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John A. Miller

John A. Miller
PRESIDENT



P.S. Last summer we celebrated our youngest son's college graduation with a trip to Greece. It was a delight in every way. I encourage everyone to consider the power of travel to bring you closer to the people you love. Read more on page 114.

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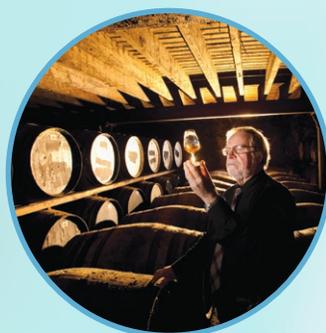


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ITALY

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On selected trips through Scotland



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- **Venice:** Enter St. Mark's Basilica after-hours for a special lighting ceremony.
- **Capri:** Dine at the dual-Michelin-starred L'Olivo.
- **Chairman's Collection:** Have lunch with an Italian Count.



SPAIN

- **Barcelona:** Gain behind-the-scenes access to the Liceu Opera House.
- **Madrid:** Enjoy dinner at the Michelin-starred Alborna Restaurant

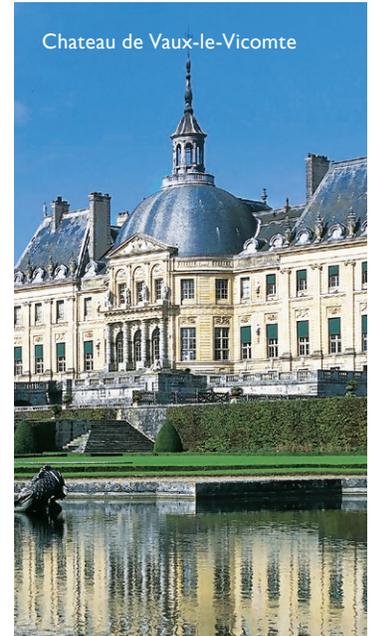
BRITAIN

- **London:** Join the warders at the Tower of London for a centuries-old tradition, the Ceremony of the Keys.
- **York:** Enter the Majestic Harlow Carr Gardens after-hours to meet the curator and enjoy a twilight picnic.
- **Edinburgh:** Meet the late Queen Mother's favorite bagpiper.
- **Chairman's Collection:** Explore Alnwick Castle Gardens with a Duchess.



FRANCE

- **Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte:** Explore the estate with the master gardener or learn French etiquette from the butler.
- **Chairman's Collection:** Dine with a French Noble.



CANADA

- **Whistler:** Join a First Nations ambassador to participate in a tea workshop with a master blender.
- **Quebec City:** Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic Fairmont Le Château Frontenac.

PERU

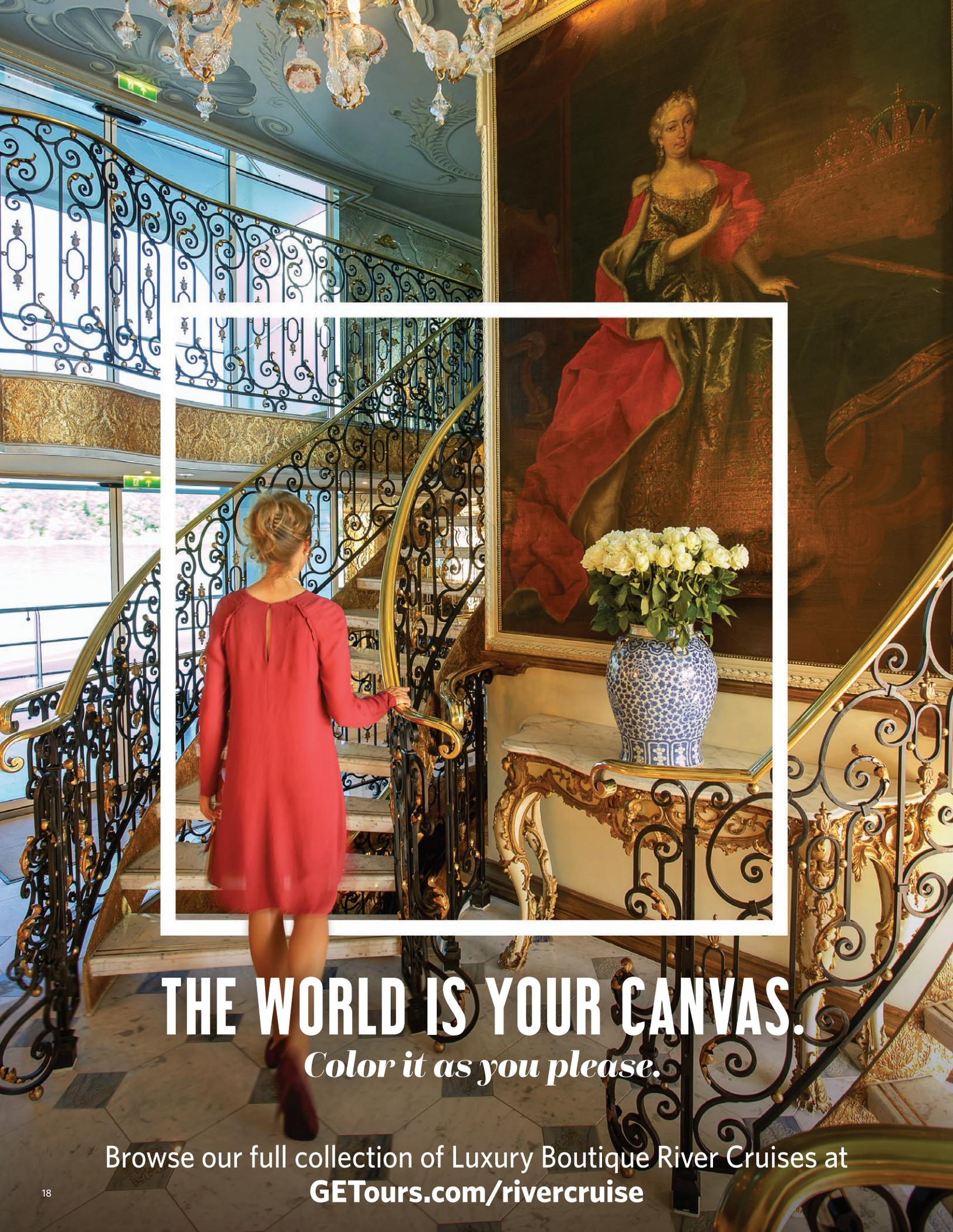
- **Lima:** Meet painter, sculptor and local legend, Victor Delfin at his art studio.
- **Lima:** Dine at the world-renowned restaurant, Astrid y Gaston.



USA

- **Memphis:** Meet Elvis's close friend for a VIP tour and dinner at Graceland.
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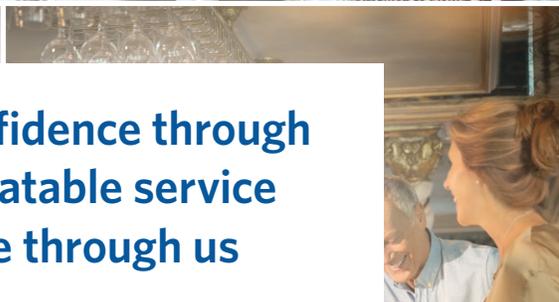
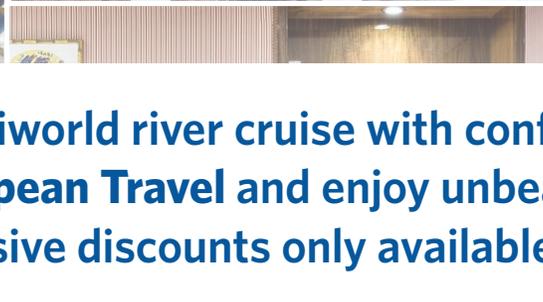


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Registration only takes a few minutes and can be done on any device including mobile and tablet. Here's what you'll need to register:

- 1 Your reservation number**
- 2 Your details such as email address and phone number**
- 3 Someone at home we can contact in case of an emergency (name and phone number)**
- 4 Your travel preferences like dietary requirements**

The more we know about you, the more tailored our Travel Directors can make your vacation experience — like sharing fascinating tidbits on your favorite interests.

Your Travel Documents are now digital

- All guests are required to register after making a reservation at www.GETours.com/manage-my-booking before receiving your trip documentation. Once registered, your electronic documents will be available approximately 21 days prior to your departure for download on your computer or mobile device.
- Grand European Travel is committed to long-term sustainability, so by choosing this paperless option, you're supporting our efforts in ensuring we limit our carbon footprint wherever possible.
- Printed documents will be available on a request basis should this be more convenient for you.

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Each guest is responsible for ensuring their passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the conclusion of their trip and that all necessary visas and permits have been acquired. Multiple-entry visas may be required if you are entering a country more than once on your vacation. Each guest must comply with entry, health and other requirements of the countries visited during your trip.

Contact your Travel Specialist, airline or relevant government authorities to obtain the necessary travel information.

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RESPECT
local cultures
and traditions

SUSTAIN
natural and
cultural beauty

REFLECT
on what you can do
for a healthier earth

The TreadRight Foundation is our way of making a difference today and well into the future. Our not-for-profit foundation, established by The Travel Corporation and spearheaded by the Tollman family, works to ensure the environment and communities we visit together remain vibrant for generations to come.

Here are just a few ways you can make a difference. Be respectful of local cultures — ask before taking a picture of local artisans or events. Support a healthier earth — carry a reusable water bottle, or take short 3-minute shower to save water. Sustain natural beauty — stay on the marked pathways and explore with your eyes and camera. For more ideas, visit Treadright.org.



You make a difference by traveling with us

For every vacation booked by our fellow travelers, Grand European contributes directly to TreadRight, to support communities and cultures around the world. As a guest, you will experience and support cultural heritage in keeping local traditions alive and visit places of incredible natural beauty supporting the natural world.



MEET OUR AMBASSADOR

Céline Cousteau

A leading environmentalist, adventurer and explorer, Céline Cousteau truly embodies the TreadRight philosophy. As a documentary filmmaker and gifted storyteller, Céline has travelled the world working to help amplify the voices of the amazing individuals who are working to protect ecosystems, wildlife, and people.

This is my story.

As the 3rd generation of my family to be both travelers and a documentarian, I have spent my life exploring the world and communicating the stories that connect humans and the environment.

The TreadRight Foundation's mission is to protect and preserve the environment, destinations, and communities their travel partners visit, which is why I am proud to be the TreadRight Ambassador to help amplify the voices of the amazing groups and individuals who are working to protect ecosystems, wildlife, and people.



Preserve

TreadRight helps to preserve cultural heritage by supporting traditional artisans through the Aspen Institute's Alliance for Artisan Enterprise.

Protect

To combat wildlife crime, TreadRight partners with leading wildlife organizations, including WildAid and Wilderness Foundation with a particular focus on the protection of South Africa's rhino.

In the spirit of my father, ocean explorer and filmmaker Jean-Michel Cousteau, and my grandfather, the legendary Jacques Yves Cousteau, I invite you to join me in experiencing the world in a way that ensures future generations will have the opportunity to do the same.

TreadRight – Doing good and giving back

by Brett Tollman, CEO of The Travel Corporation

Q: How would you describe the idea of sustainable tourism?

A: Sustainable tourism is about traveling and experiencing the world in a way that will also allow future generations to explore and enjoy our planet in the same way we do today. As a travel company, we recognize that it is our responsibility to help protect the places we visit and help take care of the world around us.

Q: When did you realize the importance of sustainable tourism?

A: When I was about 10 years old, I read an article about Paul Newman's foundation, and he inspired me with his meticulous approach to recycling. This shaped my thinking about sustainability from that point forward. This has stayed with me throughout my career, as we've introduced recycling programs in hotels I've been involved with starting back in the 80's, philanthropic charities and programs we've supported and since TTC founded our own not-for-profit ten years ago, The TreadRight Foundation, dedicated to sustainability. I continue to reflect on Mr Newman's lifelong commitment to the planet and giving back to society — this has been particularly relevant this year, when the United Nations designated 2017 "The Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development" (to learn more — www.tourism4development2017.org).

Q: What is The TreadRight Foundation?

A: The TreadRight Foundation is a not-for-profit, working hand in hand with TTC's brands to help ensure that some of the destinations and communities we visit remain vibrant for generations to come, and to help protect and preserve the wildlife of our planet. Treadright was born out of my family's heartfelt commitment to giving back. Ever since my parents, Stanley & Beatrice Tollman, began building the family business from a humble hotel and restaurant beginning in South Africa, they believed in the importance of helping to support the community around them. As the family business has evolved and grown over the years, so too have our philanthropic ambitions.

Q: What do you believe the travel industry can do to help preserve the planet?

A: As one of the world's largest sectors, the travel industry has tremendous potential to be a significant force for positive change. As an industry, we can

help to increase public appreciation of the environment and help to spread the word on the value of connecting with local cultures and communities in a sustainable way. Travel can contribute to environmental protection, conservation and restoration of biological diversity and sustainable use of natural resources, while also helping preserve and protect valued, vulnerable communities and cultures.

Q: What about individual travelers. What can they do to make a difference?

A: There is so much we can and need to do as individual travelers, that can have a direct impact on the places we visit. I encourage every traveler to:

- honor and respect their hosts and learn about local customs, traditions and social practices;
- to actively support local economies by purchasing souvenirs such as locally-made artisan handicrafts and products;
- respect wildlife and natural habitats by not purchasing products that are made using endangered species;
- reduce water and energy waste;
- always tread lightly; and
- share their knowledge and rewarding experiences when they return home.

A global travel industry member organization we work with and support, the World Travel and Tourism Council, put out a simple, easy to adopt set of practices to follow, which I highly recommend everyone adopts. We are all global citizens and the protection and preservation of our planet and all that live on it is essential for all of us. We all have a role to play, not just when we travel, but 365 days a year, and I encourage you to take the pledge too. Visit www.toomuchtoask.org to learn more.

Q: Have you seen new advances in sustainable tourism in the last couple of years?

A: The United Nations designating 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for

Development has been a valuable rallying point to hopefully help bring about significant change in the travel industry. TTC signed on as a Diamond Sponsor of the UN International Year of Sustainable Development because we recognize the importance of raising awareness with our travelers, partners, and employees. That's why we're on





our own sustainability journey, adopting and implementing a social responsibility strategy to integrate best practices and continue to reduce our operational environmental footprint, protect the planet's wild places and cultures, reduce the impact at our offices, help to stamp out animal cruelty, empower the disenfranchised, and impact our communities through our global employee volunteering program. We're continually encouraging and educating our team and the travelers who explore the planet with our award-winning brands to do so in a positive and sustainable manner. We will continue to help implement new advances and innovations that achieve these goals.

Q: How can travelers find out more about sustainable travel?

A: The United Nations World Tourism Organization has an excellent yet simple guide book, *"Tips for a Responsible Traveler"*, which you can find at www.tourism4development2017.org. It details the ways one can travel responsibly, including finding tips of what to look for when making travel related purchases. One thing that's good to keep in mind is that sustainability-minded travel companies, like TTC, are partnering with leading sustainability organizations to help save wildlife and elevate communities in the places they visit.

Q: What accomplishment or initiative are you most proud of?

A: We are very proud of the 40-plus sustainable travel projects The TreadRight Foundation has helped to support around the world in the



decade since it was founded. It has also been inspiring to collaborate with sustainability leaders like our TreadRight Ambassador, Céline Cousteau, and Chairman of our Treadright Steering Committee, Costas Christ, and working with amazing organizations like the Alliance for Artisan Enterprise, WWF, the Conservation Foundation, Wilderness Foundation, Wildlife SOS, Just a

Drop, National Geographic, Happy Hearts Fund, the National Trust, and many more to help maintain the natural attractions and unique heritages across the planet.

We are also proud of the work we're doing within our organization as part of our social responsibility strategy. That work includes a pledge to World Animal Protection since 2015, which commits all of our brands to not sell, offer or promote venues or activities involving elephant rides and shows, and committing to proactively communicate this commitment to protect elephants to travelers and encourage elephant-friendly tourism. In concert with that pledge, we introduced our TreadRight Animal Welfare Policy, which assists our operations teams as they vet and assess all animal-related activities which we offer. Any activities that do not meet the requirements of the policy are phased out and/or removed; this includes events and attractions ranging from elephant rides to running with the bulls.



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The Grand Canal, Venice

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Cultural Insight

See traditional glassblowing in Venice

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City Explorations

City tour in **London, Rome, Florence and Paris**. Orientation of **Amsterdam, Heidelberg, Munich, Innsbruck, Venice** and **Lucerne**

You'll Visit

St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and the **Eiffel Tower** in Paris

You'll Cruise

Along the **canals of Amsterdam** and the romantic **River Rhine**

You'll View

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

You'll See

The **Houses of Parliament** in London, the **Lorelei Rock** along the Rhine, and the **Vineyards** of Burgundy

From picture-perfect Amsterdam to the magnificent open-air museum that is Rome. Mountains and monuments dot your route as you meander through the heart of Europe against the mesmerizing backdrop of the Alps en route to Paris.

DAY 1 USA - London

Overnight flight to London (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive London (2 Nights)

Relax after your journey or spend time exploring this exciting city.

The Tower

*Local Host is with you during your stay in London. Your Travel Director will join you on day 4.

DAY 3 London

Join a Local Specialist this morning for a tour of the iconic sites of London, including **Big Ben**, the imposing **Houses of Parliament** and **Westminster Abbey**. (FB)

DAY 4 London - Eurostar - Brussels - Amsterdam

Meet your Travel Director before traveling to London's St. Pancras International where we will board the **Eurostar™** for a high-speed train journey to Brussels and a luxury coach journey to Amsterdam. Enjoy an orientation of this historic Dutch capital center before joining your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception dinner cruise on its charming canals.

(FB,WR) *Mercure City*

DAY 5 Amsterdam - Rhine Cruise - Heidelberg - Rhineland

In Boppard cruise along the Rhine past the vineyard-clad hills, fairy-tale medieval castles perched above charming riverside towns to St. Goar. Arriving in the Baroque city of Heidelberg, enjoy a few hours to explore before traveling to our Rhineland hotel. (BB,D) *Sinsheim*

DAY 6 Rhineland - Munich - Innsbruck

Crossing the Swabian Alps on the edge of the Black Forest, we arrive in the Bavarian capital of Munich. Our orientation drive takes us past the **Olympic Stadium** and neo-Gothic City Hall, which dominates Marienplatz. Driving across the Austrian border, we arrive in Innsbruck. Admire Emperor Maximilian's famous **Golden Roof** with its ornate façade and perhaps consider an evening of traditional Tyrolean entertainment. (BB) *Innsbruck*

DAY 7 Innsbruck - Venice

Meandering through the emerald-green landscape along the Brenner Pass, we journey into Italy and across the Dolomite Mountains en route to

the enchanting city of Venice. Cruise on the beautiful blue Adriatic waters by private launch to the gateway of Venice, St. Mark's Square, viewing the ornate **Doge's Palace** and the **Bridge of Sighs**. Gain a fascinating Cultural Insight into the centuries-old craft of **Venetian glassblowing** before spending the afternoon at leisure to soak up the romantic atmosphere.

(BB) *Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana*

DAY 8 Venice - Rome (2 Nights)

Traveling south across the Veneto Plain, we pass by the dramatic Apennine Mountains, continuing through the green and golden fields of Lazio before reaching Rome. (BB) *A. Roma Lifestyle*

DAY 9 Rome

Venture to the **Vatican City**, visiting **St. Peter's Basilica** with a Local Expert to view Michaelangelo's Renaissance masterpiece, the **Pieta**. We journey to Ancient Rome to view the iconic **Colosseum** and **Circus Maximus**, once the site of exhilarating chariot races centuries ago. The afternoon is yours to explore the city on your terms.

(BB)



Visit 9 Countries (including the Vatican City)

● Arrival City # Number of Overnight Stays
● Departure City ● Sightseeing Stop

DAY 10 Rome – Florence
Travel north through the rolling countryside of Tuscany and along the Arno valley to the Cradle of the Renaissance, Florence. Delve into the rich de' Medici heritage of this beautiful medieval city with your Local Specialist. Visit what was once the political hub of the city, **Piazza della Signoria**, with its impressive sculptures and stunning palazzi. View the imposing **Duomo** with its Brunelleschi dome and **Baptistry** renowned for its bronze doors filled with relief sculptures. This evening, enjoy true Tuscan hospitality at your **Be My Guest** dinner. (BB,BG)
Grand Hotel Mediterraneo

DAY 11 Florence – Lucerne (2 Nights)
Drive via the picturesque Italian Lakes District, across the snow-capped Alps into beautiful Switzerland where we'll spend the next two nights in the beautiful medieval lakeside city of Lucerne. (BB,D) *Grand Europe*

DAY 12 Lucerne
This morning, view the mournful, mortally wounded lion hewn from rock to commemorate the Swiss Guards who lost their lives defending Louis XVI. Walk along the flower-lined 14th century covered **Chapel Bridge**, crossing the Reuss. Or join

an exciting Optional Experience to one of the surrounding peaks for breathtaking views of the Swiss countryside. (BB)

DAY 13 Lucerne – Paris (2 Nights)
Crossing the border into France, we meander through the picturesque vineyards and quaint country towns of Burgundy en route to the City of Lights. Spend some time this evening strolling along the Seine and grand boulevards or perhaps consider an Optional Experience to a colorful Parisian cabaret. (BB) *Evergreen Laurel*

DAY 14 Paris
Accompanied by a Local Specialist, view the sophisticated **Champs Élysées, Place de la Concorde** and the 19th century **Arc de Triomphe**, honoring those who fought for France. We'll ascend to the second level of the **Eiffel Tower** for panoramic views of the city—the Seine, gardens and symmetrical streets stretching out below. We spend the evening with our travel companions and Travel Director enjoying a delicious **Farewell Dinner in a local bistro**. (BB,FD)

DAY 15 Paris – USA
Say 'au revoir' to Paris as your memorable European vacation comes to an end. Transfers arrive at Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport at 8am (flight not included). (BB)

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APR 12, 14	\$3,695	AUG 4, 11	\$3,795	*DEC 18	\$3,750
APR 19	\$3,775	AUG 16, 18	\$3,795	*DEC 20	\$3,850
APR 21, 26	\$3,895	AUG 23	\$3,850	*DEC 25	\$3,695
APR 28	\$3,895	SEP 1, 6	\$3,895	*DEC 29	\$3,495
MAY 3, 5	\$3,895	SEP 8, 13	\$3,895	2019 DEPARTURES	
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JUN 14, 16	\$3,895	*NOV 3, 10	\$3,495	*MAR 16, 18	\$3,525
JUN 21, 23	\$3,825	*NOV 17, 25	\$3,475	*MAR 24	\$3,525
JUN 28, 30	\$3,825	*DEC 1, 8	\$3,475	*MAR 28, 30	\$3,575
JUL 7, 12, 14	\$3,825				

Single Supplement: from \$880.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$117 per person.

