrival in Dubrovnik, you’ll meet at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore ‘paradise on earth’ in the words of George Bernard Shaw. Your local host will meet you and provide suggestions on how to explore the city’s lime-stone streets and elegant courtyards lined with remnants of Dubrovnik’s Golden Age. Hotel: More

Embark and Cruise to Korčula. Arriving early to your day could see you get your first feel of Dubrovnik. Then, transfer to the MV Aquamarin where you’ll meet your onboard team. Set sail for Korčula, most famously the birthplace of Marco Polo and reminiscent of Dubrovnik with its medieval squares, churches and palaces. You’ll discover why the locals call it ‘The Black Island’ and see its soaring walls that shielded its capital for centuries as it came under the rule of the Greeks, the Romans, the Venetians and even the British. After you through the Old Town’s narrow streets, you’ll have time to walk to the local atmosphere in one of the many konobas, restaurants or cocktail bars. (B, L, D)

Onwards to Pucisca. Meloncz. Follow in the footsteps of ancient Illyrian, Greek and Roman sailors as you cruise to Meloncz. It’s here, on the banks of the Neretva, that you’ll find one of the last remaining wetland deltas in Europe. A large river into the Narona groves provides the perfect opportunity to view the local flora, fauna and birdlife. Next, visit the Narona Archaeological Museum, where you will see the remains of the Augusteum Roman temple, at the heart of what was once a major Roman stronghold. Tonight, you’ll be hosted by the Captain for dinner. (B, L, D)

Continue to Historic Split. Your cruise continues towards the capital of Dalmatia and the home to the UNESCO Listed Diocletian’s Palace. Explore Split’s bustling historical town centre on foot with your Local Specialist® who will share all the iconic and unexpected highlights with you as you wind your way towards Split Market at the heart of Croatia’s second largest city. Watch the animated vendors ply their fruits, fish and vegetables to locals visiting the market for their daily grocery run. You’ll be tempted to stay in Split forever, but the comfort of your ship beckons and you’ll return to it later this afternoon. (B, L, D)

Admire the Krka Waterfalls and on to Šibenik. Arrive in Skradin and transfer to Gibli winery where you’ll get to sample some of the indigenous varietals produced in Split Market at the heart of Croatia’s second largest city. You’ll discover why the locals came under the rule of the Greeks, the Romans, the Habsburgs and it will be for you too. Often compared to the French Riviera, the area has a colourful history which is brought to life by your Local Specialist®. Immerse yourself in the town’s café culture and stroll through the streets of St. Justine. Sample Rab cake and enjoy a presentation of how this local delight is made. Rub shoulders with local artists who add a splash of colour to the streets of the town before returning to your cruise ship. (B, L)

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Off to Stunning Zadar. Cruise to Zadar, Croatia’s oldest university town. From the 1st-century Roman forum to the 9th-century Church of St. Justine, Zadar is bursting with life. Sample local cake and enjoy a presentation of how this local delight is made. Rub shoulders with local artists who add a splash of colour to the streets of the town before returning to your cruise ship. (B, L, D)

A Day Exploring Rab Island. Today, you’ll explore the ‘Island of love’. A guided tour of Rab will reveal its highlights, including its ancient walls, church, bell towers and the monastery at the 16th-century Church of St. Justine. Sample Rab cake and enjoy a presentation of how this local delight is made. Rub shoulders with local artists who add a splash of colour to the streets of the town before returning to your cruise ship. (B, L)

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• Visit Dubrovnik, Meloncz, the Narona Archaeological Museum, Split Market, Skradin, Gibli winery, Krka Waterfalls National Park, Skradinski Buk, Šibenik, Zadar and Volosko
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Day

Welcome to Zagreb Embark on an epic discovery of the Balkans, a once-troubled region and today a land of diverse cultures and traditions. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. (NR) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

Explore Historic Zagreb The paved squares and steep alleys of Zagreb are sure to explore this morning as we join a Local Specialist to drive into the city’s rich medieval and religious history. See the majestic cathedral on Kapetan and St. Mark’s Church, with its vividly coloured tiled roof. Admire the Opera House, then take a stroll around the 17th-century Ban Jelacic Square. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own – enjoy panoramic city views from Stradun st, pay tribute to Zaprežin’s patron saint at the Stone Gate or wander through the Old Town, trolleying your Sarajevo umbrella as you ramble through its labyrinthine lanes. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Kurmuz, birthplace of the iconic leader Tito and enjoy a delicious meal of regional specialties with magnificent views of the Croatian countryside. (B)

Journey to Sarajevo On your journey to Sarajevo, whose rich religious and multicultural heritage has earned it the nickname, the ‘Jerusalem of Europe.’ Its centuries-old religious history is reflected in its beautiful synagogues, mosques, and Orthodox and Catholic churches. Delving into the depths below Sarajevo, we join a Local Specialist for an insider tour of the Bosnian war tunnel which allowed food, war supplies and humanitarian aid to come into the city, and people to get out. Hear war tales of bravery and tragedy. This evening, join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel: (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Bristol

Uncover Sarajevo’s Secrets Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of the city’s Old Town, past the largest mosque in the Balkans, the Eternal Flame and the Sarajevo Roses that are dotted across the city as a stark reminder of the turmoil Sarajevo endured decades ago. During your free time this afternoon perhaps ramble along Copper Street as you ramble through its labyrinthine lanes. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Osojnik for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. (B, D) Hotel: Antin

Along the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik On your journey to the secluded coves and dramatic cliffs of the Dalmatian coast that for centuries have attracted famous artists, actors and artists. En route to Dubrovnik, the ‘Pearl of the Adriatic,’ we stop at the magnificent Mostar Bridge. A Local Specialist will provide tales of this impressive bridge over the Neretva River and the bridge keepers who watched over it in medieval times – giving Mostar its name. The 16th-century bridge was destroyed during the war and has been rebuilt using age-old traditions. Enjoy some free time to explore the town, before continuing to the ancient city of Dubrovnik. This evening, consider joining a private sunset cruise with dinner, enjoying the best views of this enchanting city from the water. (B) Hotel: Antin

Discover Pictorially Dubrovnik Stroll through the limestone streets of this stunning medieval city, joining a Small Group Sightseeing walking tour of the main sights of Dubrovnik with a Local Specialist. Admire the Rector’s Palace, Onofrio’s Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Consider taking a walk along the top of the city walls. This evening, we travel to Oyster Park for a Be My Guest experience and

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Your Must-See Highlights

- Explore Zagreb, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Split, Trogir, and Plitvice with a Local Specialist
- Visit the War Tunnel in Sarajevo, Kotor in Montenegro and Diocletian’s Palace in Split
- View the Cathedral in Zagreb, the Rector’s Palace and city walls in Dubrovnik and the lakes and waterfalls of Plitvice National Park
- Join a Local Specialist for a Small Group Sightseeing walking tour of the main sights of Dubrovnik with a Local Specialist. Admire the Rector’s Palace, Onofrio’s Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Consider taking a walk along the top of the city walls.
- Explore Historic Zagreb The paved squares and steep alleys of Zagreb are sure to explore this morning as we join a Local Specialist to drive into the city’s rich medieval and religious history. See the majestic cathedral on Kapetan and St. Mark’s Church, with its vividly coloured tiled roof. Admire the Opera House, then take a stroll around the 17th-century Ban Jelacic Square. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own – enjoy panoramic city views from Stradun st, pay tribute to Zaprežin’s patron saint at the Stone Gate or wander through the Old Town, trolleying your Sarajevo umbrella as you ramble through its labyrinthine lanes. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Kurmuz, birthplace of the iconic leader Tito and enjoy a delicious meal of regional specialties with magnificent views of the Croatian countryside. (B)
- Journey to Sarajevo On your journey to Sarajevo, whose rich religious and multicultural heritage has earned it the nickname, the ‘Jerusalem of Europe.’ Its centuries-old religious history is reflected in its beautiful synagogues, mosques, and Orthodox and Catholic churches. Delving into the depths below Sarajevo, we join a Local Specialist for an insider tour of the Bosnian war tunnel which allowed food, war supplies and humanitarian aid to come into the city, and people to get out. Hear war tales of bravery and tragedy. This evening, join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel: (B, D) Hotel: Novotel Bristol
- Uncover Sarajevo’s Secrets Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of the city’s Old Town, past the largest mosque in the Balkans, the Eternal Flame and the Sarajevo Roses that are dotted across the city as a stark reminder of the turmoil Sarajevo endured decades ago. During your free time this afternoon perhaps ramble along Copper Street as you ramble through its labyrinthine lanes. Perhaps join an Optional Experience to Osojnik for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. (B, D) Hotel: Antin
- Along the Dalmatian Coast to Dubrovnik On your journey to the secluded coves and dramatic cliffs of the Dalmatian coast that for centuries have attracted famous artists, actors and artists. En route to Dubrovnik, the ‘Pearl of the Adriatic,’ we stop at the magnificent Mostar Bridge. A Local Specialist will provide tales of this impressive bridge over the Neretva River and the bridge keepers who watched over it in medieval times – giving Mostar its name. The 16th-century bridge was destroyed during the war and has been rebuilt using age-old traditions. Enjoy some free time to explore the town, before continuing to the ancient city of Dubrovnik. This evening, consider joining a private sunset cruise with dinner, enjoying the best views of this enchanting city from the water. (B) Hotel: Antin
- Discover Pictorially Dubrovnik Stroll through the limestone streets of this stunning medieval city, joining a Small Group Sightseeing walking tour of the main sights of Dubrovnik with a Local Specialist. Admire the Rector’s Palace, Onofrio’s Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Consider taking a walk along the top of the city walls. This evening, we travel to Oyster Park for a Be My Guest experience and

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**Your Must-See Highlights**

- Explore Zagreb, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Split, Trogir, and Plitvice with a Local Specialist
- Visit the War Tunnel in Sarajevo, Kotor in Montenegro and Diocletian’s Palace in Split
- View the Cathedral in Zagreb, the Rector’s Palace and city walls in Dubrovnik and the lakes and waterfalls of Plitvice National Park

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Visit several countries on this adventure-filled Balkan trip, where you’ll venture deep into the Carpathian Mountains, walk in the mystical footsteps of Count Dracula at Bran Castle in Transylvania and revel in the beauty, history and traditions of the Balkan nations.