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Salzburg Visit the Baroque town of Mozart's birth

Vienna Sightseeing with your Local Specialist features the Opera House, Hofburg, Parliament and the Imperial Boulevards

Venice Cruise by private boat to St. Mark's Square. Visit a traditional glassblowing workshop

Florence Panoramic views of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo

Rome Morning sightseeing with your Local Specialist. Visit St. Peter's Basilica. View the Colosseum and see the ancient sites

Savor the flavors of France and Italy as you travel to Paris to see the Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe, through the Burgundy wine region, Switzerland's Alpine landscapes, and to the cities of Venice, Florence and Rome through the rolling Tuscan countryside.

DAY 1 USA – London

Board your overnight flight to London (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive London (2 Nights)

Time to relax after hotel check-in.

Hilton Olympia

**Local Host is with you during your stay in London. Your Travel Director will join you on day 4.*

DAY 3 London Free Time

Enjoy exploring London today. See the sights, visit a museum or go shopping — the list is endless and the choice is yours. **(FB)**

DAY 4 London – Paris (2 Nights)

Meet your Travel Director and embark on your journey. See the **White Cliffs of Dover** as you board the ferry and cross to Calais, France. Travel past the battlefields of the Somme to the glittering capital, Paris, your home for the next 2 nights. **(FB)** *Novotel Porte D'Orleans*

DAY 5 Paris

This morning enjoy views of the **Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées and Arc de Triomphe** during your orientation. Spend free time exploring the banks of the Seine. This evening you might like to experience a world-famous cabaret show. **(BB)**

DAY 6 Paris – Lucerne Region

Today drive through the Burgundy region where vineyards stretch as far as the eye can see. Pass the fortified town of Belfort to lakeside Lucerne, with views of the 14th century **Chapel Bridge** and a visit to the Lion Monument during your orientation tour. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB,D)** *Burestadl*

DAY 7 Lucerne Region – Liechtenstein – Innsbruck (2 Nights)

Cross the Swiss border to Liechtenstein for a brief stop in the

capital, **Vaduz**. Continue into Austria to the historical city of Innsbruck which is also the capital of the Tyrol. View the famous **Golden Roof and Hofburg Palace**. **(BB,D)** *Dollinger*

DAY 8 Innsbruck Free Day

Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore this mountain ringed resort town, or join an Optional Experience offered by your Travel Director. Tonight you might like to experience a lively evening of entertainment, folklore and fun. **(BB,D)**

DAY 9 Innsbruck – Salzburg – Vienna (2 Nights)

Travel to Salzburg where you see Mozart's birthplace as well as locations from the Sound of Music film. Arrive later in the imperial city of Vienna, your home for the next two nights. **(BB)** *Fourside City Centre*



Visit 5 Countries (including the Vatican City)

● Arrival City ● Departure City ● Number of Overnight Stays ● Sightseeing Stop

DAY 10 Vienna

Your Local Specialist shows you the sights of Vienna including the **Opera House, Hofburg, Parliament** and Imperial Boulevards. Spend free time exploring or perhaps take an excursion to the vast Schönbrunn Palace. **(BB)**

DAY 11 Vienna - Venice

Journey through the heart of the Austrian Alps past mountains and small picturesque towns to the Austrian Lake District. Cross the Italian border and arrive later in Venice, known as the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(BB,D) Il Burchiello**

DAY 12 Venice Orientation - Florence

Cruise by private launch to **St. Mark's Square** and see the sumptuous **Doge's Palace** and **St. Mark's Basilica**. Watch the Venetian craftsmen at work creating local specialties at a glassblowing workshop. You may consider an Optional Experience to Burano Island for a delightful lunch. Cross the Apennine Mountains, arriving later to your hotel near Florence, birthplace of the renaissance. Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight. **(BB,D) Starhotels Vespucci**

DAY 13 Florence Orientation - Rome (2 Nights)

See the sights during your orientation tour of Florence which includes a stroll to **Santa Croce Square**. Don't miss the opportunity to shop for high-quality leather and gold before departing for Rome. **(BB) Ergife Palace**

DAY 14 Rome

Your Local Specialist takes you on an insightful sightseeing tour. When there is no Papal Mass, visit **St. Peter's Basilica** and admire Michelangelo's Renaissance masterpiece, the Pietà. Alternatively, enjoy being in Rome to witness the Pope addressing the gathering crowds with St. Peter's as a backdrop. Your guided tour continues across the Tiber where you view the mighty **Colosseum**, see **Circus Maximus** & the ancient sites of Rome. Spend time afterwards seeing more sights or shopping for souvenirs. **(BB)**

DAY 15 Rome - USA

This morning say 'arrivederci' to your traveling companions and your Travel Director at the end of a memorable European vacation. Transfers arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am (flight not included). **(BB)**

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You'll Visit

The **Eiffel Tower** in Paris and **St. Peter's Basilica** in Rome

You'll View

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

You'll See

The **Houses of Parliament** in London, the **Somme Battlefields** and the **Vineyards** of Burgundy

Enjoy radiant Paris and the Renaissance romance of Florence, dramatic Alpine landscapes and the Eternal City of Rome where you'll toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain to secure your swift return...

DAY 1 USA - London

Board your overnight flight to London (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive London (2 Nights)

Relax or spend the afternoon exploring this magical capital city.

Park Plaza County Hall/Park Plaza Riverbank
**Local Host is with you during your stay in London. Your Travel Director will join you on day 4.*

DAY 3 London

Join a Local Specialist this morning for a tour of the iconic sites of London, including **Big Ben**, the imposing **Houses of Parliament** and **Westminster Abbey**. Your afternoon is at leisure to go shopping on Oxford Street, visit one of the fascinating museums or wander along the Thames watching ambitious Londoners bustle about on their day-to-day. **(FB)**

DAY 4 London - Paris (2 Nights)

Meet your Travel Director before saying cheerio London and hello sparkling **White Cliffs of Dover**,

England's last hurrah before we cross the English Channel bound for Calais. We pass the bloody **World War I battlefields of the Somme** before arriving in the beautiful city of Paris where we will enjoy a Welcome Reception with dinner to meet our fellow travelers and Travel Director. This evening the City of Lights creates an enchanting backdrop for an orientation drive that will showcase several of the sights which will await us tomorrow.

(FB,WR) Novotel Centre Bercy

DAY 5 Paris

Enjoy a scenic sojourn along the grand boulevard of the **Champs Élysées** to view the **Arc de Triomphe**, honoring those who fought for France. We join our Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour that ascends to the second level of the **Eiffel Tower**, the cultural icon of France, for spectacular views of the city. This afternoon, we enjoy time at leisure to explore the treasures of Paris.

Wander through the quaint cobblestone lanes of Montmartre in search of beautiful art, admire da Vinci's **Mona Lisa** at the Louvre or relax at a cozy French café. **(BB)**

DAY 6 Paris - Lucerne

Wind our way through the sprawling vineyards of Auxerrois and Burgundy, journeying south past the 15th century fortress of Châteauneuf and rolling green farmlands into Switzerland en route to Lucerne. Cross the famous wooden Chapel Bridge with its 17th century paintings and visit the mortally wounded lion hewn from rock, paying tribute to the hundreds of brave Swiss Guards who died defending Louis XVI. **(BB,D)** Grand Europe

DAY 7 Lucerne - St. Gotthard - Venice

We meander through the imposing Alps today through the winding St. Gotthard region and across the border at Chiasso into Italy. Catching a glimpse of its beautiful



Visit 5 Countries (including the Vatican City)

lakes, we pass the romantic city of Verona, arriving later in Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. (BB) Novotel Venezia Mestre Castellana

DAY 8 Venice – Florence

Take to the water and board a private motor launch to the gateway to Venice, St. Mark's Square, to view the **Bridge of Sighs** and ornate **Doge's Palace**. Witness a Cultural Insight into the fine, centuries-old craft of **glassblowing** at one of the oldest workshops on the island. This afternoon we cross the striking Apennine Mountains to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance and our home for the night. (BB) Grand Hotel Mediterraneo/Nilhotel

DAY 9 Florence – Rome (2 Nights)

The magnificent Renaissance Dome of **Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral** and the **Baptistery** stand imposingly in the center of Florence and are among the sights we will view during our guided walking tour with a Local Specialist. Admire the 400-year-old **Ponte Vecchio** which spans the Arno and marvel at the impressive palazzi and art in the **Piazza della Signoria**, the political hub of the city, before

traveling to Rome, the last stop on your trip. (BB) Cardinal St. Peter

DAY 10 Rome

Cross the Tiber and into the **Vatican City** for a fascinating encounter with the Center of Christianity. A Local Specialist will take us on a tour of **St. Peter's Basilica**, the home of Michelangelo's Renaissance masterpiece, the **Pietà**, crafted from the most perfect block of Carrara marble. Consider an Optional Experience to see the magnificent frescoes of the Sistine Chapel, before traveling to Ancient Rome to view the **Colosseum** where brave gladiators and slaves fought to the death to the thunderous applause of thousands of spectators. This evening we join our travel companions and Travel Director for a **Be My Guest Farewell Dinner** celebrating the Italian's zest for life, food and good company. (BB, BGF, D)

DAY 11 Rome – USA

Say 'arrivederci' to Rome and return home. Airport transfers will arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am (flight not included). (BB)

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APR 26	\$2,795	AUG 2, 7, 9	\$2,795	*DEC 17	\$2,495
MAY 3, 8	\$2,850	AUG 16	\$2,795	*DEC 25	\$2,675
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MAY 24	\$2,850	SEP 4, 6, 11	\$2,850	*JAN 17	\$2,250
MAY 29, 31	\$2,850	SEP 13, 20	\$2,850	*JAN 24, 31	\$2,395
JUN 7, 14	\$2,850	SEP 27	\$2,850	*FEB 7, 14	\$2,395
JUN 19	\$2,850	OCT 4, 9, 11	\$2,825	*FEB 21, 28	\$2,395
JUN 21, 26	\$2,850	OCT 16, 18	\$2,825	*MAR 7, 14	\$2,395
JUN 28	\$2,850	*OCT 25	\$2,395	*MAR 18, 21	\$2,395
JUL 5, 10	\$2,850	*NOV 1, 8	\$2,395	*MAR 28	\$2,425

Single Supplement: from \$500.

Triple Room Discount: up to \$50.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$78 per person.

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You'll View

The **Champs Élysées** and **Arc de Triomphe** in Paris

You'll See

Big Ben, **Houses of Parliament** and **Buckingham Palace** in London and the **White Cliffs of Dover**

Two iconic European cities — London and Paris vie for your attention on this vacation as you savor such highlights as Big Ben, the Champs Élysées and a bit of French *joie de vivre*. Marvel at the majestic Palace of Versailles, visit Stonehenge and view the royal residence of Windsor Castle.

DAY 1 USA – London

Overnight flight to London (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive London (4 Nights)

Embrace the pomp and pageantry of a city that combines the fascinating heritage of yesteryear with all the verve of a modern capital. Spend time strolling through the leafy Royal Parks, shopping up a storm on trendy West End or visiting some of London's world-famous historic attractions or museums to gain a sense of a place that is certainly larger than life. This evening, we join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** Cumberland

DAY 3 London & Windsor Excursion

London's iconic sights take center stage today during a half-day introductory sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See **Big Ben**, the imposing **Houses of Parliament**,

Westminster Abbey and **Buckingham Palace**, before traveling to the town of **Windsor** with its vast Royal Castle, the oldest and largest occupied castle in the world. Spend the afternoon following in the footsteps of royalty. Explore over 900 years of royal history, amble through quaint streets of this historic market town or settle back at an authentic British riverside pub and enjoy delicious pub fare washed down with an ale. **(FB)**

DAY 4 Bath & Stonehenge Excursion

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

DAY 5 London at Leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the captivating sights and sounds of London. Ask your Travel Director for recommendations on how to spend your last day in the city or join one of several Optional Experiences. Delve into centuries of history and admire exquisite royal jewels at the Tower of London, meander through the stalls of Covent Garden or take a leisurely cruise along the Thames River. Spend the afternoon shopping on Bond Street and in Knightsbridge or consider joining your Travel Director at a lively restaurant and enjoy a West End show. **(FB)**

DAY 6 London – Paris (4 Nights)

Departing London, we travel through the lush green Kent countryside to board our ferry in Dover, watching the impressive **White Cliffs** disappear into the distance as we cross to France for the next four days. We pass the



Visit 2 Countries

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bloody World War I battlefields of the Somme en route to magical Paris where we will spend four nights. (FB) Novotel Centre Tour Eiffel

DAY 7 Paris

The City of Lights shines brightly today as our Local Specialist takes us on a sightseeing tour of Paris this morning. We'll view the grand Champs Élysées, Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde, renowned for its tumultuous history before ascending to the second level of the Eiffel Tower for a bird's-eye view of the capital. This afternoon is at leisure to soak up the sophistication of this beautiful city. Wander the charming streets of Montmartre and admire the imposing white domes of Sacre Coeur, enjoy a light-hearted picnic in the pretty Tuileries gardens or pay a visit to da Vinci's Mona Lisa at one of the world's most visited museums, the Louvre. This evening we indulge in a unique encounter with Parisian culture, enjoying a special Be My Guest experience in the City of Lights. (BB, BG)

DAY 8 Versailles Excursion

Join a Local Specialist today to explore the opulent Palace of Versailles — its splendor and beauty created to reflect the self-proclaimed majesty of King

Louis XIV, the Sun King. See the exquisite sprawling gardens, the Hall of Mirrors with its impressive chandeliers and glinting mirrors and the quirky hamlet that Marie-Antoinette once used as a retreat from her royal lifestyle and to masquerade as a peasant. This evening we return to Paris to enjoy the city by night, or perhaps attend a colorful Parisian cabaret performance. (BB)

DAY 9 Paris at Leisure

Spend the day at leisure delving into the sophistication and glamour of Paris on your own terms. Sample delicious French cakes at a local pâtisserie, amble along the cobblestone lanes of trendy Le Marais or journey into the macabre underground catacombs dating back to the 19th century. On our last evening together in Paris, we join our travel companions and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner in the city. (BB, FD)

DAY 10 Paris – USA

After breakfast, bid your new-found friends 'au revoir' as your memorable trip comes to an end. Transfers will arrive at Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport at 8am and 10.30am (flight not included). (BB)

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JUN 29	\$3,250	*OCT 5, 12	\$2,795	*MAR 8	\$2,695
JUL 6	\$3,250	*OCT 19, 26	\$2,795	*MAR 22	\$2,695
JUL 13	\$3,050	*NOV 9, 23	\$2,695	*MAR 29	\$2,695

Single Supplement: from \$700.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$84 per person.

Code: DELP/WDLF. Prices based on two people sharing a twin room.

Triple Room: Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

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You'll Cruise

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

You'll View

St. Mark's Basilica in Venice, the **Gothic Cathedral** and **La Scala Opera House** in Milan, the **Leaning Tower** of Pisa and the **Duomo** in Florence

Add a dash of 'issimo' to your love affair with Italy as you explore its captivating landscapes, culture, and the mouth-watering flavors that have inspired its residents to coin the phrase: "First we eat, then we do everything else...".

DAY 1 USA – Rome

Board your overnight flight to Rome (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

On arrival to Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Explore this imperial city of emperors and senators, gods and goddesses, before joining your companions and Travel Director later for a Welcome Reception. Our introduction to the Eternal City is an evening orientation drive to view some of the sights which await you. **(WR) Una/Victoria**

DAY 3 Rome

The Holy See takes center stage today as we join a Local Specialist for an included sightseeing tour in the fascinating **Vatican Museums**. Witness first-hand the masterpieces of Bramante and Michelangelo in a Cultural Insight, admiring the smooth, step-less staircase, the magnificent frescoed ceiling in the **Sistine Chapel Experience** and the marble masterpiece of Pietà, housed in **St. Peter's Basilica**. We venture across the Tiber and into Ancient

Rome to see the famous **Colosseum** and **Circus Maximus**, once the site of celebrated chariot races. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore the city streets of Rome as you wish. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Rome – Cassino – Pompeii – Sorrento (2 Nights)

Today we pay tribute to the brave souls of the World War II Italian Campaign whose last resting place is the **Commonwealth War Cemetery** in Cassino. We view the Benedictine Abbey, which featured as the site of the Battle of Monte Cassino in 1955, before heading 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 Vesuvius in AD 79. **(BB,DW) La Residenza/Johanna Park**

DAY 5 Isle of Capri Excursion

Cross the Bay of Naples today by ferry to the glamorous Isle of Capri. Wander past the chic boutiques and sidewalk cafés in **Capri Town** in the company of a Local Specialist. Later, we return to the mainland and enjoy

a Cultural Insight into the intricate art of inlaid woodwork for which Sorrento is famous. **(BB)**

DAY 6 Sorrento – Assisi

Join our Local Specialist in Assisi for a walking tour to visit the **Basilica of St. Francis**. See the remnants of Roman heritage at the church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva and the Lions Fountain in the central piazza before dining at your hotel this evening. **(BB,DW) Cenacolo**

DAY 7 Assisi – Verona – Venice (2 Nights)

Fall in love with the Renaissance architecture and delicious flavors of Emilia Romagna. The story of star-crossed lovers is celebrated later during our stop in the exquisite city of Verona, where we will admire **Juliet's Balcony**, and the **Roman arena**, before arriving in Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic. **(BB,DW) Grande Albergo Ausonia & Hungaria**

DAY 8 Venice Orientation

Venture to the island of **Giudecca** where talented tradesmen share their centuries-old glassmaking



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traditions in a Cultural Insight, before meandering through the domain of St. Mark to view the impressive square and Basilica that still bear his name. Our journey through Venice takes us past the opulent Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs, before an afternoon at leisure. (BB)

DAY 9 Venice - Milan - Lake Maggiore (2 Nights)

Today we cross the lush green plains of Lombardy to sophisticated Milan, the global capital of design and fashion. An orientation tour takes us past the intricate Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera house and the famous Galleria. (BB, DW) *Simplon*

DAY 10 Lake Como Excursion

The glistening blue waters of Lake Como welcome us today, with free time to enjoy the lakeside lifestyle and beautiful scenery that has enchanted visitors for millenia. This evening, take a private boat to an island on Lake Maggiore for an unforgettable Be My Guest dinner experience. (BB, BG)

DAY 11 Lake Maggiore - Pisa - Florence (2 Nights)

The charm of Tuscany lures us across the forested Apennine Mountains, past Genoa to the famous city of Pisa and its Square of Miracles where we will enjoy an

opportunity to view the Leaning Tower. Our next stop is Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. (BB) *Adler Cavalieri/Grand Mediterraneo*

DAY 12 Florence

Delve into the extravagant legacy of the de' Medici in the company of a Local Specialist. The elegant Duomo dominates the skyline as we visit Piazza della Signoria with its exquisite statues and palazzi. Enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the beautiful skyline of Florence and the 400-year-old Ponte Vecchio from Piazzale Michelangelo. (BB)

DAY 13 Florence - San Gimignano - Rome

This morning we visit the charming Tuscan hill town of San Gimignano, within whose colorful city walls are extraordinary examples of medieval architecture and history. We head back to Rome this evening for a Farewell Dinner spent in the company of newfound friends and our Travel Director. (BB, FD) *Sheraton Parco De Medici*

DAY 14 Rome - USA

Say 'arrivederci Roma' at the end of your memorable vacation in Italy. Airport transfers will arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am (flight not included). (BB)

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MAY 3, 7, 10	\$3,775	AUG 2, 4	\$3,550	*NOV 17, 24	\$3,125
MAY 12, 15	\$3,775	AUG 9, 13	\$3,550	*DEC 1, 8	\$3,125
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Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$127 per person.

Code: ITBO/WTBO. Prices based on two people sharing a twin room.

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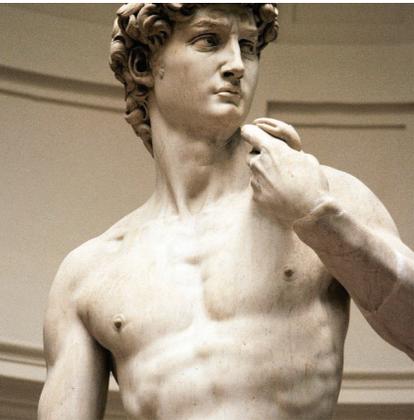
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You'll Cruise

By gondola along the majestic waterways of Venice

You'll View

The **Faraglioni rocks** in Capri, **Giotto's bell tower** and **Gates of Paradise** in Florence, **Juliet's Balcony** and **Colosseum** in Verona, and **St. Mark's Square, Doges Palace** and the **Bridge of Sighs** in Venice

Explore Italy's historic cities, villages and scenery and meet skilled artisans, musicians and Local Experts along the way.

DAY 1 USA - Italy

Board your overnight flight to Italy (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

Welcome to Rome! You will be met on arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport with transfers departing for your hotel at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Join your Travel Director later and get to know your fellow travelers over a delicious Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. **(DW)** *Romanico Palace*

DAY 3 Rome

In the morning, you will be joined by a Local Expert who will lead you through the priceless art collection of the **Vatican Museums** culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the **Sistine Chapel**. Your VIP visit includes fast-track entry to the museums and a behind-the-scenes look at the **Bramante Staircase**, a part of the Vatican closed to the general public. See more of Michelangelo's works display next door in **St. Peter's Basilica**. Enjoy some free time, or perhaps join an Optional Excursion to the ancient Colosseum? **(BB)**

DAY 4 Rome - Pompeii - Capri (2 Nights)

Journey to the ill-fated town of **Pompeii**, frozen in time when it was engulfed by an eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD. Walk with a Local Expert through cobbled streets to learn about Roman life in the first century before enjoying a refreshing lemon granita. Then continue to the Bay of Naples and board your hydrofoil to the Isle of Capri. In brilliant sunshine, enjoy a scenic drive by open-top taxi past orange and lemon groves to your hotel. **(BB)** *Hotel La Residenza*

DAY 5 Capri

Visit Capri town with its white-washed houses, winding alleyways and small cafes. A Local Expert escorts you to the luxuriant **Caesar Augustus Gardens** for views of the Faraglioni rocks. The afternoon is yours to devote to Capri's fashionable boutiques, craft shops and artisan studios, or perhaps join an Optional Excursion to the Amalfi Coast and Positano? As the glow of twilight descends and the day trippers have returned to their mainland hotels, the island is yours to saunter along scenic paths, gather with the locals in the piazzetta or relax with a

glass of wine at an al-fresco restaurant. **(BB)**

DAY 6 Capri - Florence (2 Nights)

Descend to the port by open-top taxi and take the hydrofoil across the Bay to Naples. Follow the Autostrada del Sole, or Motorway of the Sun, continuing through Umbria and idyllic Tuscan landscapes to Florence. **(BB,DW)** *Hotel Londra*

DAY 7 Florence

Join your Local Expert for a walk through Florence's historic center. Visit the **Accademia Gallery**, full of priceless art treasures, to see Michelangelo's masterpiece statue, David. See the multi-colored marble cathedral, **Giotto's bell tower** and the baptistry, adorned by Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise. Visit the **Piazza della Signoria** — an open-air museum and still the political heart of Florence. Stroll on to **Piazza Santa Croce** famous for its basilica and enjoy the rest of the day free to explore as you wish. **(BB)**

DAY 8 Florence - Cinque Terre - Santa Margherita

The famous Italian Riviera and the **Cinque Terre** are a highlight of your journey as a UNESCO World



Heritage Site and one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes. With a Local Expert, appreciate the views as you approach one of the picturesque fishing villages by boat. Spend some time exploring the old medieval quarter or the popular sandy beach before continuing along to the elegant seaside village of Portofino, epitome of la dolce vita. Should weather permit, return along the rugged Ligurian coast by boat to the resort of Santa Margherita. **(BB,DW)** *Best Western Regina Elena*

DAY 9 Santa Margherita – Italian Lake District

Journey north to the beautiful Italian Lake District, a favorite retreat of the rich and famous. Relax and enjoy an afternoon at leisure at this popular resort and beautiful lake or perhaps take a cruise to the Borromean Islands? For your dining pleasure, choose from a selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. **(BB,DW)** *Hotel Simplon*

DAY 10 Italian Lakes – Verona – Venice (2 Nights)

Follow the southern fringes of the European Alps to the vineyards, close to the shores of Lake Iseo. Wine-making traditions run deep here and you will get to taste the delicious vintages produced with a **master vintner** at a family-owned estate.

Continue to Verona, the setting for one of history's most romantic love stories. Walk with your Travel Director to Juliet's balcony in the inner courtyard of the reputed Capulet home and see the well-preserved Roman Arena, still used for open-air opera performances. Continue to the unique city of Venice — a complete step back in time to the 16th century. **(BB)** *Hilton Molino Stucky*

DAY 11 Venice

Cruise to a traditional arts center on **Giudecca Island** to admire the skillful art of glassblowing. Visit **St. Mark's Square** where the city's former wealth and power is evidenced by the riches of St. Mark's Basilica and admire the Doge's Palace with its adjoining Bridge of Sighs. Take your seat on a **gondola** and be serenaded through the myriad of beautiful canals, passing water-lapped doorways and Rococo palaces. In the evening, cruise the islands of the Venetian lagoon to arrive at Burano, famous for its candy colored houses. Sit down to a sumptuous Celebration Dinner with wine, sampling the local specialties. **(BB,DW)**

DAY 12 Venice – USA

Alas, you must bid farewell to this enchanting city. Your departure transfer arrives at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 8am and 9.30am. **(BB)**

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MAY 20, 27	\$4,150	AUG 26	\$4,095
JUN 3, 10, 17	\$4,150	SEP 2, 9, 16, 23	\$4,175
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Verona View Juliet's Balcony and the impressive Roman Arena

Italian Lakes Visit Lake Como

Pisa Visit the Square of Miracles to view the Leaning Tower

Florence Sightseeing with a Local Specialist includes views of the Cathedral and Piazza della Signoria

Trace the idyllic lakes, Renaissance cities, lush countryside and ancient heritage of Italy's historic centers of Venice, Florence and Rome, with stops in feisty Naples, Assisi and the elegant cliff-side village of Sorrento to catch up on Italy's café culture.

DAY 1 USA – Rome

Board your overnight flight to Rome (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. After check-in, relax and unwind. Later meet with your Travel Director and fellow travelers. This evening consider a stroll around this fascinating city and take in the vibrant atmosphere. *Ergife Palace*

DAY 3 Rome

Don't miss the opportunity to join an Optional Experience to the famous Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums. Later your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour starting with a visit to the Vatican City and the awe-inspiring

St. Peter's Basilica to view Michelangelo's statue, the Pietà. Cross the Tiber to view the mighty Colosseum and see the ancient sites of Rome. **(BB,D)**

DAY 4 Rome – Sorrento – Bay of Naples

Today head south to the Bay of Naples. Drive to the nearby resort of Sorrento to visit an inlaid wood workshop. Then consider an Optional Experience to Positano and the Amalfi Coast. Later enjoy dinner at the hotel. **(BB,D)** *Stabia*

DAY 5 Bay of Naples – Cassino – Assisi

Perhaps join an Optional Experience guided walking tour of Pompeii, which lay undiscovered beneath a layer of volcanic ash for centuries after Mount Vesuvius erupted in 79 AD. Afterwards leave the Bay of Naples and view the monastery at

Cassino, the scene of fierce battles during the Second World War. Continue north to the mystical town of Assisi, built on the fertile slopes of Mount Subasio in Umbria. **(BB,D)** *Frate Sole*

DAY 6 Assisi – Venice (Oriago) (2 Nights)

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

DAY 7 Venice

Watch the Venetian craftsmen at work creating local specialties at a glassblowing workshop on Giudecca



Island. Then cruise by private launch to **St. Mark's Square** in the heart of Venice. Admire the **Bridge of Sighs**, the ornate **Doge's Palace** and the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. Spend free time afterwards exploring this fascinating city or perhaps take a trip out across the lagoon to the island of Burano for a relaxing meal. (BB)

DAY 8 Venice (Oriago) - Verona - Lake Como - Italian Lakes (Saronno)

Head west across the plains of the Veneto to Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. View the vast Roman Arena, where concerts are still held regularly each year and walk to view Juliet's Balcony. Continue north to the Italian Lake District to visit Lake Como, a favored summer retreat of the rich and famous before arriving at your hotel where you dine tonight. (BB,D)
Starhotels Grand Milan

DAY 9 Italian Lakes (Saronno) - Pisa - Florence

This morning travel south to the famous town of Pisa. Explore the **Square of Miracles**, featuring the **Leaning Tower**, Cathedral and Baptistery. There is time to shop for

souvenirs and take pictures. Arrive later at your hotel near Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. (BB) Wall Art

DAY 10 Florence - Rome

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

DAY 11 Rome - USA

This morning say 'arrivederci' to Italy, your Travel Director and newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable vacation. Transfers arrive at Rome Fiumicino Airport at 7am and 9.30am (flight not included). (BB)

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Enjoy local Tuscan cuisine with Count Miari Fulcis on his 15th century organic olive oil estate in the Tuscan hills

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St. Peter's Basilica, the amazing **Vatican Museums**, the **Sistine Chapel** and the **Colosseum** in Rome, **St. Francis' Basilica** in Assisi

You'll Cruise

To **St. Mark's Square** in Venice

You'll View

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Tread up the stone steps and down the grand boulevards of Italy's capitals — the sidewalk café culture, enchanting Renaissance frescoes and incredible feats of classic architecture all must-see highlights of this leisurely jaunt through the cities of Rome, Florence and Venice.

DAY 1 USA – Rome

Board your overnight flight to Rome (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Rome (3 Nights)

Welcome to Rome, the Eternal City. On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Join your travel companions and Travel Director for a memorable Welcome Reception. Your introduction to la dolce vita begins with an orientation drive to view the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica. **(WR)** *Grand Palatino*

DAY 3 Rome

Embark on an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist at the **Vatican Museums**, enjoying a Cultural Insight into the great men whose astonishing works were said to have been inspired by the divine. See Bramante's smooth and step-less spiral staircase, the magnificent frescoed ceiling painted by Michelangelo in the serene **Sistine**

Chapel and his sorrowful **Pietà** during our visit to **St. Peter's Basilica**. Tread in the footsteps of gladiators, slaves, merchants and royalty, crossing the Tiber River into Imperial Rome to visit the ancient **Colosseum**, the largest amphitheater in the Roman Empire. The rest of the afternoon is spent at leisure discovering more of the city or relaxing at a sidewalk café and watching the frenetic pace of Rome. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Rome at Leisure

The cobblestone streets and charming piazze of Rome are yours to explore today. Ask your Travel Director for tips on what to see and do, or consider an Optional Experience to the fascinating excavations at the tragic city of Pompeii, near the Bay of Naples. **(BB)**

DAY 5 Rome – Assisi – Florence (3 Nights)

Today we meander north to the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi on

the slopes of Mount Subasio. Join your Local Specialist for a visit to the Basilica, the final resting place of this famous saint. Our final stop in Assisi is Giotto's enchanting frescoes before continuing our journey through the scenic Tuscan countryside to the picturesque Renaissance city of Florence. **(BB)** *Ambasciatori*

DAY 6 Florence

Enjoy a leisurely encounter with the artistic and architectural marvels of Florence during your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Visit the striking **Piazza della Signoria** with its impressive sculptures and palazzi. Amble through the charming cobblestone lanes to the multi-colored marble **Duomo** and Baptistery, before admiring the scenic view of the **Ponte Vecchio** straddling the Arno River. Spend the rest of the afternoon sauntering through the historic center of Florence, admiring the artistic contribution of the de' Medici at every turn. **(BB)**



DAY 7 Pisa Excursion

Cross the fertile Arno Valley to Pisa and see the **Square of Miracles**, home to the incredible **Leaning Tower** and beautifully sculpted marble cathedral. See the ornate Baptistery and the Camposanto, built on sacred soil brought back from the Holy Land during the Crusades. Our unforgettable encounter with Tuscany continues this evening during a special **Be My Guest** dinner at a Tuscan villa. **(BB,BG)**

DAY 8 Florence - Bologna - Venice (3 Nights)

Traveling north, through the Apennines, we arrive in the medieval city of Bologna, perhaps best known for the delicious spaghetti sauce that bears its name. Your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist includes views of the Kissing Towers which lean towards each other, seemingly poised to embrace. Then it's off to the romantic island city of Venice with its rich cultural and artistic heritage which you will have an opportunity to explore on your own terms this evening. **(BB,DW) Principe/Amadeus**

DAY 9 Venice - Canal Cruise & Orientation

Savor the unforgettable sights of Venice as you cruise by private launch to **St. Mark's Square** to admire the

Bridge of Sighs, Palladian Churches, Customs House, **St. Mark's Basilica** and the ornate **Doge's Palace**. Encounter the delicate Venetian art of glassblowing during a Cultural Insight on **Giudecca Island** before spending the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Visit the Fine Arts Academy, relax at a café on St. Mark's Square or consider a boat trip to the colorful fishing island of Burano for a delicious meal. **(BB)**

DAY 10 Rialto Food Market

Take a leisurely stroll from our hotel along the canals to the famous **Rialto Bridge** where we will join a guided Small Group Sightseeing walking tour, which will bring all the flavors of Italy to life at a centuries-old food market. Ambling through the narrow calle of Venice, we admire the beautiful architecture, including Marco Polo's house before spending the rest of the day to visit the sights of your choice. Our love affair with Italy's capitals comes to an end this evening as we enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. **(BB,FD)**

DAY 11 Venice - USA

Bid 'arrivederci' to Italy. Airport transfers will arrive at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 8am and 9.30am (flight not included). **(BB)**

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Vatican: Dec 22 departure will visit the Vatican Museum on day 5 instead of day 3.

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Verona View the Roman Arena and Juliet's Balcony

Venice Cruise by private boat to St. Mark's Square. Visit a traditional glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island

Explore Italy's sophisticated capitals of Venice, Florence and Rome — the beautiful cobblestone squares, centuries' old tradition and historic highlights like the mighty Colosseum, Leaning Tower of Pisa and spectacular Duomo.

DAY 1 USA – Rome

Board your overnight flight to Rome (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

Welcome to Rome. On arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. After check-in, relax and unwind. Later meet with your Travel Director and fellow travelers. This evening consider a stroll around this fascinating ancient city and mingle with the locals in beautiful squares with stunning architecture.

Ergife Palace

DAY 3 Rome

Your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour with a visit to the **Vatican City**. Visit the awe-inspiring **St. Peter's Basilica** and view Michelangelo's statue, the Pietà.

Don't miss the opportunity to join an optional experience to visit inside the famous Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums. View the mighty Colosseum and see the ancient sites of Rome. Afterwards enjoy free time to take in the sights or join an optional experience to explore the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Rome – Pisa – Florence (2 Nights)

This morning leave Rome and head north towards Central Italy. Travel through picturesque scenery in Umbria and Tuscany before arriving in the town of Pisa. Visit the **Square of Miracles** featuring the Leaning Tower, Cathedral and Baptistery. There is time to shop for souvenirs and take pictures. Later arrive at your hotel near Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance.

(BB) Novotel Firenze Nord

DAY 5 Florence

There are few cities in the world with an artistic legacy to equal that of Florence. Your Local Specialist gives a superb commentary of the city's history during your walking tour, which includes views of the Baptistery, Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the impressive Giotto's Bell Tower and a visit to **Piazza della Signoria**. Experience a demonstration of fine leatherwork with time to explore on your own. Shop for high quality leather and 18-carat gold jewelry for which Florence is renowned and don't forget to try the gelato. Later enjoy dinner at the hotel. **(BB,D)**

DAY 6 Florence – Verona – Venice (Mestre) (2 Nights)

Your journey continues north across the dramatic Apennine Mountains to Verona, the home of Shakespeare's



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star-crossed lovers. View the vast Roman Arena, where concerts are still held regularly each year and walk to see Juliet's balcony. Head east to the magical, romantic city of Venice. (BB,D) Antony

DAY 7 Venice

Watch the Venetian craftsmen at work creating local specialties at a glassblowing workshop on Giudecca Island. Then cruise by private launch to **St. Mark's Square** in the heart of Venice. Admire the **Bridge of Sighs**, the ornate **Doge's Palace** and the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. Spend

free time afterwards exploring this fascinating city or perhaps take a cruise across the lagoon to the island of Burano for a relaxing meal. Burano is an island in the Venetian lagoon known for its brightly colored houses. (BB)

DAY 8 Venice - USA

This morning say 'arrivederci' to Italy, your Travel Director and newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable vacation. Transfers will arrive at Venice Marco Polo Airport at 8am and 9.30am (flight not included). (BB)



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Cultural Insights

Amble through the beautiful gardens of **Villa Taranto** with its vertical gardens, water lilies and dahlia maze. Visit a working **prosciutto factory** and parmigiano reggiano cheese 'caseificio' near Parma

Be My Guest

Join **Signor Telli** for an exclusive dinner and 'bei tempi' at his family run restaurant on the secluded **Isola Madre island** on Lake Maggiore

City Explorations

City tour in **Milan**, **Genoa**, the **Cinque Terre** and **Parma**. Orientation of **Stresa** on Lake Maggiore and **Santa Margherita**

You'll Visit

The botanical gardens at **Villa Taranto**

You'll View

The **Gothic Cathedral** and **La Scala Opera House** in Milan, the **Renaissance Palaces** in Genoa and the colorful coastal towns in the **Cinque Terre**

Scents of magnolia and lemons linger along the quaint cobblestone roads and promenades of Italy's northern lake villages on this jaunt from Milan to Genoa, and the foodie city of Parma. See the layers of pastel pinks, yellows and blues that cling to the dramatic sea cliffs of Cinque Terre, enjoying the flavors of prosciutto and parmigiano along the way.

DAY 1 USA – Milan

Board your overnight flight to Milan (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Milan (2 Nights)

Embrace the glamour of Milan, your introduction to the fascinating sights and sounds of northern Italy. On arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Spend the day exploring this trendy city before meeting your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and evening orientation drive. **(WR)** *Holiday Inn Garibaldi*

DAY 3 Milan

We wander through the sophisticated streets of Milan on a walking tour of the city with a Local Specialist to view the city's most magnificent sites, including the **Gothic Cathedral**, glass-domed

Galleria and La Scala Opera House.

Then it's time to pound the pavements in your free time, exploring Italy's fashion capital or visiting the medieval fortress of Sforza Castle to admire magnificent artistry by da Vinci and Michelangelo, including the famous statue of the Pietà Rondanini. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Milan – Baveno (2 Nights)

The vacation hot spot of Italy's picturesque Lake District, and beautiful **Lake Maggiore**, set against the backdrop of the Southern Alps, is the next stop on our northern Italian journey. We enjoy a Cultural Insight into the exquisite flora of the local area during a visit to the magical **Villa Taranto** botanical gardens — the scents of azalea, camellia and wisteria linger as we explore lush gardens filled with rare lilies and 300 varieties of dahlias in bloom. Then it's on to our home for

the next two nights and the gateway to the three Borromean islands, the picturesque lakeside village of Stresa. Consider taking an Optional Experience to one of the Borromean Islands — Isola Bella, which includes a visit inside the aristocratic Borromeo Palace. **(BB,DW)** *Simplon*

DAY 5 Baveno at Leisure

Lap up gentle lakeside living and la dolce vita during a full day spent at leisure in this picture-perfect setting. Spend the day relaxing or embark on the alpine train to see the magnificent panoramic views of the north. This evening, we cross the tranquil waters of Maggiore to one of the Borromean islands for an unforgettable **Be My Guest** dining experience. **(BB,BG)**

DAY 6 Baveno – Genoa – Santa Margherita (2 Nights)

The maritime city of Genoa and birthplace of Columbus is our first



stop today as we join a Local Specialist for an included guided walking tour to view the city's majestic Renaissance and Baroque architecture, and visit **Via Garibaldi**, the historic center of Genoa lined by ancient palaces. This afternoon, we arrive in the picturesque seaside town of Santa Margherita, where we will stay overnight, spending the rest of the day free to soak up the vacation atmosphere. **(BB) Lido Palace**

DAY 7 Porto Venere & Cinque Terre Excursion

Today we explore the dramatic setting of the five coastal villages of Cinque Terre (Five Lands) on an included full-day excursion. The deep blue Ligurian Sea provides a stunning backdrop for the expanse of pastel pinks, yellows and oranges that cling to the rugged seaside cliffs in this beautiful area that can only be reached by boat or train from La Spezia. We join a Local Specialist to visit two of the five picturesque fishing villages. **(BB,DW)**

DAY 8 Santa Margherita - Langhirano - Parma

Today is a feast for the senses. Crossing the scenic Appenine mountains, we venture towards Parma, renowned for its famous Parma ham and cheese. Gain a

Cultural Insight into the gourmet delights of this region during a visit to a working **prosciutto factory** near the town of Langhirano and a brief photo stop at Torrechiara to learn the process of making real parmigiano reggiano cheese at a family-run caseificio. This evening, consider an unforgettable Optional Experience featuring delicious local flavors in a historic setting. **(BB) Parma & Congressi**

DAY 9 Parma - Milan

Delight in the gastronomic and architectural splendor of the Emilia-Romagna region during a guided tour of Parma with a Local Specialist. See the 12th century **Piazza Duomo** with its Romanesque Cathedral and Baptistry, and **Garibaldi Square**, home to the Palazzo del Governatore with its ornate astronomical clock. We leave the flavors of Parma behind and embark on a scenic drive back to Milan where we'll enjoy a Farewell Dinner tonight with our travel companions and Travel Director. **(BB,FD) Starhotels Tourist Icons**

DAY 10 Milan - USA

This morning say 'arrivederci' to Italy as your fascinating vacation comes to an end. Transfers arrive at Milan Malpensa Airport at 7.30am and 10.30am. **(BB)**

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MAY 25	\$2,250	↑ AUG 17	\$2,150
JUN 1	\$2,250	AUG 24	\$2,250
JUN 8	\$2,250	AUG 31	\$2,250
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You'll View

The **'Sassi'** — troglodyte dwellings in Matera and the **Trulli buildings** of Alberobello

Experience the treasures of Rome, Pompeii and the Neapolitan Riviera. See the unique trulli houses of Alberobello and the Sassi di Matera, and witness the rich heritage of Sicily.