Welcome to Bucharest! You’ll be briefed for thinking you were in Paris when you explore the Belle Epoque atmosphere of Romania’s capital, Bucharest. Your first stop will be to explore the city way up. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. (NoI) Hotel: Golden Tulip

Journey to Transylvania and Braşov A full day of sightseeing time ahead, beginning in Bucharest where you’ll Enjoy a Local Specialist to delve into the city’s tumultuous history. See the ornate splendour of the Parliament, one of the last legacies left behind by dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu. Venture to Sinaia and view Peles Castle, the summer retreat of Romania’s first king. Then, continue to Brașov and check in to your hotel at Taura Brasov ski resort. (B, D) Hotel: Ana Sport

Dracula’s Castle and More in Brașov The highlight of the day is this morning’s visit to Bran Castle, the legendary home of Dracula. Dive into Culture with a Local Specialist and learn about its history, then journey to the medieval streets of Brașov, where you’ll take a deep step back in time with a Local Specialist. Your evening is free to indulge in one of the local Transylvanian favourites, or consider joining your travel companions for an optional dinner. (B, D)

Continue to Medieval Veliko Tarnovo Head south, through ancient villages and tranquil landscapes across the Danube River into Bulgaria. Your journey ends in Veliko Tarnovo, the ‘City of the Tsar’ and former capital of the Bulgarian Empire. Relax after your scenic drive and join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Vesta Grand

Owing to Historic Sofia The fairy-tale facades of Veliko Tarnovo inscribe medieval history around every turn and your Local Specialist will reveal its rich history and culture (belittled, a former imperial capital). Your next stop is the UNESCO-listed town of Veliko Tarnovo. Visit the Church of the S newly built, before we continue to Sofia, Sofia’s most iconic church. Then, join a Local Specialist for an in-depth sightseeing tour of Sofia’s modern-day capital including views of the golden-domed St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and St. Sofia Church. Later, check into your unique hotel with Stories accommodation, the Marinela Hotel designed by renowned Japanese architect Kisho Kurokawa. (B, L) Hotel: Marinela

Sofia Your Way You’ll have a full day to explore this modern city built on Roman ruins. You could choose instead to join an Optional Experience to the UNESCO-listed Rila Monastery, founded by the hermit St. Ivan of Rila in the 10th century. (B)

Cross to Historic Sofia The fairy-tale facades of Sofia, Sofia’s most iconic church. Then, join a Local Specialist for an in-depth sightseeing tour of Sofia’s modern-day capital including views of the golden-domed St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and St. Sofia Church. Later, check into your unique hotel with Stories accommodation, the Marinela Hotel designed by renowned Japanese architect Kisho Kurokawa. (B, L) Hotel: Marinela

Off to Albania and Tirana Leaving Macedonia behind, head to the Albanian capital of Tirana where you’ll join a Local Specialist on an arrival for a sightseeing tour. Today, such highlights as the Palace of Culture, the National Library and the Clock Tower before enjoying dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn

Journey to Montenegro’s Kotor and Budva Seek up Montenegro’s natural beauty on your way towards Kotor. You’ll have time for lunch on your own and an orientation tour of this fortified Town. Travel to Budva next where your Travel Director will provide an orientation tour before you have the rest of the day to explore “Montenegro's Miami” on your own. (B) Hotel: Falkensteiner

Venture to Mostar and Sarajevo In Mostar, a Local Specialist will lead you through its colour-stained streets and you’ll visit the Stari Most Ottoman-style bridge reconstructed entirely using traditional methods. Head to Sarajevo next where you’ll delve into the rich religious and multicultural heritage that has earned it the nickname, the ‘Jewel of Europe.’ Tonight, you’ll enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B) Hotel: Novotel Bristol

Discover Sarajevo Join a Local Specialist for a guided walking tour of Sarajevo. Visit the War Tunnel, an underground tunnel of hope that was built in 1993 during the Siege of Sarajevo, allowing war supplies to reach the city. As you emerge from the tunnel, join a Local Specialist for a visit to a Sarajevo mosque. After, you’ll have the rest of the day free to explore Sarajevo at your own pace. (B)

On the Road to Belgrade Travel through lush forests, pastures and the Bosnian Mountains into Serbia – a scenic drive that will be part of your experience. (B)

Explore Riverside Belgrade Your Local Specialist will share the sights and sounds of Belgrade from an insider’s perspective this morning, visiting Kalemegdan Fortress and discover how the Romans, Ottomans and Austro-Hungarians have each had a hand in rebuilding the fortress. This evening, we meet for one final time for a farewell dinner to reminisce over our shared travel experience. (B, D)

Farewell Belgrade All that’s left is to say a fond dooviđenja as you bid your new friends farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer to Trafalgar.com/freetransfer.

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**Day 1**
Welcome to Vienna On arrival in Vienna, transfer to your City Check In accommodation, the Hilton Danube Waterfront, a renovated grain silo built in 1925. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive past some of the city’s dazzling sights. (WR, D) Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront

**Day 2**
Discover Imperial Vienna Immerse yourself in the elegance and style of this imperial capital. Your Local Specialist will share some of Vienna’s most iconic sights as you walk the Hofburg Palace, Parliament, St. Stephen’s Cathedral and the 13th-century Hofburg Palace. (B, D) Hotel: Kempinski Hotel Andels

**Day 3**
Journey to Stunning Lake Bled The journey south via the breath-taking Salzkammergut to Lake Bled, set against the backdrop of forests and mountains. (B, D) Hotel: Kempinski Grand Hotel工业化

**Day 4**
Lake Bled Your Way Spend the day at leisure, admiring Lake Bled’s crystal clear waters or consider joining an Optional Experience to visit the mythical Bled Island. (B, D)

**Day 5**
Onwards to Ljubljana and Plitvice Lakes A short journey brings us to Slovenia, where a Local Specialist will share some of Slovenia’s most iconic sights. Travel across the Croatian border to Plitvice Lakes National Park, where you will join a Local Specialist and admire the crystal-clear waters reflecting green, grey and blue against the lush landscapes. (B, D) Hotel: Jezero

**Day 6**
Off to Split and Hvar Island Today, we travel to Croatia’s sun-kissed Dalmatian coast to the city of Split where we will meet our Local Specialist and Discover Culture on a tour of the UNESCO-listed Diocletian’s Palace. Visit the Cathedral and Bishops’ Palace, once the Temple of Jupiter, before travelling to Hvar for a leisurely guided walking tour of the town. (B, D) Hotel: Amfora

**Day 7**
Explore Beautiful Hvar Island Set your watch to island time and enjoy a guided walking tour of Hvar with a Local Specialist. Explore the town and its main sights of this medieval city. Admire the Rector’s Palace, Onofrio’s Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, before spending time on your own. This evening we enjoy a Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD)

**Day 8**
Dubrovnik Your Way Travel southward along the picture-perfect Dalmatian coast past seaside villages to the ancient city of Dubrovnik – its terracotta rooftops appear to tumble into the waters of the Adriatic. (B) Hotel: Ariston

**Day 9**
Cross the Water to Dubrovnik Journey south along the picturesque Dalmatian coast, past seaside villages to the medieval city of Dubrovnik – its terracotta rooftops appear to tumble into the waters of the Adriatic. (B) Hotel: Ariston

**Day 10**
Uncover the Picturesque City Wander within the solid city walls on a Small Group Sightseeing tour. Your Local Specialist unveils the labyrinth of lanes, steps and main sights of this medieval city. Admire the Rector’s Palace, Onofrio’s Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, before spending time on your own. This evening we enjoy a Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, RD)

**Day 11**
Dubrovnik Your Way Travel to the top of Lord Byron and George Bernard Shaw, who were intoxicated by the allure of Dubrovnik. Climb the medieval ramparts, imagining a time when Dubrovnik fought for its freedom against Ottoman attacks, or consider joining an Optional Experience to Montenegro to see the incredible Bay of Kotor. (B, D) Hotel: The Woods

**Day 12**
On to Colourful Zagreb We leave the splendour of Dubrovnik behind as we head north through the Croatian capital of Zagreb, our home for the next two nights. This evening we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Hotel: The Woods

**Day 13**
Uncover Zagreb’s Treasures Join a Local Specialist for a morning exploration of the Upper and Lower Towns of this traditional medieval city. You’ll see the majestic Cathedral, the Opera House and St. Mark’s Church, with its colourfully tiled roof. The afternoon is yours to stroll through the Old Town, twirling your Šestine umbrella as you ramble along its hidden lanes, or consider an Optional Experience to Mediteraneo to see the incredible Bay of Kotor. This evening, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner celebration with our newfound friends and Travel Director. (B, FD)

**Day 14**
Journey Home Bid your travel companions a fond farewell at the end of a memorable Leisure holiday together. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freeairporttransfers. (B) Please Note: Your coach returns to Vienna from Zagreb on Day 14. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer. Drop-off in Vienna will be at the Trafalgar Vienna hotel and at the airport. Arrival will be approximately 9am, depending on traffic conditions.

**Your holiday**
- Explore Vienna, Ljubljana, Plitvice National Park, Split, Hvar Island, Dubrovnik and Zagreb with a Local Specialist
- Visit Plitvice National Park and Diocletian’s Palace in Split
- View the Cathedral of Hvar Island
- See the Hofburg Palace and Imperial Boulevard of Vienna, the Clock Tower of Graz, the Castle of Ljubljana, the Old City of Dubrovnik and the Cathedral of Zagreb

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1. Welcome to St. Petersburg! Tread in the footsteps of tsars and barons, of artists, poets and revolutionaries, whose great gifts to the romantic city of St. Petersburg you will have opportunity to see over the next few days. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and light dinner. (WF) Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson Neva Heavy

The Hermitage and More in St. Petersburg: Explore the might of imperial Russia on a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. View the magnificent Tsar’s Winter Palace, Nevsky Prospekt, St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the statue of Peter the Great. Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress on an included visit before see Connect With Locals, meeting some of the students of St. Petersburg’s Theatre for concepts and a stage performance. Learn how your visit will Make Travel Matter by supporting the theatrical education of St. Petersburg’s youth. Later, join a Small Group Sightseeing visit with a Local Specialist to the Hermitage Museum. Consider a theatre visit to enjoy a fascinating Russian Folklore performance. (B, GF, WR)

2. A leisurely start to your day could include a visit to the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg. Your holiday planner

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Explore St. Petersburg. Consider a visit to the Winter Palace, Nevsky Prospekt, St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the statue of Peter the Great. Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress on an included visit before see Connect With Locals, meeting some of the students of St. Petersburg’s Theatre for concepts and a stage performance. Learn how your visit will Make Travel Matter by supporting the theatrical education of St. Petersburg’s youth. Later, join a Small Group Sightseeing visit with a Local Specialist to the Hermitage Museum. Consider a theatre visit to enjoy a fascinating Russian Folklore performance. (B, GF, WR)

3. St. Petersburg Your Way: The narrow lanes and grand boulevards of St. Petersburg are ours to explore today. Admire the ornate domes and colourful mosaics of the Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood and the gold-plated dome of St. Isaac’s Cathedral. (B)

4. Journey by High-Speed Train to Moscow: After a hearty breakfast, enjoy some time at leisure before boarding a train to the Russian capital. En route, see the roadside where Yuri Gagarin saw it send the first man to outer space. Straddling the indomitable spirit of the Russian nation which has moved it forward and many obstacles, Moscow is the economic, religious and financial hub – and your home for the next three nights. (B) Hotel: Hilton Leningradskaya

5. Explore Magnificent Moscow: Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring Moscow your way or head to the ancient 24-century town of Sergiev Posad on Russia’s Golden Ring route on an Optional Experience. Home to the beautiful Ivan and gold onion domes of the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius, the town is the centre of Orthodox faith and Russia’s most important pilgrimage site. Visit the Troitse-Sergiyeva Lavra, a working monastery which still operated during the atheist years of Communist rule. Then, return to Moscow for a guided sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist which features the imposing walls of the Kremlin. (B)

Moscow Your Way: A leisurely start to your day could include a visit to 18th-century fine arts museum Tretyakov. Enjoy your free time exploring Red Square – the epic stage of St. Petersburg’s Theatre and the heart of Red Square.