DAY 1 USA – Rome

Overnight flight to Rome (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Rome (2 Nights)

Welcome to the Eternal City of Rome. On arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo da Vinci Airport, your airport shuttle service leaves for your hotel at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Later, join your Travel Director for a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. **(DW)** Hotel Romanico Palace

DAY 3 Rome

Rome is about art, antiquity, piazzas and pizzazz, and our included walking tour with a Local Expert has it in abundance. Toss a coin into the spectacular **Trevi Fountain**, see the **Pantheon** and enjoy free time for dinner in Piazza Navona. Perhaps join a tour inside the Colosseum? **(BB)**

DAY 4 Rome – Pompeii – Sorrento (2 Nights)

In the morning, meet a Local Expert for a guided tour through the

Vatican Museums, culminating beneath Michelangelo's famous ceiling in the **Sistine Chapel**. Your VIP visit includes fast-track entry and the **Bramante Staircase**, a part of the Vatican closed to the general public. Continue with your Local Expert to visit St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest churches in the world. Later depart for the picturesque resort of Sorrento. **(BB)** Hotel Michelangelo

DAY 5 Capri

Cruise to Capri and ride up to the town by **funicular railway**, where you can explore the narrow alleyways and enjoy the views over the Tyrrhenian Sea. Descend to the port in one of the island's iconic **open-top taxis** before returning to Sorrento. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. **(BB,D)**

DAY 6 Sorrento – Pompeii – Matera – Alberobello (3 Nights)

With your Local Expert, explore the streets of Pompeii, buried in AD79 by an eruption of Mount

Vesuvius. Venture along country roads to Matera and with a Local Expert enjoy in-depth exploration of the extraordinary **'Sassi'** — troglodyte dwellings and churches dug out of the rock. Continue on to Alberobello. **(BB,DW)** Grand Hotel La Chiesa Di Chietri

DAY 7 The Trulli of Alberobello

Admire another of Italy's record number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites with a Local Expert. The Trulli of Alberobello are circular structures with conical roofs that are domed within. They are built from local limestone and stacked without using mortar. In the evening, meet the owner of Trattoria Terra Madre, who will share his philosophy of using only organic, seasonal produce that he grows himself. See Nonna making orecchiette pasta, before savoring the fresh flavors of your Farm-to-Table Highlight Dinner. **(BB,LW)**

DAY 8 Alberobello at Leisure

A free day for you to enjoy this fascinating town. Perhaps visit



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Ostuni with its stark, white-washed buildings, narrow cobbled streets. (BB)

DAY 9 Alberobello - Maratea

Journey south to the delightful, coastal town of Maratea, known as the Pearl of the Tyrrhenian for its beautiful and peaceful location. After checking into your hotel, the rest of the afternoon is free for you to enjoy at your leisure, before dinner and wine at a local restaurant. (BB,DW)
Grand Hotel Di Maratea Pianetamaratea

DAY 10 Maratea - Sicily & the Taormina Riviera (3 Nights)

Travel to the very toe of Italy and board your ferry bound for Sicily. Join a Local Expert for a visit to the **Greek Theater**, graced with the most spectacular of backdrops. In the evening, enjoy a Dine-Around dinner. (BB,DW) Hilton Giardini Naxos

DAY 11 Taormina Free Day

The day is at leisure to relax at your resort's private beach. Don't miss the chance of an optional drive through the vineyards to Mt. Etna, plus a stop in the village of Savoca. (BB,D)

DAY 12 Free Time on the Taormina Riviera

Early risers may experience what D.H. Lawrence christened the 'dawn coast of Europe'. The day is free to explore Taormina at your leisure or to

embark on an optional experience to Syracuse. In the evening, venture to a local restaurant for a tasty meal accompanied by wine. (BB,DW)

DAY 13 Taormina - Agrigento - Palermo (2 Nights)

Drive to Agrigento, and with a Local Expert, walk along the fortified ridge of the Valley of the Temples. See the massive Temple of Concord and cliff-top Temple of Juno, overlooking the sea. In the afternoon, continue to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. (BB) Best Western Ai Cavalieri Hotel

DAY 14 Palermo

Join a historian to see the highlights of the city. Pass the huge Teatro Massimo to the Baroque Quattro Canti Square and glimpse the 'fountain of shame'. Venture inside **Palermo Cathedral** to appreciate the composite of architectural styles. Journey on to the amazing **Palatine Chapel** in the **Palace of the Normans**. The afternoon is free to explore. At night, join your fellow guests for an unforgettable Celebration Dinner of delicious local cuisine, wine and music. (BB,DW)

DAY 15 Palermo - USA

Today your journey draws to an end. Departure transfers arrive at Palermo Airport at 6am and 8am (flight not included). (BB)

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MAY 18	\$4,125	AUG 24	\$4,150
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JUN 1	\$4,125	SEP 7	\$4,225
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Crowning a ridge at the **Valley of the Temples** is the magnificent remains of the Greek colony Akragas. Join your Local Expert for a walk to the **Temples of Juno, Concorde and Hercules**, some of the best-preserved Greek temples in the world. In Trapani, visit a **local farm**, sample the olive oil produced on the island paired with a tasting of Sicilian wine and a light, rustic highlight lunch

City Explorations

City tour in Catania, Syracuse, and Palermo

You'll Visit

Syracuse's Paradise Quarry, the **Valley of the Temples** in Agrigento, **Palermo Cathedral**, **Erice**, **Cefalu**, **Monreale Cathedral** showcasing 12th century mosaics, and the **Greek Theater** in Taormina

You'll View

The Duomo in Catania, Baroque buildings and churches in Ragusa, Mt. Etna

Enjoy warm Mediterranean hospitality, as you journey from picture-perfect fishing villages to ancient Greek temples. Witness the rich legacies of the ancient Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans and Ottoman Turks and even uncover a few secrets about the local the Mafia! Taste Sicilian wine, feast on delicious seasonal cuisine and meet passionate locals along the way.

DAY 1 USA – Catania, Sicily

Board your overnight flight to Sicily (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Catania, Sicily

On arrival at Catania airport, transfers leave for your hotel at 10am, 13.30pm and 3.30pm. After time to relax, meet your Local Expert at 5.30pm for an exploration of this bustling port town. See the magnificent Duomo and Piazza and the elegant noble buildings of the **Palazzo Senatorio**. Join your Travel Director at a local restaurant and get to know your fellow travelling companions during your Welcome Dinner. (DW) *Il Principe Hotel*

DAY 3 Catania – Syracuse – Ragusa

Sightseeing with your Local Expert takes you to **Syracuse's Paradise Quarry** with its unusual Ear of

Dionysius, an ear-shaped grotto with an unusual echo. Continue to the superb **Greek theater**, carved out of solid rock, one of the largest of the ancient world. There is time to explore the atmospheric Old City, a maze of narrow streets lined with palaces, sprawling over the island of Ortygia. It was here that the famous geometrician Archimedes ran naked through the streets, crying 'Eureka!' Continue around the southeastern corner of Sicily to Ragusa. (BB) *Mediterraneo Palace*

DAY 4 Ragusa – Agrigento – Palermo (3 Nights)

Journey along the southern coast of the island, past the oil producing town of Gela to Agrigento. Join a Local Expert to explore the **Valley of the Temples**, Sicily's finest Greek sanctuary. Especially impressive is the massive **Temple of Concordia**

and the clifftop **Temple of Juno** overlooking the sea. Your travels continue to the Sicilian capital of Palermo. (BB,DW) *Best Western Ai Cavaliere Hotel*

DAY 5 Palermo

Your Local Expert shows you the highlights of the city. Pass through the Baroque Quattro Canti and admire the beauties of the Fountain of Shame. Visit **Palermo Cathedral** which has been altered many times over the years and observe its unique blend of architectural styles. In Monreale, visit the finely-decorated cathedral and see its magnificent gold mosaics, a masterpiece of Arab-Norman art. Return to Palermo and enjoy a free afternoon exploring the rest of the city. For your dining pleasure, you are offered a selection of local restaurants on your **Dine-Around Evening**, each



Visit 1 Country

● Arrival City ● Number of Overnight Stays
● Departure City ● Sightseeing Stop

with their own ambience and cuisine. **(BB,DW)**

DAY 6 Excursion to Erice

Wind your way up to the charming hilltop walled town of Erice. Walk through the labyrinth of quiet alleyways, past medieval churches and enjoy sea views from the gardens next to the Castle of Venus! At a farm near Trapani, sample some of the freshest olive oil produced on the island and savor a tasting of Sicilian wine, followed by a light lunch of delicious local produce. Back in Palermo the evening is at your leisure. **(BB,LW)**

DAY 7 Palermo - Cefalu - Taormina (2 Nights)

Travel to the quaint fishing town of Cefalu. The town's imposing cathedral was erected to fulfill a vow made by the Norman King Roger II. Stroll down to the medieval stone fountain and seek out the Gothic arch of the Porta Marina for a picture-perfect view of the little harbor. Maybe try the restaurants down by the beach, before continuing on to the Taormina Riviera? **(BB) Hilton Giardini Naxos**

DAY 8 Taormina

Your hotel faces east, so early risers may experience why D.H. Lawrence

christened this 'The Dawn Coast of Europe.' After breakfast, perhaps take an Optional Experience through the vineyards to Mount Etna, Europe's largest volcano. Travel to the old town of Taormina, which clings to the side of Mount Tauro overlooking the Ionian Sea and the snowy peak of Mount Etna. With your Local Expert, visit the Greek theater set on a cliff and open to the sky. Take a moment to sit in this ancient theatre and absorb the view through the crumbling arches to snowy Mount Etna. Stroll on to the tiny courtyard of the Palazzo Corvaja, Taormina's grandest building and further along the elegant Corso Umberto, the Piazza IX Aprile offers panoramic views. At a local restaurant, rejoice with your new-found friends over your Celebration Dinner of delicious, freshly-prepared Farm-to-Table cuisine, accompanied with exquisite Italian wines. **(BB,DW)**

DAY 9 Sicily - USA

Appreciate the vistas of Mount Etna one last time on your departure transfer to Catania Airport. Transfers arrive at the airport at 6.30am and 8.30am.

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“It’s a very friendly atmosphere. I really feel happy because you arrive and you give life to those buildings which I love. This is very important for me”, Beatrice says.

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Be My Guest

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City Explorations

City tour in **Carcassonne**. Orientation of **Paris, Beaune, Lyon, Avignon, Monaco, Nice, Arles, Lourdes** and **Bordeaux**

You'll Visit

The **Hospice de Beaune, Château Chenonceau** in the Loire Valley, **D-Day Museum** in Normandy, **Claude Monet's home** at Giverny and the **Eiffel Tower** in Paris

You'll View

The **Papal Palace** in Avignon, **The Royal Palace** and **Cathedral** in Monaco, **Promenade des Anglais** and **Place Massena** in Nice, **St. Bernadette's Grotto** in Lourdes, **Eplanade des Quinconces** in Bordeaux, the **Abbey of Mont St. Michel** and the **D-Day Beach of Omaha** while in Normandy

Scenic Drive

Through **Dordogne** and **Loire Valley**

Journey through the romantic Loire Valley to the beaches of Biarritz and Carcassonne with its enchanting city walls. Marvel at Avignon's famous bridge, see the D-Day Landing beaches in Normandy and visit Claude Monet's home in Giverny.

DAY 1 USA - Paris

Overnight flight to Paris (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Paris

On arrival to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport transfers will operate at 8am, 11am and 2pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. This evening, meet for a Welcome Reception with your fellow travelers and Travel Director and then enjoy an orientation drive through the city. **(WR)** *Millenium Opera*

DAY 3 Paris - Beaune - Lyon

We travel south to Burgundy. The colorful geometric roof tiles of the **15th century Hospice** are a sight to behold as we arrive in the medieval town of Beaune before continuing to Lyon, the gourmet capital of France. **(BB)** *Novotel Gerland*

DAY 4 Lyon - Avignon - Monaco - French Riviera (2 Nights)

We stop in the heart of Provence and the city of Avignon. See the **Papal Palace** and the bridge made

famous in the song — *Sur le Pont d'Avignon*. Journeying through the wheat and lavender fields of Provence, we arrive in the sophisticated Principality of Monaco, where we will view the cathedral where Prince Ranier and Princess Grace were married. This evening enjoy a Regional Meal in Monaco before arriving at our hotel. **(BB, RM)** *Best Western Plus Massena*

DAY 5 French Riviera Free Time

The sun-kissed shores of the French Riviera are yours to explore today. Meander along Nice's elegant Promenade des Anglais or perhaps visit the charming hilltop town of St. Paul de Vence, a popular haunt for actors seeking a relaxing retreat. **(BB)**

DAY 6 French Riviera - Arles - Carcassonne

Visit Arles with its honey-colored façades, Roman ruins and Camargue culture. Later wind your way through the Corbières Hills and 'Cathar' landscapes en route to the

fortified city of Carcassonne. Join a Local Specialist to explore this exquisite ancient town. **(BB, DW)** *Mercure Porte De La Cite*

DAY 7 Carcassonne - Lourdes - Biarritz

Drive toward the Pyrénées this morning and arrive in Lourdes, the global center of the Marian pilgrimage. We travel north to the graceful Basque town of Biarritz on France's Atlantic coast where we spend the night. **(BB, DW)** *Radisson Blu*

DAY 8 Biarritz - Bordeaux (2 Nights)

Journeying through Les Landes, we arrive in the wine capital of Bordeaux. Spend some time seeing the sights during your orientation of the city. **(BB)** *Novotel*

DAY 9 Dordogne Excursion

The lush green valleys and hills of the Dordogne take center stage today during a scenic half-day included excursion passing enchanting medieval Bastide



villages, fairy-tale castles and dark oak forests. We drive to **St. Emilion**, whose wine heritage dates back to Roman times and return to Bordeaux this evening for some free time to explore the city at leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 10 Bordeaux - Loire Valley
We meander through the Garden of France, stopping at the beautiful fairy-tale **Château Chenonceau**, which spans the River Cher. Join the Montferrier family on their farm near the famous Château de Villandry for a special **Be My Guest** Tourangelle dining experience where you enjoy traditional French hospitality.

(BB,BG) Mercure Nord

DAY 11 Loire Valley - Mont St. Michel - Omaha Beach
We travel through the patchwork landscapes of Brittany to the extraordinary island-town of Mont St. Michel on the Normandy coast, featuring its impressive Norman Benedictine Abbey. Follow the Liberty Highway to St. Lô and on to **Omaha Beach** where your Travel Director will provide an excellent account of the poignant events that took place here and changed the course of history in Europe. Reflect on the bravery of the young men who sacrificed their lives for freedom and visit the **D-Day Landing Zone** to learn

in detail about how the operation was planned and executed. **(BB,DW) Mercure Omaha Beach**

DAY 12 Omaha Beach - Giverny - Paris (2 Nights)
This morning we travel south towards Paris, stopping at **Giverny** to see the house and gardens that once inspired Claude Monet's exquisite Impressionist works of art. The City of Lights shines brightly as we have an evening at leisure to explore Paris by night. **(BB) Millenium Opera**

DAY 13 Paris
Join your Local Specialist on a journey through the hidden lanes and secret squares of Paris to see where the locals live and shop. Our short insider walk concludes in one of Paris's loveliest squares, still off the beaten tourist track, but a real favorite among Parisians. Ascend to the second level of the **Eiffel Tower** for panoramic views across the city. This evening celebrate with your Travel Director and newfound friends at a Farewell Dinner. **(BB,FD)**

DAY 14 Paris - USA
Say 'au revoir' to your fellow travelers. Airport transfers at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport at 8am and 11.30am (flight not included). **(BB)**

Included Meals: **WR** Welcome Reception **BB** Buffet Breakfast **RM** Regional Meal **DW** Dinner with Wine **BG** Be My Guest Dining **FD** Farewell Dinner

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City Explorations

City tour in **Rouen and Paris**

You'll Visit

Bayeux to see the **famous tapestry** depicting the 1066 Battle of Hastings, **Normandy Beaches** and **American Military Cemetery**, the fortified island **Mont-Saint-Michel**, the gardens at **Château de Villandry** and the magnificent **Chartres Cathedral**

You'll View

Rouen Cathedral, **Château d'Ussé**, Angers and Ussé, **Notre Dame Cathedral**, **Place de la Concorde**, the **Champs Elysées** and the **Arc de Triomphe**

Investigate Normandy's role in the 1066 and 1944 invasions that changed the course of history. Explore the beautiful city of St-Malo, the châteaux of the Loire and gleaming Paris.

DAY 1 USA - Paris

Board your overnight flight to Paris (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Paris

On arrival at Charles de Gaulle Airport, transfers leave for the hotel at 8:30am, 11am and 1:30pm. After checking in, the capital's grand boulevards and world-famous landmarks are yours to explore. At 5.30, join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. (DW) *Le Méridien Etoile*

DAY 3 Paris - Rouen - Honfleur & Bayeux - Normandy (2 Nights)

Follow the River Seine to Rouen, capital of Normandy, to admire its ancient cathedral — a masterpiece of the Gothic style and the subject of a series of paintings by Claude Monet. Wander through the narrow streets beneath the Great Clock to the Old Market Square. Here, a superb modern church commemorates the burning of Joan of Arc on

this very spot in 1431. Continue into the rich dairy lands of Normandy and stop in the charming fishing town of **Honfleur**, which has somehow escaped the ravages of time. Visit the **Bayeux Tapestry Museum** that chronicles the Norman invasion of Britain in 1066 before continuing to your hotel, perched on the historic coast where the D-Day landings took place.

(BB) *Mercure Omaha Beach*

DAY 4 Normandy Beaches & D-Day Landings

There are poignant reminders of World War II as you travel past Juno and Gold beaches, which both played a part in the 1944 Normandy landings. Visit the **D-Day Museum** and see the remnants of the artificial port in the bay of Arranches. Then with a Local Expert, spend a few reflective moments at the **American Military Cemetery of Saint-Laurent** near Omaha Beach before following the route of the

Rangers and visiting the bunkers and the **Rangers Memorial at Pointe du Hoc**. Enjoy a delicious **Farm-to-Table Dinner**, prepared with locally-sourced ingredients, and served with wines from the local region. (BB,DW)

DAY 5 Normandy - Mont-Saint-Michel - Saint-Malo

Journey through Bocage country for an exploration of the hilltop abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel with your Local Expert. Continue along the Emerald Coast to stunning Saint-Malo and your Local Expert will take you on an exploration of the **City of the Corsairs**. Walk through the maze of streets of Intra Muros, the walled city, to the cathedral, the burial place of Jacques Cartier and other celebrated voyagers. At your leisure, you can wander around the ramparts of the thick city walls, offering fantastic views over the old town and the bay. restaurants. (BB) *Hôtel Le Nouveau Monde*



DAY 6 Saint-Malo – Loire Valley
(2 Nights)

Head south to follow the valley of the Loire, passing the moated Angers Castle. Cross the Loire to Saumur, where a local vintner will guide you through tastings of the region's delicious wines. Journey to the fairytale **Château d'Ussé**, the castle that inspired Charles Perrault to write 'Sleeping Beauty', before continuing on to your chateau hotel, where you can relax like royalty in sumptuous surroundings. **(BB)** *Château de Rochecotte*

DAY 7 Villandry Experience

With your Local Expert, head to **Château de Villandry**, the Jewel of the Loire, to visit the glorious gardens. Ensure you don't miss the water, ornamental and kitchen gardens — a stunning sea of fragrant green herbs, silvery cabbages, and purple basil. Return to your own superb chateau for relaxation and free time. At night, your Celebration Dinner starts with a glass of local sparkling wine and continues with excellent service and delicious seasonal dishes in the most wholesome setting, ensuring the memory of your meal will linger long after you've returned home. **(BB,DW)**

DAY 8 Loire Valley – Chartres – Paris

Travelling through the vast wheat fields of La Beauce, **Chartres Cathedral** looms large on the horizon. Auguste Rodin called it the 'Acropolis of France,' and once inside you can marvel at the beautiful stained-glass rose window which floods the cathedral with color and light. From here, return to the French capital, where your Travel Director introduces you to all the fabulous sights including the magnificent **Notre Dame Cathedral** and the immense facades of the Louvre. Behold the vast Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, then travel down the **Champs Elysées** to Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe. After dark, the City of Light really lives up to its name when the monuments, buildings and bridges are lit up in all their glory. For that special touch of excitement and glamour don't miss the chance to experience one of the world-famous cabaret shows. **(BB)** *Paris Marriott Rive Gauche*

DAY 9 Paris – USA

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You'll View

The **Champs Élysées, Paris Opera House, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde** and **Notre Dame Cathedral**

Special Extra

Your included **Parisian Brasserie** voucher gives you a choice of centrally located Parisian brasseries to visit for either lunch or dinner

See the City of Lights as its never been seen before — discover the hidden courtyards and charming arrondissements, each with their own distinct personality.

DAY 1 USA – Paris

Overnight flight to Paris (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Paris (7 Nights)

Embrace the romance of one of the world's most visited cities. On arrival to Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport transfers will operate at 8am, 11am and 2pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Check-in to your centrally located hotel and spend the afternoon getting to know your picturesque surrounds. Wander through the leafy boulevards and winding cobblestone lanes of the French capital, stopping for a leisurely café au lait while watching sophisticated Parisians go about their day or amble along the Seine admiring the talents of street artists and performers. **(WR)** *Le Meridien Etoile*

DAY 3 Paris

Join your Travel Director this morning for a fascinating tour of this mesmerizing city. View the grand **Champs Élysées, Place de la Concorde** and **Arc de Triomphe**, built by Napoleon in the 19th

century. Delve into its hidden squares and secret passages, visiting one of Paris' most historic neighborhoods and a favorite local haunt that remains a secret to outsiders. Gaze from the second level of the **Eiffel Tower's** to the boulevards below — the Seine snakes its way through the city center lined with such icons as the Cathedral of Notre-Dame and the Louvre. Spend the evening at leisure, or take an Optional Experience to the Latin Quarter for a visit inside the medieval Notre-Dame and a scenic cruise down the River Seine. **(BB)**

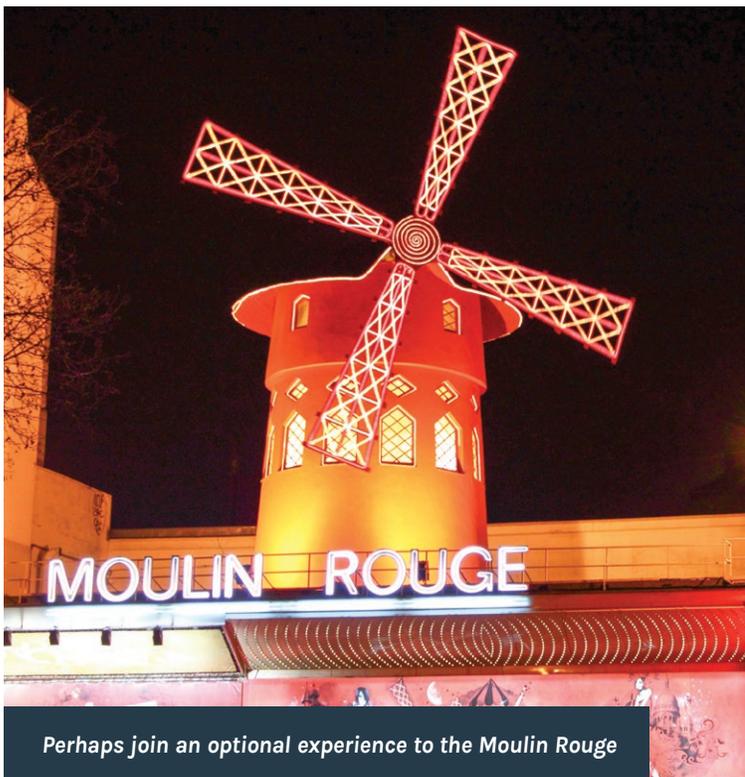
DAY 4 Paris at Leisure or Optional D-Day Beach Experience

Spend the day soaking up the sights and sounds of this elegant European capital. Admire the great works of the Impressionists at Musée d'Orsay, shop for designer brands on Rue Saint-Honoré or saunter through the charming streets of the Marais — your Travel Director will suggest activities and attractions

that will ensure a memorable day spent discovering Paris. You may wish to experience a full-day Optional Experience on the northern coast of France to uncover the poignant history of the D-Day Landing and remember the brave souls who lost their lives in the fight to free Europe. Spend your evening at leisure exploring the city's glittering sights at night or use your Parisian Brasserie voucher to indulge in delicious French flavors at one of the nearby brasseries. **(BB)**

DAY 5 Full Day Excursion to the Palace & Royal Estate of Versailles

Tread in the footsteps of French nobility and explore the opulence and splendor of **Versailles** — its majestic palace once the site of lavish parties and home to the Sun King, Louis VIX. Join a Local Specialist as you wander through the palace's extraordinary Hall of Mirrors and Battles Gallery. Meander through the picturesque Royal Gardens and visit Petit Trianon to see first-hand how the French



Perhaps join an optional experience to the Moulin Rouge

Royal Family lived in private before discovering Marie Antoinette's rustic retreat, a fantasy hamlet where she could escape from the formality of court. Consider spending this evening in the company of friendly locals in their homes, dining with our partners, VizEat. **(BB)**

DAY 6 French Cuisine & Shopping Experience

Enjoy a Cultural Insight savoring the exquisite flavors of French cuisine as you meet a real Parisian chef for an unforgettable **gourmet lunch experience**, delving into local culinary secrets and delicious flavors and aromas that you will have an opportunity to create yourself and enjoy afterwards. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. This evening perhaps discover the pageantry and French flair of a traditional cabaret performance at the world-famous Moulin Rouge. **(BB, RM)**

DAY 7 Montmartre & the Louvre

A leisurely start to our morning sees us take a private street trolley car back in time to the colorful hillside "village" of Montmartre and home to the picturesque Sacré-Coeur. Join your Local Specialist and tread in the footsteps of Picasso, Dali and Van Gogh as you meander through hidden squares, artists' haunts and

romantic hideaways. Spend the rest of the day at leisure embracing your inner bon vivant before embarking on a special evening experience at the renowned **Louvre museum**. Enjoy the quiet atmosphere of the museum during this Small Group Sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist to see some of the world's most extraordinary masterpieces, including da Vinci's Mona Lisa and the Venus de Milo, and the stunning apartments of Napoleon III. **(BB)**

DAY 8 Walking Tour & Free Time

Make your last day in Paris count. Admire the exquisite collection of modern art in the Center George Pompidou, see the tomb of Napoleon at Les Invalides or enjoy an Optional Experience to explore the inspirational gardens of Monet at Giverny. This afternoon explore the history of the French Revolution during a walking tour of the city, then join your Travel Director and companions for a Farewell Dinner at an iconic Parisian restaurant dating back to 1686. **(BB, FD)**

DAY 9 Paris - USA

After breakfast, say farewell to Paris. Airport transfers arrive at Paris Charles De Gaulle Airport at 8am and 11.30am. **(BB)**

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Single Supplement: from \$630.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$78 per person.

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MEET OUR GUEST: Vivian Farrell

Vivian Farrell, Wildwood Missouri, loves to plan ahead.

After taking five guided vacations with Grand European Travel, Vivian already has her tours booked for 2018 and 2020. *"Every time the Grand European catalog comes, I look for the destinations on my bucket list and see what the prices and deals are."*

Vivian was introduced to Grand European through her AARP membership. "I was getting the emails and catalogs and just happened to see a great price on a trip I was considering," Vivian said. "Before I called, I went online to the Grand European website to see if the tour included the sites I was interested in." When she's ready to book a vacation, Vivian moves fast.

"I always take advantage of all of Grand European's special deals, like the early pay discount. Then there might be a special price on a trip departure or airfare," Vivian said. "Then you add in your \$100 AARP discount and sometimes you can save 25% with Grand European!"

Vivian has a definite bucket list of places she wants to experience. But, if she sees a tour that looks interesting and it's a good deal, she'll take advantage of Grand European's deals and "give it a shot."

"My most memorable vacation with Grand European was the Best of Portugal trip I took last year." Vivian said she had no idea what to expect when she booked the tour, "and it was fantastic!" Some of her most memorable experiences were an authentic four course dinner and wine at a mansion, and seeing where the Knights Templar were based. "On the last day of the tour we saw the most incredible cathedral — the most beautiful I've seen in all of Europe."

"Our Travel Director had been telling us it keeps getting better every day of our trip," Vivian said. "And after seeing that cathedral, I was saying that myself."

When Vivian gets back home after one of her vacations, there's nothing she likes better than turning on the TV and seeing a site she's experience or a street she's walked down and saying, "I've been there! I know exactly where that street is."

What's next of Vivian's bucket list? She'll continue to turn to Grand European Travel for saving on travel to China or South America. "Trips to visit Easter Island and the Amazon River caught my eye, and I hope to book a deal on those in the near future."

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You'll Visit

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You'll View

Royal Palace and **Puerta del Sol** in Madrid, the **Monument to the Discoveries** and **Belém Tower** in Lisbon and the **Tomb of Columbus** in Seville

Follow the fortunes of the Spanish, Portuguese, and Moorish Kingdoms as evidenced in their grand castles, stupendous religious buildings, and incredible works of art.

DAY 1 USA - Madrid

Board your overnight flight to Madrid (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Madrid (2 Nights)

At Madrid Airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 9am, 11am, 1.30pm and 4pm. Later, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception with dinner and wine. **(DW)** *Barcelo Emperatriz/Barcelo Torre*

DAY 3 Madrid

Enjoy sightseeing with your Local Expert as they take you along the elegant Paseo de la Castellana, passing Madrid's most famous fountain in the Plaza de Cibeles. Drive down the Gran Vía to the Royal Palace and the monument to Cervantes in the Plaza de España before crossing the Puerta del Sol. The highlight of your trip is a visit to the magnificent **Prado Museum** to admire the paintings of Velázquez, Goya and many others. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Madrid - Segovia - Salamanca

Travel to the fortified city of Segovia where you will walk through the medieval streets from the ancient aqueduct to see the magnificent Alcazar fortress. Witness the paintings, tapestries, weaponry and armoury of the Spanish medieval era, inside this 14th century palace. Journey west, passing the ancient

walls of Ávila, en route to Salamanca.

During your orientation see some of the golden stone buildings the city is famous for, including the handsome arcaded Plaza Mayor, the honey-coloured cathedral and the 16th century university buildings. **(BB)** *Alameda Palace*

DAY 5 Salamanca - Porto

Cross the Portuguese border to reach Porto, situated on the **River Douro** and celebrated internationally as the capital of Port wine. Visit the **Vila Nova de Gaia** wine stores and get to know your tawnys and vintages during a tasting. Continue your exploration, admiring the multi-colored houses and churches covered in glazed tiles, as well as the iconic bridges. **(BB,DW)** *NH Collection Porto Batalha*

DAY 6 Porto - Fatima - Obidos - Lisbon (2 Nights)

Head south for a visit to miraculous Fatima. See the Basilica or visit the **Chapel of the Apparitions**, which commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to three young shepherds in 1917. Journey to the fortified town of **Obidos** and walk inside its walls, exploring the narrow, medieval streets with houses covered with flowers. Your travels continue to the Portuguese capital, Lisbon. **(BB)** *Dom Pedro Palace/Altis Grand*

DAY 7 Lisbon

A Local Expert leads you from the Lower Town, beneath the hilltop Bairro Alto, to the **Terreiro do Paço**, the finest square in the city. Visit the **Belém Quarter** and enjoy a tasting of Pastéis de Belém from the patisserie that has been using the same, secret recipe for almost 200 years. View the **Monument to the Discoveries** and the **Belém Tower** before visiting **Jerónimos Monastery** with its beautiful Manueline architecture. The afternoon is at your leisure, to relax or continue exploring. **(BB)**

DAY 8 Lisbon - Seville (2 Nights)

Leave Lisbon via the modern Tagus Bridge and cross the border to reach Seville. With your Local Expert, visit the immense cathedral to see the Tomb of Christopher Columbus and the slender Giralda Tower, the former minaret of the Great Mosque and the slender **Giralda Tower**. Explore the labyrinthine Santa Cruz Quarter and see the Alcazar. Your Highlight Dinner is an evening with dinner and entertainment featuring a fiery **Flamenco show**. **(BB,DW)** *Ayre Sevilla (EXECUTIVE ROOMS)*

DAY 9 Seville at Leisure

The day is completely yours to relax, explore, or continue sightseeing in this fascinating city or join an



Optional Experience to the ancient city of Córdoba. (BB)

DAY 10 Seville - Gibraltar - Costa del Sol (2 Nights)
Head south to Gibraltar to visit the **Rock of Gibraltar, St. Michael's Cave** and see the **Barbary Apes**. Relax as you travel the scenic route along the Costa del Sol. (BB) *Melia Costa del Sol*

DAY 11 Costa del Sol
Travel to the oldest olive grove in the region and stop at the rural mill-factory of Almazara to taste a selection of different oils with locally made farmer bread. Continue through the Province of Malaga, where Picasso was born, to Alfarnatejo, a quiet town with a population of just 500 people and surrounded by stunning mountainous landscape. Walk the town centre to see the 18th century Iglesia del Santo Cristo de Cabrilla. In small groups, you are invited to into the home of a local family to join them for a delicious Highlight Lunch made of fresh, local produce with flavors typical of the region. (BB,LW)

DAY 12 Costa del Sol - Mijas - Granada
Travel to the white-washed village of **Mijas** and wander the old streets to take in the views of the coast. Continue to Granada to visit the magnificent **Alhambra Palace**, a wonder of beautiful gardens, fountains and stone cut like lace. (BB) *Vincci Albayzin*

DAY 13 Granada - Valencia
Journey to Valencia, the City of Arts and Sciences. Pass the Old City and see the city's ancient gates, Torres de

Serranos and Torres de Quart. In the heart of the Old City, meet a local chef of a family-run restaurant. Learn about the culture and traditional recipe of paella during a **Cooking Demonstration**. Savor the delicious flavors of this classic dish, washed down with a glass of sangria, during your Highlight Dinner. (BB,DW) *Barcelo Valencia*

DAY 14 Valencia - Peñíscola - Barcelona (2 Nights)
Follow the coast to **Peñíscola** to view the sea-lapped castle used in the film *El Cid*. At **Cava Bodegas** in Sant Sadurni d'Anoia, enjoy a delicious Highlight Lunch and savor a tasting as you learn the sparkling secrets of Spanish bubbly. Continue along the coast to reach Barcelona. (BB,LW) *Melia Barcelona Sarria*

DAY 15 Barcelona
With your Local Expert drive along the **Passeig de Gràcia** and continue through the Eixample district to visit the **Sagrada Família**. See the central nave with its giant, tree-like pillars and the beautiful rainbows flooding in through the stained-glass windows. At a local restaurant, join your fellow travelers to toast newfound friends and a wonderful journey as you enjoy a Celebration Dinner with wine. (BB,DW)

DAY 16 Barcelona/Madrid - USA
Departure transfers arrive at Barcelona Airport at 7am, 9am and 11am. The 9am transfer will continue to Madrid, scheduled to arrive early evening at Madrid airport followed by the trip hotel in Madrid. (BB)

Rates per person

From **\$3,575** land only before discounts

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Guadix View the cave homes in "Barrio Troglodyte"

Granada Enjoy a scenic drive to this Moorish city

Costa Del Sol Visit this renowned resort area

Gibraltar Visit the famous rock of Gibraltar

Seville Sightseeing with your Local Specialist includes views of the Cathedral and Giralda Tower

Lisbon View Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries on your sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist

Fátima Visit the celebrated Shrine

Salamanca Orientation of this university city includes views of the Plaza Mayor

Madrid Sightseeing with your Local Specialist includes Puerta del Sol, The Cervantes Memorial and the Cibeles Fountain

Ramble up Las Ramblas and through the zesty Iberian peninsula, from Barcelona to Lisbon, Salamanca to Madrid. Enjoy delicious paella in Valencia, see the troglodyte cave dwellings at Guadix and the medieval quarter of Lisbon with its Belém Tower.

DAY 1 USA – Barcelona

Board your overnight flight to Barcelona (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Barcelona (2 Nights)

Welcome to Barcelona. On arrival at Barcelona Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12noon and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. After meeting with your Travel Director, you might like to explore Spain's most cosmopolitan city. *Novotel Sant Joan Despi*

DAY 3 Barcelona

Your Local Specialist shows you the sights including Gaudi's **Sagrada Familia**, the Ramblas, Plaza Catalunya and spectacular views of the city from Montjuïc. Enjoy free time to explore the city or join an optional experience to Montserrat. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Barcelona – Peñíscola – Valencia

Drive through orange groves to Peñíscola and see the ancient castle

used in the film 'El Cid'. Continue through the 'huertas' to sunny Valencia, the third largest city in Spain, where your orientation includes the Town Hall, the Bull Ring, the Towers of Serrano and Quart, the cathedral and the modern 'City of Arts and Science' designed by renowned architect, Santiago Calatrava. **(BB,D)** *SH Florazar*

DAY 5 Valencia – Guadix – Granada

Travel southwest across the 'sierras' to view the cave houses at Guadix. Take pictures of the troglodyte dwellings and then cross the jagged Mora Pass to Granada. **(BB,D)** *Macia Condor*

DAY 6 Granada – Costa del Sol

This morning there is time to join an optional experience to the magnificent Alhambra Gardens. Arrive later on the famous Costa del Sol for free time or join an optional experience to one of the famous hilltop villages. **(BB)** *Tryp Guadalmar/Tryp Alameda*

DAY 7 Costa del Sol – Gibraltar – Seville (2 Nights)

Enjoy a scenic coastal drive past Marbella to La Linea. Cross to the **Rock of Gibraltar**, where you have the chance to see the famous Barbary monkeys and possibly visit the cave of St. Michael. Then continue through spectacular Andalusian countryside to Seville. After dinner at your hotel tonight you might like to experience a fiery flamenco show. **(BB,D)** *MA Congressos*

DAY 8 Seville

Admire the great monuments and sights of Seville with your Local Specialist on your included morning sightseeing tour. View the pools and pavilions in **Maria Luisa Park**, constructed for the 1929 Exposition. Explore the city at your own pace or join an optional experience to visit the elegant Moorish Alcazar and famous exhibition site of Plaza America. Tonight, you might like to sample some traditional tapas. **(BB)**



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DAY 9 Seville – Lisbon (2 Nights)
Drive to the Portuguese border then continue past the cork trees of the Alentejo region. From here travel via Setúbal to the capital of Portugal, Lisbon, a great seafaring city situated near where the Tagus River flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Tonight consider a traditional Portuguese dinner with music. (BB) *Olaias Park*

DAY 10 Lisbon
See the Hieronymite Monastery and the medieval quarter of the city before taking in views of the **Belém Tower** on an included sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist. Then time at leisure in Lisbon, or maybe take an Optional Excursion to discover Portugal's Golden Triangle of Queluz, Cascais, and Estoril. (BB)

DAY 11 Lisbon – Fátima – Salamanca
A scenic drive north through the magnificent Serra d'Aire Mountains brings you to the **Shrine at Fátima**, site of celebrated religious miracles. Cross the border back into Spain and arrive later in Salamanca where you view the Plaza Mayor during your orientation tour. (BB) *Vincci Ciudad De Salamanca*

DAY 12 Salamanca – Madrid (2 Nights)
Your journey continues through the Sierra de Guadarrama Mountains to Madrid, Europe's highest capital city. This afternoon your Local Specialist shows you all the sights including the Royal Palace, the Puerta del Sol and the Cervantes Memorial in the **Plaza de España**. This evening why not visit one of Madrid's many fine restaurants where you have the chance to try some of the local dishes? (BB) *NH Leganes*

DAY 13 Madrid Free Day
An entire day to explore the city. You might like to visit the Prado Museum, watch the street artists on Plaza Mayor or join an Optional Experience to the medieval city of Toledo, the ancient capital of Castile. Tonight dine with your companions as you celebrate a memorable vacation. (BB,D)

DAY 14 Madrid – USA
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You'll View

The **Cave Homes of Guadix**, the **Serrano and Quart Towers** and the **City of Arts and Sciences** complex designed by Santiago Calatrava in Valencia

Set your watch to a fiery Flamenco beat as you dance through the heart of Spain from Madrid to Andalusia, famed for its Sierra Nevada, Moorish-influenced architecture and the sun-kissed beaches of the Costa del Sol. Visit the ornate Alhambra Palace in Granada, Valencia's 19th century Bullring and marvel at Gaudi's Gothic gift to Barcelona, la Sagrada Familia.

DAY 1 USA – Madrid

Board your overnight flight to Spain (not included)

DAY 2 Arrive Madrid (2 Nights)

Bienvenidos a Madrid. On arrival to Madrid Airport, transfers operate at 10.30am, 1pm and 3.30pm. This evening join your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a fiery Welcome Reception, followed by an orientation drive to see some of the city's most iconic sights. **(WR) Ayre Gran Colon**

DAY 3 Toledo Excursion and Madrid

We head to Toledo, the former capital of Spain, where we join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of this city that dates to Roman times. We'll visit a traditional factory to gain a cultural insight into the age-old steel craft before seeing one of El Greco's most famous paintings — 'The Burial of Count Orgaz' — in the **Church of Santo Tomé**. We'll also visit the synagogue during our guided walk through Toledo's winding cobblestone lanes. We return to Madrid to admire the

monument to Cervantes and Don Quixote at the **Plaza de España** and see **Puerta del Sol**, the city's hub with our Local Specialist. Spend your evening at leisure delving into the delicious flavors of Spain's tapas capital, or perhaps join your newfound friends for a traditional Spanish dinner. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Madrid – Cordoba – Seville (2 Nights)

Journeying south through La Mancha, we arrive in Córdoba, once a significant Moor 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 colorful twirling skirts of a fiery flamenco or rub shoulders with the Sevillanos in search of delicious tapas and wine. **(BB) Zenit**

DAY 5 Seville

This morning we meet our Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of

Seville. View the symbolic Bell Tower of the Giralda, see the Moorish-inspired **Maria Luisa Park** with its tiled fountains, pavilions and ponds, and walk through the imposing **Plaza de España**. Marvel at Christopher Columbus' ornate tomb in the cathedral, then take a walk through the former **Jewish Quarter**. This evening, we join the Morillo family for a unique **Be My Guest** dinner at their olive oil mill, where you learn how oil is produced from the 6,000 trees, and sample some of their products. **(BB,BG)**

DAY 6 Seville – Granada

Multicultural Granada takes center stage today as we visit the magnificent pink-hued **Alhambra Palace** in the company of a Local Specialist. An example of Moorish architecture, the Alhambra was built during the 14th century towards the end of Islamic rule in Spain as a palace, citadel and the home of the Nasrid sultans. Wander through the exotic water **gardens of the Generalife**, the royal Summer Palace, once linked to the Alhambra



by a covered walkway across the ravine, and admire the intricate design and detail around every turn. (BB) Occidental

DAY 7 Granada - Guadix - Valencia

This morning we journey via the Mora Pass to Guadix in the northern foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains where you will see the white-washed troglodyte dwellings lodged into the ochre-colored cliffs of the surrounding area. We travel to Valencia, where we will stay overnight to view the Bullring and admire the architecture of its medieval cathedral and the Serrano and Quart Towers. Embrace the city's spirit of innovation and stop to view the City of Arts and Sciences, a large-scale urban recreation center for culture and science, designed by Santiago Calatrava. This evening dine at your hotel and take to the vibrant streets of the Old Quarter.

DAY 8 Valencia - Peniscola - Barcelona (2 Nights)

Head north along the coast through the Levant region and stop at Peñíscola, the City in the Sea, to view the ancient castle of the 'Spanish Pope', built by the Knights Templar and used in the film, 'El Cid'. We meander along the Costa Dorada to beguiling Barcelona with its whimsical Gaudi architecture which we will

have an opportunity to view in the unfinished **La Sagrada Família Cathedral**, which has been under construction since 1882. Stroll up **Las Ramblas**, see the Plaça de Catalunya and pay tribute to the great discoverer, Christopher Columbus with your Local Specialist. Take a trip up **Montjuïc** for panoramic views of this enchanting city. The evening is yours to embrace the charm of Barcelona. Ramble through El Born for delicious tapas, attend a flamenco show at Barri Gotic or consider visiting a Catalan-style restaurant for a delicious dinner of local specialties. (BB) U232

DAY 9 Barcelona

Explore centuries of history, contemporary culture and exquisite art and architecture on your day at leisure. Visit Gaudi's fairy-tale Park Guell, ramble through the enchanting Gothic Quarter or join an Optional Experience to the monastery perched atop Montserrat to see the mystical Black Madonna, the patron saint of Catalonia. This evening, we celebrate a memorable journey through Spain with our newfound friends and Travel Director at a special Farewell Dinner with wine. (BB,FD)

DAY 10 Barcelona - USA

Bid adios to Spain at the end of a memorable holiday. Transfers arrive at Barcelona Airport at 8am. (BB)

Included Meals: **WR** Welcome Reception **BB** Buffet Breakfast **BG** Be My Guest Dining **FD** Farewell Dinner

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Single Supplement: from \$430.	Triple Room Discount: \$40.	Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$88 per person.
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City Explorations

City Tour in Madrid, Santiago de Compostela, San Sebastian and Barcelona

You'll Visit

The Prado Museum in Madrid, the **Cathedral Basilica of the Holy Savior** in Oviendo, **Picos de Europa** national park, the beautiful village of **Santillana del Mar**, and the **Sagrada Família** in Barcelona

You'll View

The **Royal Palace** and **Cibeles Fountain** in Madrid and the **Guggenheim Museum** in Bilbao

Venture off the beaten path as you discover the scenic delights and delicious cuisine of Northern Spain. Compare Oviedo's ancient churches and resting relics of St. James with Barcelona's captivating Sagrada Família.