### Your Must-See Highlights

- Explore the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg and Moscow with a Local Specialist
- Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress in St. Petersburg and St. Basil’s Cathedral in Moscow
- View the Tsar’s Winter Palace, Nevsky Prospekt, St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the statue of Peter the Great in St. Petersburg and Red Square and the Walls of the Kremlin in Moscow

### Travel Director Tip

**Be sure to find a Tretyakov when in St. Petersburg.** Other Russian fine art museums can offer more for some delicious Russian pancakes with a multitude of fillings to choose from. Maybe even caviar if you’re feeling fancy!

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### Connect With Locals

- Welcome Reception
- Breakfast
- Regional Dinner
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- St. Isaac’s Cathedral, Moscow

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### Capitols of Scandinavia Add-on

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Wander far off the beaten track on this Georgia and Armenia trip, from wine tasting to the stunning landscapes, cultural treasures and spiritual songs of Geghard Monastery. Get to grips with local life in the foothills of the Caucasus Mountains and learn how to makeastsalehi with family in Garni.

Day 1
Welcome to Tbilisi A warm-hearted of architectural ruins overlook the cobble-streets of Georgia’s capital. On arrival in Tbilisi, you’ll be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Tonight, you’ll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and Georgian-style food.

Day 2
Explore Colourful Tbilisi Your sightseeing tour begins at the 11th-century Metekhi Church, from there you’ll visit the twin UNESCO World Heritage sites – the 6th-century Jvari Monastery and 11th-century Svetitskhoveli Cathedral. Delve into the city’s Christian history which saw it granted the status of a Holy City, then re转入 to your hotel where you’ll enjoy dinner.

Day 3
Off to Sighnaghi and return to Tbilisi Travel to the fortified town of Sighnaghi in the heart of Georgia’s wine region. Visit Jervet Monastery, one of the country’s most-prized pilgrimage sites, then head to Kakheti village in Saparagur where you’ll Connect With Locals and enjoy lunch and a wine tasting. At this exclusive Be My Guest experience, your host will treat you to some of the local wines, followed by a master class in Georgian bread making and churchkhela sweets. Return to your hotel later for an evening at leisure.

Day 4
Discover Historic Yerevan Your sightseeing tour will start in Republic Square and continue to the Cascade Complex, home to the Garegin Nzhdeh Center which houses some of Armenia’s most important works of art. Take the Great Cascade to Victory Park for incredible views of the heart of the city before visiting the moving Armenian Genocide Memorial, dedicated to the memory of over a million Armenians who perished in the first genocide of the 20th century. The rest of the day is free to explore the city your way.

Day 5
A Day Exploring Garni and Geghard Today’s excursion takes us to the UNESCO-listed Garni and Geghard of Geghard Monastery. Hoven partly from the surrounding rock, Geghard is famous for its incredible acoustics and spectacular natural beauty. You’ll Dive Into Culture during a moving performance of Armenian spiritual songs, or abires, performed by a live quintet, before a scenic drive brings you to Garni. Here you’ll meet a local family who will teach you how to make Armenia’s national flatbread (semeniyats), before a scenic drive brings you to Garni. Here you’ll meet a local family who will teach you how to make Armenia’s national flatbread (semeniyats), before a scenic drive brings you to Garni. Here you’ll meet a local family who will teach you how to make Armenia’s national flatbread (semeniyats), before a scenic drive brings you to Garni. Here you’ll meet a local family who will teach you how to make Armenia’s national flatbread (semeniyats), before a scenic drive brings you to Garni. Here you’ll meet a local family who will teach you how to make Armenia’s national flatbread (semeniyats), before a scenic drive brings you to Garni. Here you’ll meet a local family who will teach you how to make Armenia’s national flatbread (semeniyats), before a scenic drive brings you to Garni. Here you’ll meet a local family who will teach you how to make Armenia’s national flatbread (semeniyats), before a scenic drive brings you to Garni. Here you’ll meet a local family who will teach you how to make Armenia’s national flatbread (semeniyats), before a scenic drive brings you to Garni. Here you’ll meet a local family who will teach you how to make Armenia’s national flatbread (semeniyats).

Day 6
Continue to Monastic Hapagyt and Dilijan Brilliance forward to Georgia and cross the border into Armenia. Your first taste of this ancient land is the UNESCO-listed monastic complex of Hapatagyt. Marvel at the incredible works of medieval Armenian architecture. Enjoy lunch in Zvartnots village, then Dive Into Culture by tasting Russian pancakes and homemade tea with cheese and greens. Tonight, you’ll enjoy dinner at your hotel in Garni.

Day 7
Journey to the Tatev Complex, Areni Valley and on to Yerevan A thrilling start to the day sees us take a trip across the Wings of Tatev cableway to the ‘monastery on the edge of nothing’. Watch the epic scenery unfold as the world’s longest aerial tramway delivers you to the 9th-century apostolic monastery. Then, continue to Shrehkhr village where you’ll Make A Difference to the local community which makes a living from crafting traditional wool carpets. Enjoy lunch in a local family’s home nearby before continuing to your final stop for the day, Khor Virap Monastery. Admire the views of Mount Ararat, Armenia’s national symbol, then head to Yerevan, the country’s capital. Be My Guest and enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Day 8
Onwards to Mtskheta and on to Akhaseni Leave behind the hustle and bustle of Yerevan and the UNESCO-listed Virap Monastery, Mount Ararat, the Cascade Haghpat, Lake Sevan, the cross-stones in Noratus and the legend of the Golden Fleece at the ancient Narikala Fortress by cable car next, before continuing on to Akhaseni.

Day 9
Geghard Monastery Complex in Yerevan and the UNESCO-listed Virap Monastery, Mount Ararat, the Cascade Haghpat, Lake Sevan, the cross-stones in Noratus. Head to Yeghegnadzor, where you’ll savour the quintet, before a scenic drive brings you to Garni.

Day 10
Return to Tbilisi Today marks the end of your epic adventure. It’s time to say a fond farewell to new friends and prepare for your journey home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at Trafalgar.com/freeTransfers.

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Welcome to Helsinki! Welcome to Helsinki, the cool capital of Finland, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for an orientation drive to see the city’s iconic sights followed by a Welcome Reception. (MR) Hotel: Holiday Inn City Centre

Venture to St. Petersburg! Follow the beautiful shoreline along the Gulf of Finland, crossing the border into Russia. We journey through the lush forests of Kanala to the imperial city of St. Petersburg – our home for the next three nights. You’ll have the option of admiring the ‘Venice of the North’, taking to its waters and navigating the city’s canals by boat. This evening, we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Holiday Inn Moskovskie Vorota

The Hermitage and Here in St. Petersburg! Join a Local Specialist to explore the city’s iconic sights including the Trey’s Winter Palace, Nevsky Prospekt, St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the Statue of Peter the Great. Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress, then join a Small Group Sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to the spectacular Hermitage Museum, one of the world’s largest and most valuable art collections. Admire the exquisite works of da Vinci, Rembrandt and Vermeer which hang proudly on its magnificent Baroque and Rococo walls. (B, D)P

St. Petersburg Your Way! Spend the day exploring St. Petersburg, admiring the arase-golden domes and colourful mosaics of cathedrals and churches. Consider joining an Optional Experience to a high-energy Russian folklore show. (B)

Journey By High-Speed Train to Moscow Leave St. Petersburg behind, boarding our high-speed train bound for Russia’s imposing capital city. Delve into the tumultuous and captivating history of Moscow, and admire the city that tsars graced. This evening, we dine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Armot Olympic

Moscow Your Way! Immerse yourself in the vivacious culture of Moscow, before taking time to stroll and learn about the city’s triumphs and defeats. Consider an Optional Experience to the Tsar’s Treasury Chamber or St. Sergius Monastery and its handicraft market. (B)

Onwards to Minsk! Pass near the ‘Tombstone battlefields’ of Borodino and stop for lunch in the Smolensk region. We cross the border and journey to Minsk, where tonight we dine on traditional cuisine at our hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

Discover Minsk! This morning, we join our Local Specialist to see the iconic sights of Minsk, including the Hero City Memorial. This evening, Connect With Locals and join Anatolij and his family in their Belarussian farmstead for a traditional dinner. Enjoy roaming accordion players and, of course, a few shots at this exclusive by the Guest experience. (B, DML)

Continue to Vilnius! We journey west to Vilnius. Join a Local Specialist on a leisurely tour past the city’s iconic sights. Explore the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. Then, walk to the Gates of Dawn, the Carmelites Church of St. Theresa and former Jewish Ghetto, passing the Cathedral on the way. (B) Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott City Center

Off to Siauliai and Riga! Enjoy a leisurely morning in Vilnius, departing the city after lunch. Our first stop is the extraordinary Hill of Crosses at Siauliai. We arrive in the ancient city of Riga later, where we spend the next two nights. This evening, after dinner, maybe take to the streets to explore the Latvian capital’s inspiring Gothic spires. (B, D) Hotel: AC by Marriott

Uncover Riga’s Secrets! Stroll through the winding medieval streets of Riga’s UNESCO-listed Old Town – with one of the world’s finest collections of Art Nouveau buildings and a Hanseatic trade history we will have an opportunity to explore during a sightseeing and walking tour with a Local Specialist. Spend the rest of the day exploring the sights on your own. (B)