DAY 1 USA – Spain

Board your overnight flight to Spain (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Madrid (2 Nights)

On arrival at Madrid airport, your airport transfer leaves for your hotel at 9am, 11am, 1.30pm and 4pm. Relax and settle in before meeting your Travel Director for your Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow guests.

(DW) *Hesperia Madrid/Barcelo Torre de Madrid*

DAY 3 Madrid

Your Local Expert will guide you along the noble avenues past the Cibeles Fountain and down the Gran Vía to the monument to Cervantes in the Plaza de España. Cross the Puerta del Sol and continue to the **Prado Museum**. Your included visit will be a highlight of your trip! Discover countless works by Velázquez, Goya, Titian, Botticelli, Rubens and others as you are guided by a local art historian. The afternoon is free for you to relax at a cafe or shop in the boutiques.

(BB)

DAY 4 Madrid – Rueda – Santiago (2 Nights)

Journey through the Guadarrama Mountains to the infinite horizons of Old Castile. Some of Spain's most fashionable white wines are produced in Rueda and this morning you'll learn how they are made and sample the delights of the Verdejo grape. Continue past the impressive Castillo de la Mota and on to Santiago de Compostela. **(BB,DW)** *NH Collection Santiago de Compostela*

DAY 5 Santiago de Compostela

With your Local Expert, visit **Praza do Obradoiro** to admire the cathedral façade festooned with architectural frills. Venture inside, passing the Gateway of Glory. The faithful may choose to pass behind the high altar to touch the giant 13th century gilded effigy of St. James and wander The Way of St. James. This evening, relax during your free time or explore the narrow streets and old squares of this city. **(BB)**

DAY 6 Santiago – Costa Verde – Oviedo

Pass through Galicia to the Green Coast of Asturias. Take in the

coastal views enroute to Oviedo. With a Local Expert see the 9th century churches and visit the **Cathedral Basilica of the Holy Savior** in Plaza Alfonso II. Venture inside to see the Crypt de Saint Leocadia in the lower chamber. A short drive brings you to the Bay of Biscay and the delightful city of Gijón. Meet Flor, a local who will invite you to join her for dinner. Hear about daily life in this seaside city as you enjoy a delicious meal that Flor has prepared from locally-sourced ingredients, accompanied by delicious local apple cider. **(BB,DW)** *Barcelo Oviedo Cervantes.*

DAY 7 Oviedo – Santillana del Mar – Santander

See the unique Roman bridge in Cangas de Onís, then head into **Picos de Europa**, a national park encompassing spectacular scenery. Visit the holy cave of Covadonga, a shrine to Pelayo. Enjoy views of the Costa de Cantabria whilst traveling to Santillana del Mar, arguably the most beautiful village in Spain. Continue to the beach resort of Santander. **(BB)** *Eurostars Hotel Real*



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● Departure City ● Sightseeing Stop

DAY 8 Santander – Bilbao – San Sebastian (2 Nights)

In nearby Bilbao, admire the striking modern architecture of the **Guggenheim Museum**, one of the world's most spectacular buildings. Enjoy the views as you are driven along part of the Costa Vasca, dotted with small coastal fishing villages. Pause in Getaria, at the mouth of the Urola, to see El Ratón, the mouse-shaped rock. Continue to San Sebastián, pearl of the Cantabrian coast, set on its shell-shaped bay. Admire its beauty as you walk with your Local Expert through the Old Quarter. See the numbered balconies of the Plaza de la Constitución, a reminder of the days when bullfights were held in the square. Atop Monte Igueldo there are breathtaking views of the town and La Concha Bay. **(BB)** Barcelo Costa Vasca

DAY 9 San Sebastian

Enjoy a day at leisure to stroll along San Sebastián's boardwalk and with the city harbor filled with fishing boats and pleasure crafts. **(BB)**

DAY 10 San Sebastian – Pamplona – Barcelona (2 Nights)

Journey to the famed town of Pamplona, known for its Running of the Bulls festival. With time free for you to explore, perhaps take a stroll to the famous Estafeta Street or visit

Café Iruña, immortalized by Ernest Hemingway in the 'The Sun Also Rises.' Your travels continue to Barcelona, the vibrant capital of Catalonia, a land that retains its own distinctive language, culture and traditions. **(BB)** *NH Hesperia Barcelona Presidente*

DAY 11 Barcelona

Wake up ready to embrace the city's artistic heritage. Join a Local Expert in the heart of the Barri Gotic, the Gothic Quarter, and walk through the Roman Gate to see its narrow lanes and old squares. You are driven along the Passeig de Gràcia, adorned with elegant wrought-iron street lamps and the most flamboyant Modernist buildings. Continue through the **Eixample** district to behold Gaudi's extraordinary masterpiece, the **Sagrada Família**. As you venture inside, look above to see its giant, tree-like pillars and spectacular vaulting. Admire the wonderful rainbow of the incredible stained-glass windows. In the evening, join your Travel Director and newfound friends at a local restaurant. Raise your glass and toast your travels during your delightful Celebration Dinner. **(BB, DW)**

DAY 12 Barcelona – USA

After breakfast departure transfers arrive at Barcelona airport at 7am, 9am or 11am. **(BB)**

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MAY 25, 30	\$3,175	SEP 5	\$3,355	OCT 26	\$3,075

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City Explorations

City tour in **Lisbon, Évora** and **Porto**. Orientation of **The Algarve, Lagos, Castelo de Vide, Belmonte, Viseu, Tomar, Nazare** and **Obidos**

You'll Visit

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

You'll View

The **Castle of Guimarães**

Let the melancholic trill of the **Fado Guitar** follow you from Portugal's **Manueline Lisbon** to **Baroque Porto** and the sun-soaked beaches of **Vilamoura**. Wander through medieval cities, and visit the religious landmarks of **Fatima, Batalha** and the dramatic **Hieronymite Monastery**.

DAY 1 USA - Lisbon

Board your overnight flight to Lisbon (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Lisbon (2 Nights)

On arrival to Lisbon Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Meet your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and orientation drive past Lisbon's most iconic sights. **(WR)** *Turim Avenida Liberdade*

DAY 3 Lisbon

Delve into Lisbon's centuries-old seafaring heritage today, paying tribute to the brave men who set off from these shores to discover a new world. We'll see the shimmering white **Monument to the Discoveries**, the iconic suspension bridge spanning the River Tagus, and **Belém Tower**. We join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the **Hieronymite Monastery**, an exquisite testament to 15th century Manueline architecture and art. Join an Optional Experience to the historic

towns of **Cascais** and **Queluz** or enjoy a traditional Portuguese dinner amidst the melancholic sounds of the **fado**. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Lisbon - Algarve Region (2 Nights)

We journey across the Tagus the morning and drive south towards the **Serra de Arrábida Mountains** and to the golden pastures of the **Alentejo**. The hearty aroma of Portuguese chicken fills the air as we share a traditional **Be My Guest** lunch with the owners of a stud ranch where **Lusitano** horses were reared at the pleasure of King **João VI** in the 18th century. Meandering further south, we arrive on the sun-kissed shores of the **Algarve**. **(BB,BG)** *Agua Riverside*

DAY 5 Algarve Excursion

The dramatic cliffs and beautiful beaches of the **Sagres Peninsula**, at the very edge of Portugal, provides a stunning backdrop for our morning coastal drive. Admire spectacular views across **Baleira Beach** before continuing along the coast to **Cape St. Vincent**, the site of many sea

battles centuries ago. We end our day with a visit to the resort town of **Lagos** — once the home of **Henry the Navigator**. **(BB)**

DAY 6 Algarve Region - Évora

Meandering north, we travel across the **Serra de Caldeirão** to the ancient **Alentejo** city of **Évora**. Join your Local Specialist and visit the elaborate cathedral, Roman temple and the **Chapel of Bones**. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the village of **Monsaraz** set against the stunning backdrop of golden olive groves. **(BB,DW)** *M'ar De Ar Muralhas*

DAY 7 Évora - Castelo de Vide - Viseu

Stop in the quaint hilltop town of **Castelo de Vide** with its charming white façades, narrow alleys and fascinating Jewish Quarter. Travel north towards the **Serra de Estrela** mountains and arrive later in **Viseu**. **(BB)** *Grao Vasco*

DAY 8 Viseu - Mateus - Guimarães - Vila do Conde (2 Nights)

Vineyard-clad hills provide an enchanting backdrop for our journey



today through the Douro Valley where port wine is produced. We explore the magnificent gardens at the beautiful baroque Palacio de Mateus, depicted on the label of the distinctive Mateus wine bottles. We then continue via Guimarães for views of its impressive 10th century castle before arriving in the seaside town where we will spend the next two nights. This evening we enjoy a memorable Regional Meal together. **(BB, RM) Vila C Boutique**

DAY 9 Porto Excursion

Join a Local Specialist today for a sightseeing tour past baroque churches and along the winding cobblestone lanes that tumble down towards the Douro. See the remarkable bridges that span the river and the Gothic Church of St. Francis. Visit the **Stock Exchange Palace** with its splendid Arabian Hall inspired by Granada's Alhambra, before experiencing a fascinating Cultural Insight 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 center of Porto. **(BB)**

DAY 10 Vila do Conde - Coimbra - Tomar - Fátima

Soak up the grand atmosphere of one of Europe's greatest and oldest universities and meander through the

ancient streets and squares of Coimbra this morning, before journeying to the Templar city of Tomar to visit the **Convent of Christ**, originally built as a Templar stronghold in the 12th century. We arrive in the pilgrimage center of Fátima where we'll dine in our hotel. **(BB, DW) Fatima**

DAY 11 Fátima - Batalha - Nazaré - Obidos - Lisbon

This morning we rub shoulders with millions of Catholic pilgrims who have journeyed to the shrine where three young shepherds famously saw the apparition of the Virgin at the pilgrimage site of Fátima. En route to Lisbon, we stop at the imposing **monastery at Batalha** — a UNESCO World Heritage site, the best example of late Gothic architecture in Portugal. Our next stop is at the quaint fishing village of **Nazaré** before we visit the medieval walled city of **Obidos** with its quaint white-washed houses and cobblestone roads. Our last night in Portugal together sees us toast to an incredible journey at a Farewell Dinner with wine. **(BB, FD) Turim Marques**

DAY 12 Lisbon - USA

Say a fond farewell to your fellow travelers. Airport transfers arrive at Lisbon Airport at 7am and 9.30am (flight not included). **(BB)**

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You'll View

Hassan II Mosque in Casablanca, **Royal Palace** in Rabat, **Belém Tower** in Lisbon and the **Shrine at Fátima**

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DAY 3 Madrid

Join a Local Specialist for views of the iconic Cibeles fountain, the bustling Gran Vía, Paseo de la Castellana and Puerta del Sol, Madrid's most famous square. At Plaza de España, see the monument to Cervantes and his beloved characters of Don Quixote before spending the rest of the day at leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Madrid - Toledo - Granada

Witness the influence of Christians, Muslims and Jews that has spanned centuries in the imperial city of Toledo. With your Local Specialist visit the **Church of Santo Tomé**, home to one of El Greco's most famous paintings — The Burial of the Count of Orgaz. Celebrate the tradition of steel manufacturing and molding during a cultural insight at a local steel factory before meandering through the breathtaking Andalusian landscape to Granada. **(BB, DW) Allegro**

DAY 5 Granada - Costa del Sol

Tread in the footsteps of Spain's last emirs and admire the incredible **Alhambra Palace**, a 14th century fortress that is said to have been inspired by poetry and reflects the description of paradise found in Islamic verse. Join a Local Specialist and explore its intricate designs, tranquil gardens and colossal walls. Continue to the famous Costa del Sol and sophisticated Marbella where we will spend tonight. **(BB, D) Marriott**

DAY 6 Costa del Sol - Fez (2 Nights)

Travel along the sun-kissed shores of the Mediterranean and cross to North Africa by ferry. A memorable drive past the Rif Mountains brings us to the Imperial city of Fez, with its ancient walled city. **(BB, D) Marriott**

DAY 7 Fez

Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour through the cultural and spiritual center of Morocco. Meander through the fascinating **Medina of Fez**, view its fortifications and Royal Palace, and admire traditional Moroccan handiwork during a visit to a carpet cooperative. Spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 8 Fez - Marrakesh (2 Nights)

Journey west through the green and golden landscape which turns to rusty red enroute to the vibrant city of Marrakesh. Embrace the unrivaled energy of a city that is said to

have been the favorite holiday haunt of Sir Winston Churchill. Relax after your journey or spend the evening enjoying an authentic **Moroccan show**. **(BB) Le Meridien N'Fis**

DAY 9 Marrakesh

We join a Local Specialist for a walking tour through the charming streets of Marrakesh. Visit the exquisitely detailed **Bahia Palace** and soak up the spirited atmosphere in the **Old Quarter's Djemaa el Fna Square**. We'll visit a traditional **Moroccan pharmacy** for a fascinating cultural insight into the blending of creams and cosmetics from regional ingredients. This evening, dine at your hotel before heading back to Djemaa for a **night of music and dancing** you'll never forget. **(BB, D)**

DAY 10 Marrakesh - Casablanca - Rabat - Tangier

Head to Casablanca to experience first-hand the intrigue and romance of this city immortalized by Hollywood. We meander along the city's picturesque Corniche and enjoy views of the Hassan II Mosque with the world's tallest minaret before venturing to the Moroccan capital, Rabat. Here we will view the Mausoleum of Mohammed V and 19th century Royal Palace, the residence of the Moroccan Royal Family. We arrive in Tangier later this evening where we will dine in our hotel. **(BB, D) El Minzah**



DAY 11 Tangier – Seville (2 Nights)
Crossing the Straits of Gibraltar by ferry, we arrive in Spain and journey through Jerez, most famous for being the home of Spanish sherry. We drive through Andalucía and arrive in the beguiling city of Seville — our home for the next two nights. This evening, embrace the intoxicating sights of colorful twirling skirts and the clapping sounds of castanets as you watch a **traditional Flamenco performance**. (BB) *Meliá Lebreros*

DAY 12 Seville
Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour that will take you past the iconic Giralda Tower. Admire the tiled fountains and pavilions in the **Maria Luisa Park**, and visit the imposing **Plaza de España**. See Christopher Columbus' ornate tomb in the Cathedral, the largest Gothic Cathedral in the world, and enjoy a walk through the lovely historic **Jewish Quarter**. (BB)

DAY 13 Seville – Lisbon (2 Nights)
Travel through the province of Huelva, and cross into the golden fields of the Alentejo region, the gastronomic soul of Portugal. Enjoy a memorable **Be My Guest** lunch at a local stud farm where Lusitano horses have been reared since the 18th century before arriving in Lisbon this afternoon. (BB,BG) *Olissippo Marques De Sa*

DAY 14 Lisbon
Explore the centuries-old seafaring heritage of the Portuguese. See the

gleaming **Monument to the Discoveries**, the suspension bridge spanning the River Tagus, **Belém Tower** and the quaint Alfama district, home to the melancholic fado. Join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour of the UNESCO-listed **Hieronymite Monastery** before free time to explore the city's quaint **bairros**. (BB)

DAY 15 Lisbon – Fatima – Salamanca
Trace the path of pilgrims who for decades have ventured north to the celebrated shrine at **Fátima** to pray to the Virgin Mary and see the site of celebrated religious miracles. Departing Portugal, we arrive in the historic university city of Salamanca — La Dorada, so named for its sun-kissed golden, orange and pink façades which we will have an opportunity to explore during an orientation tour, including a visit to the Plaza Mayor. (BB) *Gran Corona Sol*

DAY 16 Salamanca – Madrid
Traversing the dramatic Sierra de Guadarrama Mountains we arrive in Madrid, Europe's highest capital city. Spend this afternoon exploring the sights. This evening we join our travel companions and Travel Director for a memorable Farewell Dinner with wine. (BB,FD) *NH Collection Eurobuilding*

DAY 17 Madrid – USA
Bid a fond farewell. Transfers arrive at Madrid Airport at 8.30am and 11am (flight not included). (BB)

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HAIRST KIRN, ROB ROY, AND LEDARD FARM

Around the world, the end of the harvest is celebrated in diverse ways. In America we celebrate with Thanksgiving, in Scotland it's Hairst Kirn, a celebration with feasting, dancing, and feats of strength.

Traditionally, this included a dinner for the men-folk only. When you came of age, you'd be welcomed into the men's company.

"We tell the story of the farm and its history and connections with", as Fergus refers to him, "our local hero" Rob Roy. Roy celebrated his first Hairst Kirn in the same barn guests of the Wood family enjoy their dinner.

Guest will have already visited Culloden, where the last

battle in the Jacobite wars and the harrowing slaughter of Scots took place. Fergus and his family share with their guests the story of the first battle, Killiecrankie in 1689, which took place just over 80 miles from the farm.

Fergus recounts that fifty MacGregors, the clan or family most prominent in this area, and Rob Roy fought in this battle, marching from the town. Rob Roy came of age in October 1689, three months after the battle and celebrated by feasting in the barn with

the men. The weapons and banners of the clans that fought still hang from the barn walls.



MEET FERGUS WOOD

This friendly Scotsman says “Be My Guest”

In the heart of the Trossach's, on Scotland's first National Park, you'll find the historic 300-acre Ledard Farm on the shores of Loch Ard, surrounded by the majestic slopes of Ben Lomond and Ben Venue. Dating back to 1474, the farm is now home to three generations of the Wood Family. We asked Fergus Wood to tell us about why he loves to welcome guests into his home.



Fergus Wood, head of the Wood family and Ledard Farm, was hoping to hand his farm over to his children, but understood that there might be a need to diversify to maintain their interest. “Everyone wants to hand their farm over to their family,” Fergus supposes; however, children might not want to take over the farm, “they want to be IT experts or lawyers or accounts, or whatever they want to be.” To keep the farm in the family and maintain their heritage, Fergus and his oldest son Gregor partnered up and branched into tourism. “It’s all part and parcel of what we’re about, welcoming people onto our farm, and giving them the opportunity to meet a Scottish farming family in their home.”

The oldest building on the property was built in 1587. Right behind this building, Fergus is proud to show off a hydro-electric turbine taking water down from the mountain that rises above the farm. Ledard also utilizes 109 solar panels, “We’re an ancient farm with old buildings, the buildings we use for our visitors are of a vintage of 1604, at the same time the electricity in them is coming from a solar skin, so renewable energy is a big part of our diversification.” Guests dine under these solar-powered lights in the historical MacGregors Barn.

As for dinner, “It’s very traditional fare, lamb is always the main course, as you would expect from a sheep farm”. It kicks off with a lentil broth, a classic farmers soup according to Fergus, and finish with the Scottish dessert Cranachan [pr: *kranəkən*].

Cranachan brings together of many ingredients that Scotland is known for: whisky, homemade shortbread, and raspberries layered together with cream.

Home to the Scottish Sheepdog School, Ledard Farm trains and keeps Border Collies. “My number one dog is called Jess,” Fergus says fondly. Guests meet Jess and learn about the work she and her fellow sheepdogs perform on the farm. “You can’t gather sheep without sheepdogs, it’s physically impossible, so our dogs are very important to us... There’s a very strong relationship between man and dog.” Along with Fergus, his youngest son and wife help train and care for the dogs. “It’s

very much a family business, that’s how we set it up, that’s how we hope it will continue, welcoming people to the farm is very big part of that... We’ll give them all the history and a wee bit of music.”

From the history of the farm and country to renewable energy, Fergus enjoys sharing and conversing with his guests. “We hope we send them off that they’ve got a much better understanding of what Scotland’s about. We’ve got a country of great history, but a forward-looking country... We’re not just talking about the history and the past, we’re talking about future.”

If you’d like to join the Wood family for a home-cooked Scottish dinner, tales of Rob Roy, and a few foot-tapping Ceilidh tunes you’re invited to on the “Best of Scotland” or “Scotland’s Highlands, Islands & Cities” trips, operated by Trafalgar.

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You'll Cruise

Watch out for 'Nessie' as you cruise on **Loch Ness**

You'll View

The Houses of Parliament and **Buckingham Palace** in London, **York Minster** and medieval "**Shambles**", and the **Rock of Cashel**

The pace and beauty of the Irish countryside blends with historic English towns, Welsh hospitality and the austere Scottish Highlands, for a truly memorable exploration of the British Isles.

DAY 1 USA – London

Board your overnight flight to London (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive London (2 Nights)

Welcome to London! Check in to your hotel, and then there is time to relax, explore or browse the nearby department stores. *Grosvenor*

DAY 3 London – Stratford – York

Drive to **Stratford** and visit the birthplace of **William Shakespeare**. Continue on to York where you walk within the old city walls to the crooked houses of the **Shambles** and see **York Minster**. In the evening, join your Travel Director for a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. **(FB,DW)** *Hilton*

DAY 4 York – Edinburgh

(2 Nights) Stop in **Durham** to see the castle and Romanesque cathedral. Then view part of **Hadrian's Wall**, Britain's most impressive Roman monument. Head to the elegant Scottish capital, **Edinburgh**. **(FB)** *Crowne Plaza Edinburgh Royal Terrace*

DAY 5 Edinburgh

Journey down the **Royal Mile** to see the Palace of Holyroodhouse before

crossing over to New Town. Walk with your Local Expert inside **Edinburgh Castle** and see the **Scottish Crown Jewels**, the Stone of Destiny and Mons Meg. The afternoon is free to shop on Princes Street. In the evening, selected departures enjoy the **Military Tattoo**. **(FB)**

DAY 6 Edinburgh – St. Andrews – Inverness

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and make your way to **St. Andrews**, where golf was born. After some time to explore, cross the Tay and drive to the charming Victorian resort town of **Pitlochry**. Continue via Blair Atholl and past the Grampian Mountains to the sparkling Spey Valley and on to Inverness. **(FB,D)** *The Columba*

DAY 7 Inverness – Loch Lomond – English Lake District

In the morning, take a private cruise on **Loch Ness**, where you will soak up the scenery, historic monuments and tales of the infamous 'Nessie'. Next, drive along the 'Bonnie banks of **Loch Lomond**', before crossing the English border. Pass the village of **Grasmere**, where the poet

William Wordsworth is buried, before arriving at your lakeside hotel. **(FB,D)**

DAY 9 English Lakes – Chester

In the morning, discover the beauty of the **Lake District**. Perhaps take a cruise on the tranquil waters of Lake Windermere? Step back into Roman times in Chester. See the city's ancient encircling walls and remarkable 13th century black and white 'Rows'. **(FB,D)** *Hallmark Hotel The Queen*

DAY 9 Chester – North Wales – Dublin (2 Nights)

Continue into Wales, past the massive Conwy Castle before crossing over to the **Isle of Anglesey**. From the port of Holyhead, set sail for Dublin in Ireland. **(FB)** *Trinity City Hotel*

DAY 10 Dublin

Experience Ireland's national and world-famous drink with a guided visit to the **Guinness Storehouse** before it opens to the public. Then become acquainted with Dublin's elegant squares during sightseeing with a Local Expert. See famous **O'Connell Street**, **Custom House** and **Dublin Castle**. **(FB)**



Visit 4 Countries

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DAY 11 Dublin – Killarney (2 Nights)
 Drive to Ireland's premier thoroughbred horse breeding region for a fascinating visit of the **National Stud** and acclaimed 100-year-old **Japanese Gardens** where you can 'journey through life'. Continue to view St. Patrick's great **Rock of Cashel**, before reaching Killarney. At night, your Dine-Around evening offers you a selection of fine local restaurants. **(FB,DW)** *The Malton Hotel*

DAY 12 Ring of Kerry Experience
 Join a delightful trip around the **Ring of Kerry**, a world of towering cliffs, lush lakelands and remote villages. In the afternoon, perhaps take an optional ride with the locals on one of Killarney's jaunty cars? **(FB)**

DAY 13 Killarney – Waterford
 Start the day visiting **Blarney Castle** — home of the famous stone of eloquence. Travel on through the scenic port of Dungarvan to the historic walled city of **Waterford**, for

a guided visit of the world famous **crystal factory**. In the evening, enjoy a Celebration Dinner. **(FB,DW)** *Dooley's Hotel*

DAY 14 Waterford – Cardiff
 From the port of Rosslare, board your ferry to cross the Irish Sea. A pleasant drive takes you to the Welsh capital, Cardiff. **(FB)** *Clayton Hotel*

DAY 15 Cardiff – Bath – Stonehenge – London
 Cross the Severn Bridge to reach the City of Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the **Roman Baths and Pump Room**, still flowing with the natural hot water from the springs below. Continues across Salisbury Plain to visit the ancient site of **Stonehenge**. Return to The Grosvenor Hotel in London. **(FB)** *Gosvenor*

DAY 16 London – USA
 Your journey draws to a close after breakfast this morning (flight not included). **(FB)**

Edinburgh Military Tattoo – AUGUST 3-25, 2018

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, often referred to as "the most spectacular show in the world," is an exciting annual celebration showcasing the best of Scottish music, dance, and military pageantry. Set to take place in Edinburgh from August 3rd to the 25th, the Tattoo will draw entertainers and spectators from around the world.

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Bath Visit the Georgian spa town

Windsor View the Royal castle

Explore the cultural diversity and breathtaking countryside of Britain and Ireland with their imposing city spires, wild Highland landscapes and such highlights as the idyllic Lake District, Edinburgh Castle, Dublin's Trinity College and Stratford-upon-Avon, Shakespeare's birthplace, all en route.

DAY 1 USA - London

Board your overnight flight to London (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive London

Welcome to London. After checking in to your hotel the rest of your day is free to explore this magical city.

Hilton Olympia/Ibis Earls Court

**Local Host is with you during your stay in London. Your Travel Director will join you on day 3.*

DAY 3 London - Stratford-upon-Avon - York - Bradford

This morning meet your Travel Director and traveling companions to board your coach and set off from London. Visit Stratford-upon-Avon, where you have time to see the sights and shop for souvenirs. During your orientation of York your Travel Director will take you on a walk through the web of quaint, narrow streets and show you

York Minster, one of the most beautiful Gothic cathedrals in the world. Continue to your hotel in Bradford where you dine tonight. **(FB,D)** *Jurys Inn*

DAY 4 Bradford - Grasmere - Gretna Green - Glasgow (2 Nights)

Drive through the Yorkshire Dales to the scenic glory of the **Lake District**. Traveling along the shores of England's largest lake, Windermere, and through countryside that inspired the Romantic poets, you reach Grasmere. View the grave of William Wordsworth, buried at St. Oswald's Church. We cross the Scottish border and visit **Gretna Green**, where eloping couples would say their vows over the anvil. This afternoon your orientation tour of Glasgow includes views of the cathedral, the magnificent George

Square and the River Clyde, former heart of the shipbuilding industry. **(FB)** *Ibis Glasgow City Center*

DAY 5 Edinburgh Excursion

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

DAY 6 Glasgow - Belfast - Dublin (2 Nights)

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DAY 7 Dublin

See Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Phoenix Park and the stately Georgian squares with your Local Specialist. Spend the rest of the day as you please. Why not explore Temple Bar or Grafton Street, famous for its street performers? This evening consider joining an optional experience to an Irish cabaret. **(FB)**

DAY 8 Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford

Traverse County Kildare's splendid countryside. In Kilkenny see the imposing medieval castle and enjoy free time for lunch. This afternoon visit the House of Waterford Crystal showroom and see the exquisite pieces. Dine tonight at your hotel. **(FB,D)** Treacy's

DAY 9 Waterford - Cardiff

Cross the Irish Sea to Wales, and continue your journey to Cardiff Bay to view the Millennium Center and the National Assembly. View the historic Cardiff Castle and see the Millennium Stadium before arriving at your hotel. **(FB)** Copthorne

DAY 10 Cardiff - Bath - Windsor - London

Cross the Severn Estuary into England and the glorious city of Bath. See splendid Georgian architecture during your orientation. Perhaps consider a visit to the Roman Baths. View the world's oldest and largest inhabited castle during your visit to Windsor. Why not enjoy a stroll along the banks of the river or shop for Royal souvenirs. Later arrive back in London. **(FB)** Hilton Olympia/Ibis Earls Court

DAY 11 London - USA

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You'll View

Eilean Donan Castle, **Alnwick Castle** used as Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films, **York Minster** and **Anne Hathaway's** thatched cottage

You'll See

Dartmoor, the **Lake District**, **Ben Nevis** and **Glencoe** in the **Scottish Highlands**, the **Isle of Skye** and the 18th green at **St. Andrews**

British icons — new and old — will shape your journey, from Liverpool's Fab Four to Shakespeare. Travel to the Scottish Highlands, the idyllic Lake District and Tudor town of Chester. Take a ferry to the Isle of Skye and contemplate battles fought on Culloden before traveling to Edinburgh and Stratford-upon-Avon.

DAY 1 USA - London

Overnight flight to London (NOT INCLUDED).

DAY 2 Arrive London (2 Nights)

London's vibrant city streets are your launchpad to an epic journey through the iconic sights of Britain. *Park Plaza Riverbank*

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DAY 3 London Sightseeing

Join a Local Specialist today for a tour of the city's iconic sights. See **Big Ben**, the imposing **Houses of Parliament** on the banks of the Thames and **Buckingham Palace**, the official UK residence of the UK's sovereigns since the mid-19th century. (FB)

DAY 4 London - Stonehenge - Bath - Exeter (2 Nights)

Meet your Travel Director and commence your journey through the rolling green and golden landscapes of rural Wiltshire to the mystical ancient monoliths of **Stonehenge** before traveling to UNESCO-listed **Bath**. Our home for the next two nights is the historic cathedral city of Exeter where we will enjoy a memorable Welcome Reception. (FB,WR) *Mercure Southgate*

DAY 5 Excursion to Plymouth, Polperro, Dartmoor & Buckfast Abbey

Stop in the ancient port city of Plymouth and delve into the history of the brave Pilgrim Fathers who set sail for an unknown New World from its shores. See the Royal Citadel overlooking Plymouth Sound and consider taking an optional cruise around the dramatic coastline. Step back in time at our next stop, the quaint fishing village and artists' retreat of Polperro, set within a picturesque harbor. Journeying along the brooding moorland of Dartmoor, we arrive at **Buckfast Abbey** for a Cultural Insight into how Benedictine monks have lived and prayed for nearly 1,000 years. (FB)

DAY 6 Exeter - Glastonbury - Cardiff

Enjoy a picturesque drive through the pretty Devon and Somerset countryside to mystical Glastonbury where we'll see the ruined Abbey. Later, we enjoy a delicious **Be My Guest lunch with the Dyer family** on their 15th century dairy farm in Somerset before continuing to Cardiff, the capital of Wales. (FB,BG) *Holiday Inn City Centre*

DAY 7 Cardiff - Ludlow - Chester - Liverpool

Visit the historic towns of Ludlow and Chester. Join your Travel Director for an orientation walk past these famous **Tudor Rows** and enjoy views of Chester's medieval city walls and red sandstone Cathedral. The haunt of the 'Fab Four' is our final stop today. Join a Local Specialist to gain insight into Liverpool's Beatles' history. (FB) *Jurys Inn*

DAY 8 Liverpool - Lake District - Glasgow

Rolling Lancashire pastures give way to the breathtaking Lake District. We travel along the shores of Lake Windermere, the largest lake in England to Grasmere, where William Wordsworth was laid to rest. Standing at the threshold of the 'Marriage Anvil' in Gretna Green, we see where many an eloping couple has tied the knot. We arrive in Glasgow later for an orientation tour including views of the Cathedral. Warm Scottish hospitality and hearty flavors are ours to enjoy this evening during a Regional Meal in a local restaurant. (FB,RM) *Crowne Plaza*

DAY 9 Glasgow - Glencoe - Fort William - Scottish Highlands (2 Nights)

Journey along Loch Lomond to **Glencoe** and remember the 1692



massacre that led this place to be dubbed the 'Glen of Weeping'. At the **World War II Commando Memorial** near Fort William, see breathtaking views of Britain's highest mountain Ben Nevis. **(FB,D)** *Laggan Gaskmore/ Highlander*

DAY 10 Isle of Skye, Culloden & Scenic Highland Excursion

We travel to the coast this morning, boarding a ferry over the sea to the Isle of Skye. Enjoy lunch on the Sleat Peninsula, crossing the road bridge to view scenic **Eilean Donan Castle** on the mainland. Meandering through the Scottish Highlands past its picturesque lochs and glens, we view **Culloden Battlefield**, the site of the final Jacobite Rising clash in 1746. Later, we return to our hotel in Newtonmore. **(FB,D)**

DAY 11 Scottish Highlands – Pitlochry – St. Andrews – Edinburgh (2 Nights)

Stop in the picturesque village of Pitlochry before heading to St. Andrews. See its famous 18th hole before crossing the Firth of Forth to Scotland's enchanting capital, Edinburgh. During the Edinburgh Festival, enjoy rousing performances with included tickets for the **Edinburgh Tattoo**. **(FB)** *Leonardo Royal*

DAY 12 Edinburgh Sightseeing

Ramble up the **Royal Mile** today and see the iconic sights of one of

Britain's most beguiling cities. The elegant **Palace of Holyroodhouse** in the shadow of Arthur's Seat and the Scottish Parliament feature on your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. Your choice of sightseeing could see you visit the Edinburgh Camera Obscura or Edinburgh Castle perched dramatically on Castle Rock above the city. **(FB)**

DAY 13 Edinburgh – Alnwick – York

We travel to the medieval market town of Alnwick and see the impressive castle home to the Duke of Northumberland and the Tenantry Column. Meander through Northumberland to the cathedral city of York. Enjoy an orientation walk along its cobblestone Shambles, and see the inspiring Minster with its 'heart of Yorkshire'. We enjoy a final Farewell Dinner together to bring our memorable journey to a close. **(FB,FD)** *Hotel 53*

DAY 14 York – Stratford-upon-Avon – London

Shakespeare's legacy and life are celebrated in his hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon which we will have an opportunity to visit today on our return to London. **(FB)** *Park Plaza Riverbank*

DAY 15 London – USA

Say a fond farewell to London and your newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey. **(FB)**

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MAY 2, 9, 16	\$3,195	†AUG 12	\$3,550
MAY 23, 30	\$3,195	AUG 15	\$3,350
JUN 6, 13	\$3,195	AUG 22	\$3,250
JUN 20	\$3,195	AUG 26, 29	\$3,195
JUN 27	\$3,250	SEP 2, 5	\$3,295
JUL 4, 11	\$3,250	SEP 9, 12, 16	\$3,295
JUL 18	\$3,295	SEP 19	\$3,225
†JUL 25	\$3,495	SEP 26	\$3,150
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Adare, Limerick

Included Highlights

Cultural Insight

Visit the **Dunbrody Famine Ship** to gain an insight into the plight of Irish Emigrants in the 1800s and learn how delicate Irish crystal is crafted at the **House of Waterford Crystal**

Be My Guest

Enjoy a **traditional afternoon tea** in the Old Kitchens of a stately 16th century home near the charming town of Westport

City Explorations

City tour in **Dublin**. Orientation of **Waterford, Killarney, Limerick, Galway** and **Donegal**

You'll Visit

Glasnevin Trust, **Waterford crystal showroom**, **Blarney Castle**, the **Ring of Kerry**, **Adare**, **Bunratty Folk Park**, **Cliffs of Moher**, the rugged **Burren**, mystical **Connemara**, **Kylemore Abbey**, the **Marian Shrine** at Knock and **County Donegal**

You'll View

St. Patrick's Cathedral and **Phoenix Park** in Dublin, **King John's Castle** and **St. Mary's Cathedral** in Limerick and the **Cathedral of Galway** and **Donegal Castle**

Scenic Drive

Along the **Ring of Kerry**

Ravishingly beautiful and enchanting to explore, you'll soon learn why the Irish say if you're lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough... Visit the spectacular Ring of Kerry, the stronghold of the O'Donnell Clan and beautiful Adare, one of Ireland's prettiest villages.

DAY 1 USA - Dublin

Board your overnight flight to Dublin (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Dublin

On arrival to Dublin Airport, transfers will operate at 8.30am, 11am, and 1pm. We begin our journey in the whimsical capital of Dublin joining a Local Specialist to see the sights. Irish history takes center stage this evening as we visit **Glasnevin Trust** for an informative and poignant tour with a Local Specialist where we'll hear stories about some of the country's bravest characters and enjoy a Welcome Reception of drinks and canapés with our fellow travelers and Travel Director. **(WR)** **Ballsbridge**

DAY 3 Dublin - Co. Wicklow - New Ross - Waterford

Meander through the scenic countryside of County Wicklow, The Garden of Ireland, and on to New Ross — the ancestral home town of John F. Kennedy. Gain a Cultural Insight into the plight of the starving

Irish emigrants who boarded the **Dunbrody Famine Ship** to flee the potato famine before arriving in Waterford, where we'll stay overnight. This afternoon, we celebrate the centuries-old craft of flint glass creations during a Cultural Insight tour at the **House of Waterford Crystal** where we'll see talented master craftsmen at work. **(FB,D)** **Dooley's/Fitzwilton**

DAY 4 Waterford - Youghal - Blarney - Co. Kerry (2 Nights)

Journey via the historic seaport town of Youghal, once home to Sir Walter Raleigh, and pursue the 'gift of the gab' at **Blarney Castle** where you'll have a chance to kiss the famous stone. Arrive in Co. Kerry for a two night stay. **(FB,D)** **Killarney Towers/Manor West Tralee**

DAY 5 Ring of Kerry Excursion

Ireland's breathtaking **Ring of Kerry** takes center stage today as we embark on a scenic drive past its mountains, lakes and lush green countryside — unquestionably one

of the most magical and varied places in the whole of Ireland. We will also see **Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen**, the fishing village of **Waterville**, the **Black Valley** and **Moll's Gap**, whose remoteness saw it become the last area in Ireland to receive electricity. **(FB)**

DAY 6 Co. Kerry - Adare - Limerick - Bunratty - Shannon Region

Meandering through the windswept countryside with rugged landscapes, we arrive in Adare, one of the prettiest villages in Ireland. Enjoy views of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Treaty Stone, and the 13th century King John's Castle at the heart of Limerick during your orientation tour. Delve into Ireland's fascinating day-to-day of life in the 18th and 19th centuries during an included visit this afternoon to **Bunratty Castle and Folk Park**, before continuing to Shannon. **(FB)** **Radisson/Greenhills**



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JUN 4, 7, 11	\$2,425	SEP 10, 13	\$2,395
JUN 14, 18	\$2,425	SEP 17, 20, 24	\$2,395
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DAY 7 Shannon Region – Cliffs of Moher – Galway (2 Nights)

We journey to the magnificent **Cliffs of Moher** and see the history of these imposing sheer cliffs that plunge into the Atlantic waters below, brought to life with a visit to the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition. Later, we arrive in Galway enjoying some time at leisure to see its beautiful stone Cathedral or stroll through Eyre Square. **(FB) Connacht**

DAY 8 Connemara Excursion & High Tea at Westport House

Connemara's 'savage beauty' is yours to explore today as we tread in the footsteps of Oscar Wilde, who described its 'wild mountainous splendor' as magnificent. Admire the views on this scenic drive to Kylemore Abbey, now a Benedictine monastery, where we will embark on an included visit to the country's most romantic castle and walk through the **Victorian Walled Garden**. Travel on to **Westport House** for a memorable **Be My Guest** afternoon tea with tales of the Pirate Queen, and Banoffee and Baileys flavors enjoyed in the Old Kitchens of the stately 16th century home. **(BB,BG,D)**

DAY 9 Galway – Knock – Sligo

Heading north, we stop in the pilgrimage town of Knock to view the

Marian Shrine where villagers witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady in 1878. We continue to Drumcliff to see the final resting place of the beloved Irish poet W.B Yeats set against the backdrop of the Benbulbin Mountains — his simple headstone inscribed with a self-penned epitaph. Our next stop is in Donegal to view the castle which was once the stronghold of the O'Donnell Clan. We arrive in Sligo this evening, our home for the night. **(FB) Clayton**

DAY 10 Sligo – Dublin

Meandering south to Dublin, we enjoy some free time to enjoy the village atmosphere of this lively multicultural city. Walk down Grafton street and admire the colorful street performers, meander along the Liffey and cross the Ha'penny Bridge. This evening, we close the chapter on an epic journey through Ireland, joining our fellow travelers for a memorable Farewell Dinner. **(FB,FD) Clayton Leopardstown**

DAY 11 Dublin – USA

After a hearty Irish breakfast, transfers arrive at Dublin Airport at 7am, 9am and 11am (flight not included). **(FB)**

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You'll View

Galway Cathedral

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On Lough Corrib

Scenic Drive

Around the **Ring of Kerry**

Board 'The Isle of Innisfree' across the shimmering Lough Corrib to 13th century Ashford Castle, once home to the famous Guinness family and the highlight of your iconic journey which also includes visits to a deserted 12th century town in County Kilkenny, the rugged realm of Connemara and forty shades of green in the Ring of Kerry.