Journey to Coastal Tallinn! We follow the Gulf of Riga north into Estonia, and travel via Parnawa. Explore the beautifully preserved streets of Tallinn’s Old Hanseatic Quarter with a Local Specialist. See its 13th century St. John’s Cathedral and visit the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. This evening, you’ll check into our Steps with a Speciality accommodation, the Nordic Forum Hotel, offering marvellous views over Tallinn’s UNESCO-listed Old Town, and the first hotel to lead the way in urban beekeeping. (B) Hotel: Nordic Forum

Return to Helsinki! We board a ferry this morning, crossing the Baltic Sea to Helsinki where we’ll meet a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour past Finnland Hall, the Senate and Market Squares, and the café-lined Esplanadi. This evening, we join our fellow travellers for a special Farewell Dinner. (B, F) Hotel: Holiday Inn City Centre

Farewell Helsinki! We say a fond farewell to new friends at the end of a memorable trip. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/traveltransfers. (B)

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Your Must-See Highlights
• Explore St. Petersburg, Moscow, Riga, Vilnius, Tallinn and Helsinki with a Local Specialist
• Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress and Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, the Kremlin in Moscow, the Peter and Paul Church of the Virgin in Siauliai and the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral in Tallinn
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• High-speed train from St. Petersburg to Moscow. This is how the locals travel between these two main centres and you’ll follow their lead aboard a high-speed Swedish (Pendolino Falcon) bullet train. Discover more at trafalgar.com
• Explore Magnificent Moscow! Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the imposing Red Square. See the domes of St. Basil’s Cathedral, before venturing beyond within the red walls of the Kremlin for a memorable visit to the seat of Russian power.
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Welcome to Copenhagen: The Danish capital isn’t lost any of its fairy-tale flair over the centuries, as you’ll come to discover when you spend your first day exploring this colorful city. On arrival, transfer to your Stay with Stories accommodation, the historic Phoenix Hotel in the heart of Copenhagen’s most elegant district. Then spend your free time soaking up the sunshine with the fun-loving locals before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. (WL, D) Hotel: Phoenix

Explore Historic Copenhagen: Connect with the heart of your Danish hosts when you join a Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour that will reveal all the highlights of Copenhagen’s Old Town. See the distinctive dragon tail spire of the 17th-century Børsen (Stock Exchange), Christiansborg Palace and the Little Mermaid, demurely seated on a rock overlooking Langebro Promenade. See the home of Denmark’s beloved royal family, Amalienborg Palace, then spend the rest of the day exploring Copenhagen your way. (B)

Journey to Oslo: Cross the Øresund by ferry and wind your way north, through the Swedish countryside past Gothenburg to Norway. You’ll want to keep your camera at the ready to capture the scenic landscapes that line your route to Oslo, Norway’s down-to-earth capital. (B) Hotel: Scandic Salò

Vikings and More in Oslo: Tread in the footsteps of the Vikings this morning as you join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will reveal Oslo’s long-standing seafaring heritage. See the medieval fortress of Akershus, the elegant Royal Palace and Oslo Opera House. Visit a wonderland of Norwegian sculptures left behind by Gustav Vigeland in his sculpture park, then enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city on your terms. You could choose instead to embark on an Optional Experience to see the three original Viking long ships at the Viking Ship Museum. (B)

Onwards to Stockholm: Journey through Karlstad situated on Lake Vänern, the largest lake in Sweden, and pass Örebro, with its 13th-century castle, before continuing to Stockholm. Indulge in a free evening to explore ‘Beauty on Water’, as the locals refer to their capital. Continue joining an Optional Experience to the cobbled Gamla Stan to admire its medieval history on a walking tour, followed by a traditional Swedish meal in a local restaurant. (B) Hotel: Elite Palace

Discover Beautiful Stockholm: Style and substance are things Stockholm has in abundance, as you’ll discover when you join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour this morning. See Stockholm’s historic mother church, Storkyrkan and the Royal Palace, then Dive Into Culture and visit the City Hall. Later, join your fellow travellers at an evocative eco-friendly Go My Guest experience and Connect With Locals over dinner amidst the former hunting and fishing grounds of Swedish kings. (B, MG, GL, D)

Your Must See Highlights
• Explore Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm and Helsinki with a Local Specialist
• Visit Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo and the City Hall in Stockholm
• View the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen and Finlandia Hall in Helsinki
• See Sammy, Christiansborg Palace and Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen, Akershus, the Royal Palace and the Opera House in Stokholm, Storkyrkan, Björsdalsholm Church® and the Royal Palace in Stockholm, the Silkeborg Museum, the Olympic Stadium and the Opera House in Helsinki
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1. Welcome to Copenhagen Enjoy a leisurely afternoon connecting with the hygge atmosphere of Copenhagen, before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. Check in to your Stack With Stories accommodation, the historic Phoenix Hotel in the heart of Copenhagen's most elegant district. (BRIQ) Hotel: Phoenix

2. Explore Historic Copenhagen Join a Local Specialist today for a sightseeing tour of the iconic sites of Copenhagen. See the beloved Little Mermaid, the Renaissance Stock Exchange, and the Royal palaces of Frederiksborg and Christiansborg. An afternoon of leisure could see you choose an Optional Experience visiting the Danish Royal Palace. (BRIQ)

3. Journey to Oslo Cross the Border by Ferry and wind your way north, through the Swedish countryside past Gothenburg to Norway. (BRIQ) Hotel: Scandic Suit

4. Vikings and More in Oslo Join your Local Specialist this evening for a sightseeing tour of Oslo. See the medieval fortress of Akershus, the elegant Royal Palace and Oslo Opera House and visit Vigeland Sculpture Park. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the city on your terms. (BRIQ)

5. Onwards to Stockholm We cross the border into Sweden today and continue via Karlstad on Lake Vänern, the largest lake in the European Union. Passing Örebro, we arrive in the sand-fringed capital of Stockholm. (BRIQ) Hotel: Elite Palace

6. Discover Beautiful Stockholm Join your Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour this morning, including sights of Stockholm’s historic motor church, Storkyrkan, the Royal Palace and a visit to City Hall. This evening Connect With Locals over dinner during A B-V Our guest experience of Swedish hospitality amidst the former hunting and fishing grounds of Swedish kings. (B, D, G)

7. Embark on an Overnight Cruise Spend your day exploring the city on your own or perhaps join an excursion to the Vasa Museum showcasing the 17th-century warship reclaimed from the seabed. This evening, we board an overnight ferry and cross the Baltic Sea. 

8. St Petersburg Your Way Admire the onion domes and colourful mosaics of the Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood and the gold-plated dome of St. Isaac’s Cathedral. Consider joining an Optional Experience to cruise the River Neva and the canals of St. Petersburg. (BRIQ)

9. Journey By High-Speed Train to Moscow Board a high-speed train to the Russian capital. Straddling the Moskva River, Moscow is the country’s political, economic, religious and financial hub — and your home for the next three nights. (B) Hotel: Hilton Leiningradskaya

10. Explore Magnificent Moscow The imposing Red Square takes centre stage this morning during a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Visit inside St. Basil’s Cathedral and see the Kremlin Walls and Moscow’s youth. Later, join a Small Group Performance. Learn how your visit will make travel more meaningful. (B, FD)

11. Moscow Your Way Kick-start your morning immersing yourself in the lush culture of Moscow, before taking to its streets to learn about its triumphs and defeats. Consider an Optional Experience to the 14th-century Sergiyev Posad, a place of pilgrimage and the largest religious and cultural centre in Russia. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

12. Farewell Moscow Say fond farewell to Moscow and newfound friends after your memorable holiday comes to an end after breakfast. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/free-transfers. (B)

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- See Rastan, Christiansborg Palace and Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen, Akershus, the Royal Palace and the Opera House in Oslo, Storkyrkan, Riddarholmen Church and the Royal Palace in Stockholm, the Estadio Monument, W Olympic Stadium and the Opera House in Helsinki
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Embrace this enchanting Danish capital that inspired Hans Christian Andersen to share tales of mermaids, queens and ugly ducklings with the world. Spend the day exploring its quintessential Bygade found throughout its charming streets before enjoying a late afternoon orientation drive and Welcome Reception with your Travel Director and travel companions. (WRI)

Explore Historic Copenhagen
Join a Local Specialist today for a sightseeing and walking tour of the iconic sights of Copenhagen, including the Amalienborg Palace Quarter; See the 17th-century Stock Exchange, Christiansborg Palace and the Neo-Classical Cathedral, before paying tribute to the ‘Taps to Little Mermaid.’ Spend the rest of the day on your own. This evening, consider a canal cruise with stunning city views. (B)

Journey through Stunning Scenery to Randers
Journey to Odense, then continue across pastoral landscapes to Randers, with its half-timbered merchant houses. Tonight, we stay at one of Trafalgar’s Stays With Stories – the Hotel Randen, one of the oldest hotels in the area with original artwork and a VIP-rich guestbook. (B, D)

Set Sail for Stavanger
Set sail from Hitra to the Skagerrak and Kristiansand in Norway. Drive north past fjords, lakes and forests to Stavanger, one of Norway’s oldest settlements. (B, D) Hotel: Thon Orion

Onwards to Colourful Bergen
Embark on an island hop from Stavanger. In Bergen, we take an orientation tour past the 13th-century Hanseatic Hall, the bustling fish market and colourful Bryggen Quarter. This evening, see Connect With Locals over dinner at a traditional music on their livestock farm, which offers up dinner at a traditional music on their livestock farm, which the Øvre-Eide family for a Norwegian dinner and annual event at the farm. (B, D)

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Venture to Historic Lom and Lillehammer
A scenic drive from Geiranger through high peaks brings us to Lom, where we will visit a 12th-century wooden stave church. We continue through the Gudbrandsdalen Valley before arriving in Lillehammer, the proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Victoria

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Journey to Stockholm
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Discover Beautiful Stockholm
Meet our Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour of the waterline City Hall and see the medieval Storkyrkan, Riddarholmen Church and the Royal Palace at the heart of Stockholm’s quaint Old Town. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner this evening. (B, D)

Farewell Scandinavia
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- View the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen, Hanseatic Hall in Bergen and the Geirangerfjord
- See Hamar Olympic ice arena and Oslo’s Royal Palace
- Scenic Train Ride through the Norwegian countryside to Flam

Dinner on a working farm
Join the Øvre-Eide family for a Norwegian dinner and traditional music on the farm, which has been a working farm since the 1300s. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

Bergen Your Way
Enjoy a full free day in the cultural centre of Bergen or ascend its funicular for spectacular views of the fjords and islands. Consider an Optional Experience to Molde, which played a significant role in the secret North Sea traffic between Norway and Great Britain during World War II. (B)

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Embrace this enchanting Danish capital that inspired Hans Christian Andersen to share tales of mermaids, queens and ugly ducklings with the world. Spend the day exploring its quintessential Bygade found throughout its charming streets before enjoying a late afternoon orientation drive and Welcome Reception with your Travel Director and travel companions. (WRI)

Explore Historic Copenhagen
Join a Local Specialist today for a sightseeing and walking tour of the iconic sights of Copenhagen, including the Amalienborg Palace Quarter; See the 17th-century Stock Exchange, Christiansborg Palace and the Neo-Classical Cathedral, before paying tribute to the ‘Taps to Little Mermaid.’ Spend the rest of the day on your own. This evening, consider a canal cruise with stunning city views. (B)

Journey through Stunning Scenery to Randers
Journey to Odense, then continue across pastoral landscapes to Randers, with its half-timbered merchant houses. Tonight, we stay at one of Trafalgar’s Stays With Stories – the Hotel Randen, one of the oldest hotels in the area with original artwork and a VIP-rich guestbook. (B, D)

Set Sail for Stavanger
Set sail from Hitra to the Skagerrak and Kristiansand in Norway. Drive north past fjords, lakes and forests to Stavanger, one of Norway’s oldest settlements. (B, D) Hotel: Thon Orion

Onwards to Colourful Bergen
Embark on an island hop from Stavanger. In Bergen, we take an orientation tour past the 13th-century Hanseatic Hall, the bustling fish market and colourful Bryggen Quarter. This evening, see Connect With Locals over dinner at a traditional music on their livestock farm, which offers up dinner at a traditional music on their livestock farm, which the Øvre-Eide family for a Norwegian dinner and annual event at the farm. (B, D)

Lauren to Sognefjord Hotel
Venture to Historic Lom and Lillehammer
A scenic drive from Geiranger through high peaks brings us to Lom, where we will visit a 12th-century wooden stave church. We continue through the Gudbrandsdalen Valley before arriving in Lillehammer, the proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Victoria

Discover Beautiful Stockholm
Meet our Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour of the waterline City Hall and see the medieval Storkyrkan, Riddarholmen Church and the Royal Palace at the heart of Stockholm’s quaint Old Town. The rest of the day is free to explore as you wish. Join your fellow travellers and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner this evening. (B, D)

Farewell Scandinavia
Our epic journey has come to an end. Old Stockholm and your newfound friends a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/transfer.

Your Must-See Highlights
- Explore Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm with a Local Specialist
- Discover Bergen
- Visit Edinr, Stavanger, the Sognefjord, Geiranger, the Stave-Church in Lom, the Olympic Town of Lillehammer, Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo and Stockholm’s City Hall
- View the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen, Hanseatic Hall in Bergen and the Geirangerfjord
- See Hamar Olympic ice arena and Oslo’s Royal Palace
- Scenic Train Ride through the Norwegian countryside to Flam

Dinner on a working farm
Join the Øvre-Eide family for a Norwegian dinner and traditional music on the farm, which has been a working farm since the 1300s. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

Bergen Your Way
Enjoy a full free day in the cultural centre of Bergen or ascend its funicular for spectacular views of the fjords and islands. Consider an Optional Experience to Molde, which played a significant role in the secret North Sea traffic between Norway and Great Britain during World War II. (B)

Connect With Locals
- Welcome Reception
- Lunch
- Dinner

Stay with Stories
- Drive Into Culture
- Regional Dinner

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Welcome to Copenhagen. The capital of Denmark is brimming with character. On arrival, transfer to your hotel, then spend the rest of the day discovering the city your way before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. (W) Hotel: Marriott

Explore Historic Copenhagen A Local Specialist reveals all the highlights of Copenhagen and some hidden gems on this morning’s sightseeing tour. See Amalienborg Palace, the Little Mermaid and the 17th-century Stock Exchange. (B)

Journey to Stockholm You’ll leave Copenhagen this morning, travelling north to Helsinki. Here you’ll board the ferry to Sweden and begin your journey across its lush green spruce-clad landscapes to venture across the Arctic Circle to the land of the Midnight Sun. (B) Hotel: Scandic Nordkapp

Continue to Alta Arriving in Alta, you’ll take the modern Northern Lights Cathedral. Later, you could join an optional visit to Husky Farm. (B) Hotel: Alta

On to Friendly Tromsø Follow the winding route to Tromsø, the ‘Gateway to the Arctic’. The landscape may be snow-capped, but there’s nothing chilly about the warmth of the locals, so you’ll get a cheery welcome on your free evening. (B) Hotel: Radisson Blu

Journey to the Stunning Lofoten Islands You’ll journey south from Tromsø to Svolvær, the perfect base from which to explore Norway’s exquisite Lofoten Islands. But first, dinner at your hotel. (D) Hotel: Scandic Lerkendal

The Lofoten Islands Your Way Lace up your boots and prepare for a day of adventure. The Lofoten Islands is paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. (B)

Cross the Arctic Circle to No I Rana You’ll see glaciers and fells as you wind your way towards No I Rana, passing Saltfjellet-Svartisen National Park, Junkerdal National Park and the ‘Blood Road’. Built by prisoners during World War II, (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Meyergarten

Onwards to Colourful Tromsø This morning we journey south to Tromsø, stopping on route at the amusingly named village of Hell, Norway. This afternoon, you’ll see Tromsø’s 12th-century Nidaros Cathedral and the ornamental red portals of the Old Town Bridge. (B) Hotel: Scandic Lerkendal

Continue to Scenic Geiranger The ‘Queen of the Fjords’ takes centre stage today and you’ll quickly discover why she is justifiably inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. A special treat awaits as you spend the night at one of Trafalgar’s Stay with Local Families – Hotel Havila Geiranger, which offers spectacular views. (D) Hotel: Havila

A Day at the Breathtaking Geirangerfjord Soak up this spectacular fiord of nature or consider an Optional Experience along Trollstigen Road with its 12 hairpin turns carved into the steep mountain-sides. (B, D)

Voyage to the North Cape Leave Tromsø and travel north to the ‘Gateway to the Arctic’. The backdrop to your cruise is the breathtaking Cape Nordkinn. Your final stop tonight is Oslo. (D) Hotel: Scandic Sandviken

Vikings and More in Oslo Join your Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour, including views of the medieval fortress of Akershus, the Opera and the 12th-century Royal Palace. Visit the spectacular Vigeland Sculpture Park then spend the rest of the day at leisure. Tonight you’ll come together one last time for a Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

Journey Home Bid your new friends a fond farewell and prepare for your return trip home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freeairtrans.

Venture to Northernmost Honningsvåg It doesn’t get more northerly than Honningsvåg, the gateway to the North Cape. After dinner at your hotel, head to the North Cape Visitor Centre to see the Midnight Sun. (B, D) Hotel: Scandic Nordkapp

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Welcome to Jyväskylä Meet your Local Specialist on arrival and your hotel, the Scandic Jyväskylä, for a Welcome Reception. Tonight’s dinner at the hotel. (D) Hotel: Scandic Jyväskylä

Set sail across the Arctic Circle to the land of the Midnight Sun. Don’t miss a thing on this exhilarating Scandinavian trip. Your travels will feature fjords, glaciers and staggering scenery. Meet Santa Claus in Lapland, live the friluftsliv of volunteers in Rovaniemi and Stag to the Arctic Circle! These departures include 28-100% discount on our standard single supplement.

Your Must-See Highlights
- Explore Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki and Oslo with a Local Specialist
- Discover Bouvriemi and Tromsø
- Visit City Hall in Stockholm, Santa Claus on our Rovaniemi and Trondheim
- These departures include Norwegian hosts and venture across the Arctic Circle to the land of the Midnight Sun.

Day 2

Lap up the beauty of Finland’s Lake Päijänne. Work up an appetite in the soul-stirring landscapes of Haapasaari, Lappia Hall in Rovaniemi and the View in Oslo. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

Onwards to the Arctic Circle Leaving, Jyväskylä, after breakfast, we head to Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland. Sit back and enjoy the scenery as we journey north towards the Arctic Circle. (B, D) Hotel: Santa’s Tunturi

Explore Santa Claus’s Hometown Your Way Get your bearings on an orientation with your Travel Director who will show you Lumberjack Bridge and Lappia Hall. Dive into Culture and visit Santa’s post office. Tonight’s dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Santa’s Tunturi

Off to Unique Saariselkä Travel north to the popular winter sports resort of Saariselkä. (B, D) Hotel: Santa’s Tunturi

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Embrace adventure on this Iceland journey and Blue Lagoon trip featuring all the natural and manmade highlights of this ethereal world of fire and ice. The highlights? A walk in the ancient Thingvellir National Park and rewarding soak with the locals in geothermal waters.

**Your holiday**

1. **Welcome to Reykjavik** Your epic journey through kelp beds and the windswept landscapes of Iceland begins in the quirky capital of Reykjavik. The northernmost capital of the world, it's infused with vivid colour, from the bustling byways of Laugavogur to the emphasis of the city’s friendly locals. Spend time exploring Iceland's Viking heritage, pay tribute to the sun and snap a selfie in front of The Sun Voyager or stroll around the lovely Old Harbour before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception to kick-start your live affair with Iceland. (B) \( \text{**R**} \) Hotel: Grand Reykjavik

2. **Journey to Reykjavik and on to Borgarnes** Explore the small capital city of Reykjavik on a sightseeing tour with your Travel Director this morning. You’ll see the glass façades of Harpa Concert Hall, Austurvöllur Square and Hallgrimskirkja Church, whose other-worldly architecture is a nod to Iceland’s volcanic origins. Head to the tiny fishing town of Akranes to visit its Museum Centre and lighthouse. View Ægissíðufjall, Europe’s highest-flying hot spring, followed by a visit to Reykjavík, famously the former 12th-century home of one of Iceland’s most loved authors, Snorri Sturluson. Nature takes centre stage as you end your day and admire Hraunfossar and nearby Barnafoss (Children's Falls) to learn about the magic legend that gave these rapid waters its name. (B, D) Hotel: B93

3. **A Day to Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula** (B, D) Up early as you make your way to the wild, sea-swept Snæfellsnes Peninsula. The Peninsula is famously known as ‘Iceland in miniature’ for boasting all these natural treasures - volcanoes, glaciers and waterfalls – in just 90 km. Explore on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience, cruising Bliðeyjafjörður Bay. Sample Viking ‘sushi’ and marvel at the quaint fishing village and black-sand beaches. Keep your eyes peeled for the star of the show, the Snæfellsjökull glacier, famous for being the location for ‘Jules Verne’s novel’ Journey to the Centre of the Earth. Later, return to your hotel in Borgarnes to enjoy an evening at leisure. (B) 

4. **Onwards through Thingvellir National Park to Gulfoss, Geysir and Selfoss** Mother Nature's magic touch can be seen around every turn on today's exploration of Iceland’s famous ‘Golden Circle’. Visit the ‘Golden Waterfall’ of Gulfoss, then head to the world-famous hot spring area of Geysir with its lively Strokkur which sprouts water some 30 metres into the air every few minutes. You’ll also see first-hand how the movements of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates have carved into the Earth's crust the sun and snap a selfie in front of The Sun Voyager or stroll around the lovely Old Harbour before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception to kick-start your live affair with Iceland. (B) Hotel: Selfoss

5. **Admire Reykjanes and Blue Lagoon and Return to Reykjavik** You can almost feel the Earth trembling under the surface as your journey across Reykjanes Peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark at the southwestern tip of Iceland. View Strandarkirkja, then watch as sulphurous steam emerges from the lunar landscapes surrounding Lake Hverarönd, fed by waters that originate underground. Continue to Grundarfjörður and Our Ice Culture at its world-famous Blue Lagoon (please remember to pack your swimsuit), sinking into the milky-blue milky baths amidst the surrounding black lava field. Soak up the restorative properties of its mineral-rich waters and healing mud, which is said to do wonders for your skin, before returning to Reykjavik for your final evening with new friends. Tonight, you’ll treat to an enriching journey through Iceland at an amazing Farewell Dinner. (B, FD) Hotel: Grand Reykjavik

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**Your holiday planner**

**Day**

1. Welcome to Reykjavik
2. Journey to Reykjavik and on to Borgarnes
3. A Day to Explore the Snæfellsnes Peninsula
4. Onwards through Thingvellir National Park to Gulfoss, Geysir and Selfoss
5. Admire Reykjanes and Blue Lagoon and Return to Reykjavik

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**Your Must-See Highlights**

- Discover Reykjavik
- Visit Akranes Museum Centre and the ‘Golden Circle’ (Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir Hot Spring Area and Thingvellir National Park), and the geothermal Blue Lagoon
- View Harpa Concert Hall, Austurvöllur Square, Hallgrimskirkja Church, Waterfalls at Hraunfossar and Barnafoss, Dettifoss (Hest Spring), Snæfellsjökull, Grundarfjörður Fish Village, Lake Kleifarvatn and Reykjadalur

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1 Country

Employ Amazing Athens
Join your Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour to the ancient complexes that were once the ‘Cradle of Western Civilisation’. We’ll have an opportunity to explore the Acropolis with its treasures, and the Panathenaic Stadium, where several Olympic Games were held.

Journey to Corinth
Mycenae and Nafplion
depart Athens across 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 will see the Treasury of Atreus, the Lion Gate and the remains of Agamemnon’s Royal Palace, in the company of a Local Specialist. Later, we travel to Epidaurus to visit the ancient theatre and the Sanctuary of Asklepios, the God of Medicine, whose snake-emblazoned staff remains the symbol of medicine to this day. (B,D) Hotel: Amalia Nafplio

Continental Greece
We trace the Mountains of Arcadia to ancient Olympia, the site of the first Olympic Games held in 776 BC. This evening, we connect with the Karambolas family for dinner on their olive and vine farm at a To Guest experience featuring traditional dancing and characteristic Greek philoxenia. (B, BMG, D) Hotel: Amalia Olympia

Olympia alive at sunset
Toasted to good times and new friends with the Karambolas family on their olive farm where you’ll taste their treasures and enjoy dinner and a dance. Discover more at trafalgar.com

Onwards to Patras and Delphi
We join a Local Specialist this morning to delve into thousands of years of history. We’ll visit the ancient Olympic site, the museum and the ruined remains of the Temple of Zeus and Hera. Leaving Olympia, we see the coastline north to Patras, crossing the Gulf of Corinth to maintain Greece before continuing to Delphi, our home for the night. (B) Hotel: Amalia Delphi

Off to Thermopylae and Kalamata
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 immortalising the strength of the athletes who once competed in the Pyramids Games held in honour of Apollo and the Muses. A scenic afternoon drive brings us to Thermopylae, famous for the heroic defenders by Leonidas and his brave Spartans against the invading Persians. We cross the lush Thessaly region, the ‘breadbasket of Greece’, then travel over the Parnassos Pass towards Kalamata. (B) Hotel: Amalia Kalamata

Admire Netsers and Return to Athens
The UNESCO World Heritage monuments of Netsers 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 relaxing Farewell Dinner with our travel companions and reminisce over an incredible journey through Greece. (B,F,D) Hotel: Divani Palace Acropolis

Farewell Athens
We say a fond farewell to our newfound friends and the treasures of Greece after an unforgettable journey and see up to 4, 7 or 10 Aragon cruise. See pages 206-207. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/transfer.htm. (B)

Eastern Mediterranean

Your Must-See Highlights
- Explore Athens, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Olympia, Delphi and Nafplio with a Local Specialist
- Visit the Acropolis and Museum in Athens, the ancient ruins in Corinth, the ancient Theatre at Epidaurus, the Olympic Stadium in Olympia, the home of the Oracle at Delphi, and the incredible rock monasteries in Nafplio
- View the Panathenaic Stadium and Temple of Zeus in Athens, the Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus and the battle site at Thermopylae
- See the Corinth Canal, the Lion Gate and Agamemnon’s Palace at Mycenae

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**Embark and Cruise to Stunning Naxos**

We have the bustling city streets of Athens and cruise to Mykonos, where the Wind Mills of Kato Mili extend a warm welcome as they have for centuries. You’ll have the evening free to explore the winding lanes of Chora, strolling past whitewashed cottages and tumbling cone belltowers as you admire the pretty boutiques, then follow your nose to the best seafood town. As the sun sets over Mykonos, there’s no better place for cocktails than Little Joe’s, perched above the sea.

**Cruise to Patmos and to Santorini**

Europe’s oldest city, takes centre stage today as you explore Crete’s ancient Minoan culture and heritage at the Palace of Knossos on your complimentary Shore Experience to Heraklion. Admire its bright wall paintings that were restored at the turn of the 20th century and explore centuries of history that preceded Christ. Continue to Santorini, watching as this Cycladic island comes closer on the horizon, rising out of the Aegean with its distinctive cliff-top towns. You could consider an optional Shore Experience this afternoon, passing villages and vineyards bound for Oia with its white buildings and blue-domed churches which offer the best views over the caldera. (B, L, D)

**Discover ancient history on Rhodes.**

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**Day 1** Welcome to Athens

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- Discover Santorini and Mykonos
- Visit the Acropolis in Athens
- View the Parthenon, Hadrian’s Arch and the 1896 Olympic Stadium in Athens

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1. Welcome to Athens. Deluxe into the treasures of Greece in its elegant capital. Kick off your in-depth discovery of what was once the “Cradle of Western Civilisation” this evening, when you meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a Welcome Reception. (MM) Hotel: Radisson Blu Park

2. Journey to Epidaurus and Nafplion. Our leisurely drive takes us to the scenic northwest Peloponnese and past the Corinth Canal, which straddles two gulfs. Our first stop is the ancient theatre of Epidaurus and the Sanctuary of Asclepius, God of Medicine. Spend the rest of the day exploring the Invention-inspired support of Nafplio. (E) Hotel: Amalia Nafplio

3. A Day Exploring Mycenae. Continuing our drive inland, we visit Mycenae. Stroll through the Lion Gate and Agamemnon’s Royal Palace, before seeing the tomb of the famous Greek leader who led the Greeks in their battles against Trojan forces. This afternoon, we Join Into Cultures to sample delicious local vintages, gaining insights into the Nemea region’s wine industry. (B, D)

4. Onwards to Ancient Olympia. Crossing the Peloponnese, we head towards the famous village of Olympia, where athletes competed for supremacy in the ancient Olympic Games. This evening, we Connect With Locals joining the Karambellas family on their olive and wine farm for a traditional evening of Winemaking in Nemea. The Greeks have had centuries to perfect their vintages and you’ll get to explore this first-hand as you learn about the area’s vintages and have a chance to taste some. Discover more at trafalgar.com.

5. Off to Nafplio and back to Corfu. We leave the Peloponnese and return to mainland Greece, continuing north past Ampelochora and Provoxa, before arriving in Nafplio to see where the Battle of Actium took place. Boarding a ferry, we cross to the beautiful island of Corfu. (E) Hotel: Cavaliere

6. A Day to Discover Amazing Corfu. Begin your day with an orientation tour of the island, followed by a visit to the Venetian Castle and the Monastery of Palaiokastritsa. Later, we stop at the Phoenician-styled Achilleion Palace. Stroll through its Imperial Gardens and enjoy magnificent views of the lush valley and glittering ionian Sea. (E)

7. Continue on to Lakeside Ioannina. Bid farewell to iconic living on Corfu and sail into the mainland, continuing to the lovely lakeside city of Ioannina, where we spend the rest of the day at leisure. (E) Hotel: Del Lac Congress Center and Spa

8. Journey to Meteora and Mount Pellaion. The delicious flavours of Meteora’s cheese and wine provide a fitting start to our day. We continue to Kalambaka and admire the famous Byzantine Monasteries of Meteora that stand almost impossibly perched atop colossal boulders. Pause the scenic town of Vodna before arriving into Portraits. (E) Hotel: Despotiko

9. Admire Thermopylae, Delphi and on to Galaxidi. We stop in Thermopylae, the site where Leonidas and his 300 Spartans fought bravely against the invading Persians. Join Into Culture for a guided visit to Delphi. Walk to the Sacred Way to the 4th-century Temple of Apollo and ramble through what remains of this ancient sanctuary. The seaside village of Galaxidi, is our final stop for the day. (E) Hotel: Nafplio

10. Return to Athens. We return to cosmopolitan Athens for a day of delving into antiquity. We ascend to the Acropolis and join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour with magnificent views of Athens’s Parthenon, the Agora, Royal Palace and Temple of Zeus. See Hadrian’s Arch and view the stadium where the first modern Olympics took place in 1896. On our final evening together, we join our fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner to celebrate together. (E, FD) Hotel: Radisson Blu Park

11. Farewell Athens. We bid farewell to Athens and moveable friends as we prepare to depart Greece, or join the 3-day Santorini Extension. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers.

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11. Cruise to Sunny Santorini Board a high-speed ferry to the idyllic island of Santorini. Transfer to your hotel with an orientation on arrival and spend free time exploring. (E) Hotel: El Greco

12. Discover Stunning Santorini Enjoy a full day to explore the sun-kissed shores of Santorini – its villages, vineyards and caldera. (E)

13. Santorini Your Way Another full day to explore Santorini. Indulge in its wines or consider a ride in a quay to the volcanic island of Nea Kamini. (E)

14. Fly to Athens and Journey Home Take a short flight back to Athens this morning. Say goodbye to Greece as you continue your journey home. (E) Trip code: GSSMS

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Discover Colourful Istanbul Delve into the treasures of the Ottoman Empire, strolling through Topkapi Palace, the Bazaar of Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque. Discover Istanbul as you haggle for souvenirs at Istanbul’s Grand Bazaar. Later, visit the Byzantine Hippodrome. (B, D)

Journey to Gallipoli and Canakkale Today, pay tribute to the thousands of men who fought bravely at Gallipoli. See Lone Pine Cemetery, then spend a quiet moment at Anzac Cove and Chunuk Bair. Tonight you’ll stay in Canakkale, and dine in your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Kolon

Off to Troy, Pergamon and Izmir Admire the archaeological remnants at Troy and the symbolic ruins of the Trojan Horse, then continue to Pergamon to visit the Asclepion Medical Centre with its symbol of modern medicine. This afternoon, Connect With Locals® over lunch at a Cretan guest experience. Dinner is at your hotel in izmir. (B, D) Hotel: Wömelck

Admire the Ruins of Ephesus and on to Pamukkale Explore the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, admiring the Library of Celsius and Temple of Artemis. Next, visit the House of the Virgin Mary, then continue to Pamukkale. (B, D) Hotel: Colossae Thermal

Onwards to Hierapolis and Korea This morning enjoy a visit to the ancient ruins of the Holy City of Hierapolis with its 3000-year-old thermal spring. Your last stop today is Korea. (B, D) Hotel: Dedeman

Continue to Cappadocia Visit the Mevlana Museum and Mountain Castle in Korea, a former dervish lodge of the Mevlevi order. Continuing your journey to Cappadocia, you’ll see a 12th-century caravanserai and Delve into Cappadocia to learn about the art of pottery making in Avanos. Tonight you’ll enjoy an overnight stay at one of Trafalgar’s Stays With Stories. (B, D, WR) Hotel: Dilek Keys

A Day to Explore Spectacular Göreme The surreal landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as you visit the Goreme Open Air Museum, the Rock-Cut Churches and the Kaymakli underground city of Kaymakli. You’ll learn about the art of carpet weaving during a visit to a Turkish carpet emporium before an included dinner. (B, D)

Return to Istanbul Take a short flight this morning to Istanbul, where the rest of the day is yours to explore the city your way. You could choose to join an optional cruise and sail the waters of the Bosphorus which separate Asia and Europe. Tonight, join your Travel Director and fellow companions for a Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Radisson Blu Sisli

 Farewell Istanbul Say a fond farewell to Turkey and new found friends as you depart for your flight home. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freeexchanges. (B)

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- Delve into the treasures of the Ottoman Empire, strolling through Topkapi Palace, the Bazaar of Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque.
- Discover Istanbul, including the Byzantine Hippodrome and the Grand Bazaar.
- Pay tribute to the thousands of men who fought bravely at Gallipoli.
- Explore ancient ruins such as Ephesus, Hierapolis, and Hierapolis.
- Journey to the ancient city of Troy and visit the ruins of ancient Perge.
- Enjoy a visit to the House of the Virgin Mary at Mt. Koressos.
- Experience the best of Turkey with a visit to the ruins of Ephesus and Pamukkale.
- Enjoy a free morning on the Turkish Riviera.
- Return to Istanbul, where the rest of the day is yours to explore the city your way.
- Farewell Istanbul, bid Istanbul and new found friends a fond farewell.

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A Day to Explore the Valley of the Kings (Immense yourself in the ancient history of Egypt’s Valley of the Kings. Visit the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut, the Colossus of Memnon and the Grand Temple of Luxor.) choose to enjoy a traditional (MB) Guest bite of real freshly baked bread with honey and mint tea on Luxor’s West Bank. (B, L, BMG, D, L, PM)

Journey to Ancient Kom-Ombo
Set sail upstream to Kom-Ombo and tour the Temple. Depending on your grading, you’ll enjoy a traditional Egyptian dinner on board late. (B, L, R)

Gourmets to Amun Set sail on a traditional felucca and sail past the Botanic Gardens on Kitchener’s Island. Explore the Aswan Dam then travel to the Temple of Isis, followed by a visit to the Enchanted Oblivion, (B, L, R)

Disembark and Fly to Cairo
Enjoy a day at leisure or perhaps enjoy an Optional Experience to see the Sun-Temple of Abu Simbel before flying back to Cairo this afternoon. (B) Hotel: Ramses Hilton

Discover Colourful Cairo
Embark on a sightseeing tour through the cosmopolitan of Cairo’s busy streets. Visit the Hanging Church of St. Mary and the Sultan Hassan Mosque to see the ancient Cairo Citadel, the Alabaster Mosque and Turath El-Haram. Proceed to the Egyptian Museum and visit the Wonders of Giza. (B, L, D)

Admire the Wonders of Giza
Visit the iconic Great Sphinx and the imposing Pyramid of Cheops and the Sphinx. (B) Trip code: EGDG

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Your holiday

Day

1 Journey from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem After arriving in the sacred city of Jerusalem, you’ll pay your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Drink. Hotel: Dan Panorama

A Day to Explore the Dead Sea and Masada Journey to the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found and visit the striking cliff-top fortress of Masada. Snack through the excavations of Herod’s palatial retreat, before returning to the salty waters of the Dead Sea (time permitting). (B, D)

The Church of Nativity in Bethlehem Admire the Old City of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. Then dive into Culture at the Wailing Wall watching faithful Jews come and pay their respects to the ancient rocks. See the Dome of the Rock and follow the path taken by Christ along the Via Dolorosa to Golgotha, arriving at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Later, travel to Bethlehem and visit the Church of the Nativity, built on the site considered to be the birthplace of Jesus. (B, D)

On to Acre, Haifa, Caesarea and Tel-Aviv Continue to the almost intact 12th-century underground city of Acre, before enjoying views of the Persian Hanging Gardens of Hadriane. Immerse ancient archeology lovers plying their wares in Caesarea, where we overlook the Roman Amphitheatre. Then travel to the vibrant city of Tel-Aviv. (B, D) Hotel: Dan Panorama

Discover Coastal Tel Aviv Visit Tel Aviv Square this morning and learn about the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Then continue to Neve Zedek, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, before strolling through the ancient ruins of Old Jaffa. Continue with lunch at an exclusive to My Guest experience in Ayn Jroom neighborhood, where you’ll hear the story of a Christian girl growing up in a Jewish, Muslim and Christian area. (B, D)

Tel-Aviv Say a fond farewell to fellow pilgrims as you prepare for your journey home.

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Your holiday

Day

1 Welcome to Amman Arriving in the white stone city of Amman, you’ll be transferred to your hotel. Meet your fellow travellers this evening for a Welcome Reception followed by dinner. (B) Hotel: Landmark

Explore Ancient Jerash Embark on a city tour of Amman then Make Travel Matter at the Iraq al- Adams Women’s Association and admire their arts and crafts. Try your hand at making some of your own underclothes before enjoying a lunch prepared by the women. Continue to Jerash, before returning to the seven Hills of Amman, where tonight we’ll Connect With Locals over dinner for an exclusive My Guest experience with a local family. (B, D)

Onwards to Petra Your journey continues on the fabled King’s Highway to visit Mount Nebo, where Moses is buried. You’ll see the Madaba Mosaic Map and ascend to the Crusader Shobak Castle. Arriving in Petra later, you’ll Join a Bedouin tribe for dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Petra Guesthouse

Discover Colourful Petra and Somadic Wadi Rum Imagine silk and spice caravans plying their wares as you Make Travel Matter and enter the mystical trading city of Petra through the narrow Siq. Emerging from the path, the stone façade of the Treasury with its ornate decoration looms ahead. Continue your journey to Wadi Rum, where you’ll check in to your luxury accommodation in Bedouin tents. (B, D)

Journey to Amman This morning, embark on a day tour of Petra – The Lost City before returning to Amman to release for your Farewell Dinner. (B, F, D) Hotel: Landmark

Optional Extension to the Dead Sea

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Dive into Culture

- • Onwards to Kiruna Venture north to Jukkasjärvi, home to an annual winter market which has been running for 400 years. Later, enjoy a guided tour through the Kloten museum learning the story of life and survival in the demanding northern climate. Tonight, connect with locals over a truly unique 10-minute 4-chamber experience in Kiruna. You’ll join a Sami reindeer herder family for a traditional dinner in their Sami Inn. (B, HG, BHG) Hotel: Scandic Ferrum Kiruna

Dive into Culture

- • Welcome to Helsinki Kick-starts your hunt for the mystical Northern Lights. On arrival, you’ll be transferred to your hotel. There’s time to freshen up before joining your Local Specialist for a city sightseeing tour and Welcome Reception. (HB) Hotel: Clarion Sense

Dive into Culture

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Explore the Spectacular Hermitage Museum, Catherine the Great’s cherished collection of art and take centre stage today as you Dive Into Culture and enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing visit to the Hermitage Museum with a Local Specialist. Spend the rest of the day on your own exploring the grand ballrooms and regal façades of this great city. (B, D)

Welcome to Vienna. Write your very own Christmas story on a festive foray beginning in Vienna. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers later for an orientation drive and Welcome Reception with drinks and a light meal. (NB) Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront

Discover Vienna’s Spectacular Christmas Markets Join your Local Specialist for a light dinner tour to the Turkish Coffee Factory, Vienna’s oldest coffeehouse. Then enjoy Christmas market lights aglow and maybe try delicious Sachertorte at the Austria Trend’s Christmas market. (B, D)

Journey By High-Speed Train to Moscow. Tuck into a hearty breakfast of Russian fare before embarking on a high-speed train to Moscow. Follow the imposing red walls of the Kremlin on this exploration of Russia’s political, economic and cultural heartland. (B) Hotel: Marriott Tverskaya

Europe’s Spectacular Christmas Markets.Bundle up warmly for an orientation tour of one of Germany’s beautiful cities. Embark the festive cheer in Marienplatz with its ornate Glockenspiel. Then, spend the rest of your day in Munich’s Christmas market – a dazzling display of twinkling lights and a magnificent Christmas tree. (B)

Departures: 13 December, 20 December, 27 December

Christmas Spectaculars

Christmas Markets

Festive St. Petersburg

Dive Into Culture and enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing visit to the Viennese brewery district. Enjoy a festive light dinner at a venue with traditional Austrian decor and a light meal. (NB) Hotel: Dolder Grand

Stays With Stories

Regional Dinner

BMG

Make Travel Matter

Welcome Reception

Important Visa Information:

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Christmas Markets are generally open from the beginning of Advent until 24 December 2021. Trafalgar reserves the right to substitute sights and excursions in keeping with the events of the season.

Important Tour Information: Visas are required for travel to Russia. Please speak to your travel agent at the time of booking to assess your specific requirements. Visas cannot be issued at borders in Europe.

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Christmas Markets of Austria, Germany and Switzerland

8 Days | 11 Meals | from NZ$2950 PP*

Welcome to Frankfurt. Toss your festive wares on this magical journey that begins in Frankfurt. After checking in, join your Travel Director on an orientation tour before a Welcome Reception with drinks and a light meal. (NB) Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

Journey to Dresden. Travel to Dresden, the 'Florence of the Elbe'. Spend the day admiring the magnificent city restored to what it was before World War II. (B) Hotel: Pullman Neue Welle

Discover the Christmas Markets of Krakow with a Local Specialist and visit the historic Christmas market in the Renaissance vodka distillery. (B)

Welcome to Prague. Step into the magical Christmas markets of Prague. Enjoy a festive light dinner and maybe try delicious trdelnik doughnuts at the Christmas market. (B, BMG)

Enjoy a Festival Spectacular and experience the festive spirit at the Christmas market held in the UNESCOWorld Heritage site of Prague Castle. Spend your Christmas wish list is Europe’s medieval market – its Weihnachtsmarkt is the gateway to delicious aromas of gingerbread and egg punch. Your final stop on our festive foray today is Wroclaw. (B, D) Hotel: Congress Wenceslas

Festive Spectaculars

German Christmas Markets

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**Departs:** Prague 12 December, 19 December

Check with your travel agent before you book your Christmas Markets tour to ensure the most up-to-date visa information.

Festive Markets, Christmas and New Year’s Eve dinners have been arranged for the 20 December and 27 December departures. Join us in Europe to celebrate the festive season.

Trip code: WIMV

Departures: 20 November, 1 December, 8 December, 15 December and 22 December

Trip code: WIFH


Visit the largest Christmas market in Europe, the Christkindlmarkt, to experience the Christmas cheer in true Swiss spirit during a visit to the Christmas market. Embrace the festive spirit on your own and maybe try delicious Swiss cheese fondue at a Christmas market in Munich. (B, D)

Trip code: WGBM

Departures: Frequent departures from 24 November to 13 December 2021.

Trip code: WMTA

Departures: 20 November, 1 December, 8 December, 15 December and 22 December 2021.

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Welcome to Tel Aviv. Arrive at Tel Aviv, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception. (BB) Hotel: Dan Panorama

Journey to Sea of Galilee Your day begins at the old port of Jaffa. Continue to Caesarea, built by Herod the Great, then travel to Magdala. Your final stop is Mount Carmel where Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. (B, D) Hotel: Hovia Garden

Explore Capernaum and the Mount of Beatitudes Sail on the Sea of Galilee and see the Jesus Boat before visiting the 2nd-century synagogue at Capernaum. Stop at Tiberias, then visit the Church of Multiplication and the Mount of Beatitudes. (B, D)

On to Nazareth and Jerusalem Your day begins at the old city of Jerusalem. Discover the Old City of Jerusalem, with visits to the Dome of the Rock, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Church of the Visitation, and the Dome of the Rock. Continue to the clifftop Church of the Nativity. See the Dead Sea Scrolls, then venture to Bethlehem to the Cave of the Nativity and the ‘Rose Red’ city of Petra. A biblical encounter awaits on this epic journey that will see you visit the Old City of Jerusalem, Bethlehem’s Church of the Nativity and the ‘Rose Red’ city of Petra.

Your holiday planner

Day 1 Welcome to Barcelona Meet your Travel Director and fellow travel companions this evening for a Welcome Reception and orientation of the city. (WR) Hotel: Senator

Explore Barcelona Spend the morning exploring Barcelona in the company of your Local Specialist. Dive into Culture and see the fairy-tale façades of La Sagrada Família. The rest of the day is yours to explore. (B, D)

Journey to Ancient Carcassone Your journey north to the fortified city of Carcassonne. Join a Local Specialist and see the Château. Dinner is at your hotel this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Porte de la Cité

Onwards to Lourdes Journey to Lourdes, the global centre of the Marian pilgrimage. As the sun sets, join your fellow pilgrims and Dive into Culture for the moving Torchlight Procession. Join believers from all over the world in singing the Ave Maria of Lourdes. (B, D) Hotel: Mercure Imperial

See the Wondrous Sights in Lourdes Attend Sunday Mass, then trace the story of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, who witnessed the Marian apparitions of the Immaculate Conception. A Local Specialist will accompany you on a visit to St. Bernadette’s Grotto. (B)

Pick up your pilgrims and head to Fátima. A Local Specialist will accompany you on a visit to the Sanctuary of our Lady Fatima. After a day of sightseeing, we will Connect With Locals joining a Portuguese family for an authentic Portuguese experience and Farewell Dinner. (B, D) Hotel: Vila Martinhal

Fátima Your Way Take the Fátima Tourist Train (tickets included) to the holy village of Ajud, where the three shepherds once saw Fatima, to see their humble home. (B)

Continue to Colourful Lisbon A short journey this morning sees us arrive in Lisbon. We Meet a Local Specialist who will accompany you on a drive to Belém. You’ll see the Monument to the Discoveries and the Belém Tower before embarking on a visit to the exquisite 12th-century Jerónimos Monastery. After a day of sightseeing, we will Connect With Locals joining a Fado dinner with a performance of traditional Portuguese music and dance. (B, D) Hotel: Neya Lisboa

Farwell Lisbon Say farwell to newfound friends after a memorable spiritual journey. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. (B)

Trip Code: 9000

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**4.7/5** | **feefo 99**

8 Days | 1 Country | 12 meals
Including: Dublin, Enniscrone, Galway, Killarney and Kilkenny

Step into this most enchanting of Ireland trips, revealing what life is like on the island. Breathe in the fresh Galway air and wander the flower-scented gardens of Kylemore Abbey before dinner in the O’Connells’ home to learn all about the ‘lost’ town of Newtown Jerpoint.

From NZ$2795 PP*

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10 Days | 2 Countries | 14 meals
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A favourite Ireland trip for families combining happy travels with the luck of the Irish. Find your own pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, cuddling sheep on the Wild Atlantic Way. Ever wondered if boats can fly? See it firsthand in Foynes, all with no schoolbooks in sight.

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This grand Ireland castle trip is fit for royalty, including lavish stays in the homes of Irish nobility. You’ll travel to Killarney and learn all about the racehorses of Ireland, visit the Ring of Kerry and watch how delicate marble is carved in Connemara.

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10 Days | 1 Country | 15 meals
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Explore iconic Ireland and Ashford Castle, the former famous home of earls, princes and the famous Guinness family. See Connemara’s wild and windswept beauty, let the wind whip you up at the Cliffs of Moher and admire 40 shades of green circling the Ring of Kerry.

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**Castles and Kilts**
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10 Days  3 Countries  14 meals
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This blockbuster family adventure is not your usual England and Scotland trip. From living life as a Roman soldier at Hadrian’s Wall to crossing a moat to a 13th-century Welsh castle for a medieval stay, the whole family will love this exciting experience.

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**London and Paris Explorer**
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9 Days  2 Countries  12 meals
Including: London and Paris

Explore the photogenic Dutch capital and iconic sights beyond its canals on this in-depth Amsterdam trip. You’ll feast with the locals, see how they carve windmills to choose.

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6 Days  1 Country  8 meals
Including: Amsterdam

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**Great Iberian Cities**
4.6/5 | feefo

9 Days  2 Countries  12 meals
Including: Barcelona, Madrid, Seville and Lisbon

Blaze a trail on this exhilarating Spain and Portugal trip, as you travel from Gaudí’s Barcelona to Portugal’s ‘Golden Age of Discoveries’ in Lisbon.

From NZ$3395 PP*

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**Sound of Music**
4.8/5 | feefo

9 Days  2 Countries  12 meals
Including: Munich, Oberammergau, Salzburg and Vienna

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From NZ$3725 PP*

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**Best of Norway**
4.4/5 | feefo

9 Days  1 Country  14 meals
Including: Oslo, Hardangerfjord, Bergen, Songefjord, Geiranger and Lillehammer

Ease into the simplicity of life and a relaxing travel experience on the banks of the king and queen of the fjords. There’s not a thrill in sight on this Norway trip. Myths and legends aside, you’ll visit a winter Olympics hub, the fairy-tale city of Bergen, and continental Europe’s largest glacier.

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Should your holiday be interrupted and you leave at any time during the trip due to personal illness or injury; or be required to return to New Zealand because of the serious injury, illness or death of an immediate family member*: (a) you will be refunded NZ$192 per person/ per day for the unused portion of the holiday. Please note that in some circumstances you may require a 1 night cancellation fee.

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Deposit Protection

- Book with confidence, thanks to our deposit protection included with every Trafalgar holiday quote. Should your plans change, and you cancel your booking before final payment due, you’ll receive a credit for your NZ$200 per person deposit, to use toward your future travel plans.

Gold Seal Travel Protection

- Trafalgar’s Gold Seal Protection (GSP) plan costs only NZ$129 per person. Exclusively available at time of deposit, GSP gives you the additional peace of mind about your plans should changes occur. Here’s what’s covered:

Before your holiday

GSP allows you to cancel Trafalgar holiday for any reason without penalty prior to 30 days from your trip start date. If no Force Majeure Event* has occurred when you cancel, the value of your Trafalgar Holiday Pre-payment will be refunded; or if a Force Majeure Event* does occur causing you to cancel, the Trafalgar Holiday Pre-payment will be converted to a Future Travel Credit (FTC) of the same value. The FTC may be redeemed against the cost of a new holiday provided by Trafalgar or one of their third party sister brands, departing, at any time within 24 months of your cancellation but is not redeemable for cash. If the new trip or departure is more expensive than the FTC, you are responsible for the balance of the price; if the new trip or departure is less expensive than the FTC, a new FTC will be issued for the difference.

Airline travel costs and any related cancellation or rebooking costs are not covered by the Gold Seal Protection Plan.

On your holiday

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