DAY 1 USA – Ireland

Board your overnight flight to Ireland (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Dublin (2 Nights)

On arrival to Dublin Airport, transfers operate at 8.30am, 11am, and 1pm. We kick off our epic journey along the walled gardens and rambling walks of Powerscourt Gardens — its sweeping terraces, ornamental lakes and over 200 variations of trees and shrubs ensure it bets its status as one of the most beautiful gardens in Ireland. Enjoy a Welcome Reception this evening to get to know your fellow travelers. **(WR)** *Clayton Ballsbridge*

DAY 3 Dublin

Lyrics and legends await this morning as we join a Local Specialist on a fascinating city tour to visit **St. Patrick's Cathedral**. Admire the colorful doorways in the stately Georgian Squares and stroll along

the cobbled courtyard of **Trinity College** to see the ornate **Book of Kells**. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to soak up the charisma of this city. **(FB)**

DAY 4 Dublin – Co. Kilkenny – Cork

We leave the bright lights and warm hospitality of Dublin behind for County Kilkenny where we delve into the history of a 'lost' medieval town — Newtown Jerpoint. Take a step back in time to the 12th century and wander through its remains that are said to be the final resting place of St. Nicholas, before joining the **O'Connells** at their home, Belmore House. Embrace the peaceful rural setting — the perfect backdrop to a traditional Irish **Be My Guest** lunch. Inspired by Irish food and the warmth of the locals, we continue south to the lively city of Cork, enjoying an evening at leisure to discover its

sights, sounds and flavors. **(FB,BG)** *The Kingsley*

DAY 5 Cork – Blarney – Killarney (2 Nights)

Head to Blarney in pursuit of the 'gift of the gab'. Kiss the fabled Stone then head west to the lake-side setting of Killarney, our springboard to the enduring beauty of the Ring of Kerry. **(FB,D)** *Killarney Towers*

DAY 6 Ring of Kerry Excursion

Spend a leisurely morning exploring charming Killarney or join a Local Specialist for a scenic guided walk at **Torc Waterfall**, meandering over wooden paths and lakeshore trails. Circle the scenic **Ring of Kerry** admiring its famous "forty shades of green" and seeing first-hand the breathtaking landscapes that have inspired writers and poets for centuries. Please Note: Walkers should wear good walking shoes for a stroll through picturesque surroundings. **(FB)**



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DAY 7 Killarney – Cliffs of Moher – Galway (2 Nights)

Our up-close encounter with Ireland's ravishing continues as we journey north stopping for a walk along the iconic **Cliffs of Moher**, an iconic feature of the famous **Wild Atlantic Way**. Admire the dramatic cliffs that rise some 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic and the endless ocean views you will see from its midst. We continue to Galway, where we enjoy an orientation tour including views of the stone Cathedral. (FB,D) *Maldron Sandy Road*

DAY 8 Connemara Excursion

A rugged realm of mountains, lakes, rivers and villages provides a stunning backdrop for our leisurely drive through Connemara — an unspoiled region of Western Ireland that was immortalized in John Wayne's 'The Quiet Man'. We'll visit **Kylemore Abbey**, and ramble through its exquisite Victorian walled garden, then gain a Cultural Insight at the **Connemara Marble Factory**, to see the craft of Connemara marble firsthand. (FB,D)

DAY 9 Galway – Ashford Castle (Cong)

Enjoy a regal encounter with Ireland today. Board 'The Isle of Innisfree' for

an exclusive cruise on shimmering Lough Corrib. Captain Patrick, Ashford Castle's Local Specialist, will share his local knowledge as you glide through its peaceful waters. Disembarking, a lone piper will escort you over the drawbridge to **Ashford Castle** where tonight you will dine as lords and ladies at an elegant royal dining experience (gentlemen are requested to wear a jacket). (FB,D) *Ashford Castle*

DAY 10 Cong – Dublin

Indulge in the sumptuous surrounds of Ashford Castle. Stroll around its exquisite estate and admire its lavish interiors before you return to Dublin. Spend the rest of the afternoon delving into the centuries-old history of the Irish capital and its old-world charm. This evening, it's time to reminisce over shared memories at a delicious Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (FB,FD) *Ballsbridge*

DAY 11 Dublin – USA

As the curtain falls on a memorable journey with new friends, we say a fond slán go fóill to Dublin and the Emerald Isle. Transfer to Dublin airport arrive at 7am, 9am and 11am. (FB)

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Limerick View St. Mary's Cathedral and King John's Castle

Dingle Peninsula Enjoy the beautiful countryside along the Dingle peninsula, Ireland's most westerly point

Blarney Kiss the Blarney Stone during your visit of Blarney Castle and acquire the gift of the gab

Centuries of Irish culture and heritage are revealed on this adventure across the windswept valleys of Ireland, from Dublin to the charismatic seaside villages along the Dingle Peninsula and the Blarney Stone, where you'll acquire the gift of the gab.

DAY 1 USA - Dublin

Board your overnight flight to Dublin (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Dublin

Welcome to Dublin. On arrival at Dublin Airport transfers will operate at 8.30am, 11am and 1pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Relax after check-in. Later your Local Specialist takes you on a panoramic sightseeing tour, which includes views of Dublin Castle, Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Phoenix Park. It's a great introduction to your Irish journey. *Maldron Newlands Cross*

DAY 3 Dublin - Boyle - Knock - Ballina (2 Nights)

View the ruins of the Cistercian Abbey at Boyle, dating back to the 12th century. Visit the pilgrimage town of Knock in County Mayo,

where the Virgin Mary appeared to villagers in 1879. Dine tonight at your hotel in Ballina. **(FB,D)** *Twin Trees*

DAY 4 Belleek (Northern Ireland) - County Donegal Excursion

Travel across the border into Northern Ireland for a visit to the Belleek Pottery center. Visit traditional weavers in the town of Donegal where you also view the 15th century castle. Stop at Drumcliffe to view the grave of renowned Irish poet W.B Yeats. See the harbor town of Mullaghmore, before returning to your hotel in Ballina. **(FB)**

DAY 5 Ballina - Westport - Galway - Shannon (2 Nights)

This morning travel via Westport and the beautiful region of Connemara to Galway on the banks

of the Corrib River. View the cathedral, built on the site of the old prison and stroll around Eyre Square. Tonight why not join your Travel Director and companions for a medieval banquet in an Irish castle? **(FB)** *Castle Oaks House*

DAY 6 Cliffs of Moher Excursion

This morning drive to the western coast and the magnificent **Cliffs of Moher**. Bring the history of the cliffs to life with a visit the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition. Return to Shannon for free time exploring on your own or perhaps join your Travel Director for an optional experience to Bunratty Folk Park. **(FB,D)**

DAY 7 Shannon - Limerick - Dingle Peninsula - Tralee

This morning in Limerick your orientation drive includes views of St. Mary's Cathedral and King



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John's Castle. Enjoy a scenic drive along the **Dingle Peninsula**. See the unspoilt and colorful villages and fishing harbors of Ireland's most westerly point. Later, arrive in the town of Tralee, famed for its annual 'Rose of Tralee' festival and beauty pageant before arriving at your hotel. **(FB,D) Earl of Desmond**

DAY 8 Tralee - Blarney - Dublin
 Visit **Blarney Castle** and don't forget to kiss the Blarney Stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Arrive later in the

capital, Dublin, for the final night of your vacation. **(FB) Citywest**

DAY 9 Dublin - USA
 Say farewell to your Travel Director and new-found friends as your memorable vacation in the Emerald Isle comes to an end. Transfers arrive at Dublin Airport at 7am, 9am and 11am (flight not included). **(FB)**



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You'll Cruise

On **Loch Ness**

You'll View

King John's Castle and **St. Mary's Cathedral** in Limerick, **Commando Memorial** and **Ben Nevis**, **Loch Ness** and the **Scottish Crown Jewels** in Edinburgh

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On arrival at Dublin Airport, your airport transfer service leaves for the hotel at 8.30am, 11am and 1.30pm. Join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly Welcome dinner with drinks and the opportunity to mingle over a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. **(WD)** Clayton Cardiff Lane

DAY 3 Dublin

An orientation with your Travel Director will take you past the Custom House and along O'Connell Street. Travel along the River Liffey to see the Guinness Storehouse and Dublin Castle before admiring the historic buildings of the Georgian section of the city. Enjoy your **VIP priority entrance to the 9th century Book of Kells** and a walk through the cobbled courtyards of **Trinity College** accompanied by a University insider, gaining their insight into modern life and the establishment's impressive history. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Dublin – Waterford – Cork

Kildare offers a look behind the scenes at one of the country's main **racehorse breeding centers** and visit the finest **Japanese Gardens** in Europe, for a 'journey through life'. Head to Waterford for a guided visit

of the **House of Waterford Crystal** and meet a master craftsman. Continue on to Cork, Ireland's second most populous city, built on the River Lee. **(BB)** The Kinglsey

DAY 5 Cork – Killarney (2 Nights)

Travel along Grand Parade to see Cork's City Hall and Opera House. Continue to the ruined 15th century **Blarney Castle**, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence — once kissed, never forgotten! On to Killarney, where you join a local Jarvey on-board a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car. **(BB,D)** Killarney Avenue Hotel

DAY 6 Ring of Kerry Experience

Tour the superb seascapes, towering cliffs and spectacular mountains of the **Ring of Kerry**. Follow the narrow road as it winds through delightful villages like **Sneem**, cross the peat bogs of the **Black Mountains** to **Moll's Gap** and admire Queen Victoria's '**Ladies View**'. Return mid-afternoon for time at leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 7 Killarney – Dromoland

Begin the day with a delightful ferry ride across the Shannon Estuary. Journey to the Visitor Center at the 700-foot **Cliffs of Moher**. Enjoy magnificent views of the Clare Coast before continuing to your hotel located at the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way on the Dromoland Castle Estate. **(BB)** The Inn at Dromoland

DAY 8 Dromoland – Galway – Sligo Bay

Join your Travel Director in Galway to see the infamous **Lynch Memorial** and the Church of St. Nicholas. Also see the aged **Spanish Arch** and **Eyre Square**. Tour the wild **Connemara region**, a scenic wonderland of rivers, lakes and silent hills. In the evening, your perfect country retreat is set on the scenic shores of Sligo Bay. **(BB,D)** Radisson Blu Sligo

DAY 9 Sligo Bay – Giant's Causeway – Ballygally

The day begins in **Drumcliffe**, with a visit to the final resting place of Ireland's famous poet, William Butler Yeats. Cross into Northern Ireland and visit **Londonderry**, and experience sightseeing with one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan, as he takes you inside the city walls. Continue around the coast to the amazing **Giants Causeway**. Drive along the Antrim coast road to your hotel. **(BB,D)** Ballygally Castle

DAY 10 Ballygally – High Tea at Ardgowan – Glasgow

Cross the Irish Sea by ferry and journey to **Ardgowan**, set on a stunning **10,000-acre coastal estate**. Meet **Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart for a tour of his house** and learn the history of the area, his family and the house. Delight in a freshly-made, traditional Scottish Tea and Scones. Continue to Glasgow to see the city's grand public buildings, including George



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JUL 18	\$3,995	SEP 19	\$3,975
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Single Supplement: from \$840.

Triple Room Supplement: from \$50.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$162 per person.

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Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. (BB,AT) Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow

DAY 11 Glasgow - Loch Lomond - Inverness (2 Nights)

In the morning, head north for a scenic drive along the banks of **Loch Lomond** and the dramatic landscape of Glencoe, before reaching Fort William. Experience a journey of discovery on a **Loch Ness cruise**. Soak up the scenery, and intriguing tales of 'Nessie'. (BB,D) Kingsmills Hotel

DAY 12 Highlands Experience

Enjoy an orientation tour of Inverness before driving out to the **Culloden Moor Visitor Center**, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was finally defeated. Then have a 'wee dram' at a visit to the **Glen Ord Distillery** and delve into the fascinating world of the single malt. (BB,D)

DAY 13 Inverness - St. Andrews - Edinburgh (2 Nights)

A scenic drive takes you through the Grampian Mountains passing Blair

Castle. Cross the Tay to visit **St. Andrews** and see the **Old Course**, the home of golf since the 15th century before enjoying free time to explore. Continue across the majestic Forth Road Bridge to the Scottish capital. In the evening, selected departures attend the spectacular **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**. (BB) Holyrood Hotel

DAY 14 Edinburgh

Join your Local Expert and visit **Edinburgh Castle** to see the Honors of Scotland, Stone of Destiny and Mons Meg. See the **Palace of Holyroodhouse** at the end of the Royal Mile, and travel along Princes Street to see the monument to Sir Walter Scott before a walk through the New Town, a stylish restaurant for a grand finale Celebration Dinner. (BB,DW)

DAY 15 Edinburgh - USA

Transfers arrive at Edinburgh Airport at 6.15am and 9am (flight not included). (BB)

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The Military Tattoo, Edinburgh Castle

Included Highlights

Cultural Insights

Enjoy a visit at **Glengoyne**, known as Scotland's most beautiful whisky distillery for a tour and a tasting of their unique Highland single malt whisky. Select departures enjoy reserved seats at the spectacular **Military Tattoo**

Be My Guest

Join the Wood family at their 15th century historical farm on the shores of Loch Ard for a **home-cooked Scottish dinner**, tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-tapping Ceilidh tunes

City Explorations

City tour in **Edinburgh**. Orientation of **Glasgow** and **Stirling**

You'll Visit

Edinburgh Castle, **Pitlochry**, the **Isle of Skye**, **Culloden battlefield** and **Stirling Castle**

You'll View

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

Travel from Scotland's literary capital, Edinburgh, to feisty Glasgow, visiting the home of golf, St. Andrews, and the battlefields of Culloden and Glencoe, as your quest takes you past the lochs and glens of the Scottish Highlands to Glengoyne Whisky Distillery for a well-deserved 'wee dram'.

DAY 1 USA - Edinburgh

Overnight flight to Edinburgh (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Edinburgh (2 Nights)

On arrival at Edinburgh Airport transfers will operate at 9am, 11.30am and 2pm to the hotel. Get lost among the enchanting cobbled lanes of Edinburgh — the quirky Scottish capital with a mystical air that combines ancient heritage with the verve of a modern city. Spend your day at leisure exploring its rich history and embracing the warm culture of the Scots before joining your travel companions and Travel Director for a Welcome Reception with a light meal and drinks. **(WR)**
Novotel City Centre

DAY 3 Edinburgh

Join your Local Specialist this morning for an intriguing sightseeing tour of the city. Ascend Castle Rock and visit **Edinburgh Castle**, watching imposingly over the surrounding cityscape. Meander through the picturesque Old Town along the **Royal Mile** and see the stunning

Palace of Holyroodhouse before enjoying time at leisure to soak up the city's charming atmosphere. If your travel dates coincide with the Edinburgh Festival, your visit will include tickets to the dazzling **Edinburgh Tattoo**. **(FB)**

DAY 4 Edinburgh - St. Andrews - Pitlochry - Scottish Highlands (2 Nights)

Tread in the footsteps of the world's golfing greats and head to **St. Andrews**, the home of golf en route to the glorious Scottish Highlands. A scenic drive brings us north and across the Dundee Firth to the picturesque village of Pitlochry. Spend your afternoon rambling through the village's charming river-side setting, browse its woolen crafts or join an Optional Experience to visit Blair Castle, the ancestral home of the Clan Murray. Our day in beautiful surrounds comes to an end over a cozy dinner at our hotel sharing tales of the day with our fellow travelers. **(FB,D)**
Laggan Gaskmore

DAY 5 Isle of Skye & Scenic Highlands Excursion

Meandering up the coast, we arrive in Mallaig where we'll board our ferry and cross to Armadale on the Isle of Skye. Heather-clad peaks provide a stunning backdrop for our scenic drive around the breathtaking **Sleat Peninsula** where we will have some free time to enjoy lunch before crossing a road bridge back to the mainland. The rugged beauty of **Eilean Donan Castle** will leave you speechless before you continue your journey past the lochs and glens of the Highlands to the tragic battlefield of **Culloden**. Pay tribute to the brave men who lost their lives in the fierce final battle of the Jacobite Uprising before returning to your hotel this evening. **(FB,D)**

DAY 6 Scottish Highlands - Glencoe - Glasgow (2 Nights)

Our first stop today sees us commemorate World War II history at the **Commando Memorial** near Fort William, where we admire spectacular views of Britain's



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JUL 14	\$1,875	SEP 29	\$1,825
JUL 21	\$1,875	OCT 6	\$1,825

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highest peak — **Ben Nevis**. We journey through the volcanic ruins and precipitous mountains that lie just beyond the quaint village of Glencoe to see the "Glen of the Weeping" and remember the MacDonald clansmen who were massacred in 1692. Continuing towards the River Clyde, we arrive in our final stop for the day — Glasgow, set on the picturesque banks of **Loch Lomond**. (FB) *Crowne Plaza*

DAY 7 Stirling Castle Excursion
Madainn mhath! While your Gaelic may be a little rusty, your fascinating orientation tour around this edgy city will be anything but. Begin your day seeing Glasgow's iconic sights. Enjoy views of the People's Palace and Winter Gardens, the regal George Square and River Clyde, for over 200 years the epicenter of shipbuilding. Spend some time at leisure before we travel to visit the hilltop fortress of **Stirling Castle**. Today a symbol of

national pride, the royal residence was once the seat of Scottish kings and queens, including Mary, Queen of Scots. View the Wallace Monument from the castle walls, paying tribute to the Scottish hero who fought for Scotland's independence. Later, we indulge in a Cultural Insight at **Glengoyne Whisky Distillery** and enjoy a 'wee dram' before we join the Wood family at their 15th century historical farms on the shores of Loch Ard for a home-cooked **Be My Guest Farewell Dinner**, tales of Rob Roy and a few foot-taping Ceilidh tunes. (FB, BG)

DAY 8 Glasgow - USA
The rugged beauty and warmth of Scotland's people forever in your memories, we enjoy one last hearty breakfast with our travel companions before wishing them and your Travel Director a fond farewell. Transfers will arrive at Glasgow Airport at 7am and 9am (flight not included). (FB)

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City Explorations

City tour in **Edinburgh**

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Edinburgh Castle, the **Pulteney Whisky Distillery** in Wick, the **Culloden Visitor Center**

You'll View

St. Andrews Old Course, **Eilean Donan Castle**, **Loch Ness**, **George Square** in Glasgow

From the great capital of Edinburgh to the Orkney Islands and Skye, you'll travel through 8,000 years of history and become immersed in Scotland's rich cultural heritage.

DAY 1 USA – Scotland

Board your overnight flight to Scotland (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Edinburgh (2 Nights)

Welcome to Scotland — land of legends and romance, from the great cultural cities in the south, to the dramatic mountains and misty lochs of the Highlands. On arrival at Edinburgh airport, transfers depart for your hotel at 9am, 11am and 1pm. The rest of the day is yours to relax before joining your Travel Director in the evening for a Welcome Dinner with wine. On select departures, you will also attend the spectacular **Military Tattoo** – a colorful mix of pipes and drums, dance and display, set against the floodlit backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. **(DW)** *Malmaison Hotel Edinburgh*

DAY 3 Edinburgh

Join a Local Expert to see the highlights of the city. Drive along Princes Street to the ornate Scott Memorial, then wander the 18th century New Town with its neoclassical Georgian facades. In the Old Town, visit **Edinburgh**

Castle, home of Mons Meg, the Stone of Destiny and **Scotland's Crown Jewels**, the Honors of Scotland. At the bottom of the Royal Mile stands the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official Scottish residence of the Queen. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Edinburgh – St. Andrews – Inverness

Cross the Firth of Forth into Fife and journey to St. Andrews, passing the Old Course, home of golf since its creation in the 15th century. Enjoy free time to explore. Perhaps stroll to West Sands Beach where the famous 'Chariots of Fire' scene was filmed? Cross the Tay and journey to the charming Victorian resort town of Pitlochry, famous for its salmon run. Continue via Blair Atholl and pass the Grampian Mountains on the way to the sparkling Spey Valley. Stop at **Ballindalloch Castle and Gardens**, one of the only occupied castles in Scotland, inhabited by the same family since the 16th century. As guests of the castle you will be treated to an authentic **Farm-to-Table experience**,

in the tradition of a **Scottish Tea and Scones**. Continue to Inverness, where your luxury hotel is set within four acres of manicured grounds offering the very best in Highland hospitality. **(BB,AT,D)** *Kingsmills Hotel*

DAY 5 Inverness – Culloden – Loch Ness – Thurso (2 Nights)

See Culloden Moor in the morning, where Bonnie Prince Charlie's Jacobite army was crushed in 1746. Visit the **Culloden Visitor Center** before continuing along the shores of Loch Ness. Keep your eyes peeled for the legendary monster! Next, follow the rugged coast north to the fishing port of Wick. Pause at the **Old Pulteney Distillery** to taste a wee dram of whisky and learn about the production of this national drink. Your hotel for the next two nights is in the town of Thurso, which overlooks the Pentland Firth towards the Old Man of Hoy. **(BB,D)** *The Pentland Hotel*

DAY 6 Excursion to the Orkney Islands

Drive to the most northern point of the British mainland, John O'Groats



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and board the ferry to the beautiful Orkney Islands where the countryside is breathtakingly majestic. Here the hardy locals say they live 'below the wind and above the water.' Your Local Expert was born and bred on the islands and accompanies you as you visit the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the mysterious Ring of Brodgar, Kirkwall and the small chapel built by Italian prisoners during World War II. **(BB,D)**

DAY 7 Thurso - Isle of Skye

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

DAY 8 Isle of Skye - Glencoe

Explore this wild and beautiful island on your own, before crossing to the Kyle of Lochalsh. Stop for a photo at remote Eilean Donan Castle, which under a clear sky offers a perfect reflection in its loch. Move on to the WWII Commando Memorial where there is a fine view of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain. You'll

enjoy more spectacular scenery enroute to the Valley of Glencoe, its dramatic peaks still echoing with the ghastly cries of massacred clansmen. In the evening, enjoy market-fresh Scottish ingredients and wine as you get together with your newfound friends for a sumptuous Celebration Dinner. Don't be surprised if, by the end of the evening, you're 'Toasting to the Lassies' or singing 'Auld Lang Syne'. **(BB,DW)** *Ballachulish Hotel/Isles of Glencoe Hotel & Leisure Center*

DAY 9 Glencoe - Loch Lomond - Glasgow

Spend time around peaceful Loch Lomond, 'Queen of Scottish Lochs' according to Sir Walter Scott and the largest in Great Britain. Perhaps experience the beauty and tranquility of the loch with an optional cruise before continuing to Glasgow? An orientation drive through the city will show you the grand public buildings, including George Square and St. Mungo's Cathedral. Then the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore as you wish. **(BB)** *Holiday Inn Glasgow Theatreland*

DAY 10 Glasgow - USA

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Beautifully situated in the small town of Lisse, Netherlands, Keukenhof is the one of Europe's largest, and most spectacular flower gardens.

Six hundred years of history

Keukenhof itself dates back to the 15th century when Countess Jacoba van Beieren [Jacqueline of Bavaria] gathered fruit and vegetables from the Keukenduin [kitchen dunes] for the kitchen of Teylingen Castle. Keukenhof Castle was built in 1641 and the

estate grew to encompass an area of close to 500 acres. The original castle gardens were re-designed in 1857 by world-famous landscape architects Jan David Zocher and his son Louis Paul Zocher. The English style landscape garden they designed is still lovingly maintained today.

In 1949, a group of leading flower bulb growers and exporters came up with the plan to use the estate to exhibit spring-flowering bulbs. The park would be the perfect showcase for the Dutch flower industry to show their hybrids to buyers throughout the world. In 1950 Keukenhof opened its gates to the public as a spring park and has never looked back. Now regarded as one of the top attractions in the Netherlands, Keukenhof welcomes more than three quarters of a million visitors for eight weeks every spring.



Tulip Mania!

While the Netherlands is the world's largest producer of tulip bulbs today, the tulip actually originates in the Tian Shan mountain region of the Himalaya. They arrived in Holland in the 16th century when sultans organized tulip parties in the spring.

The breathtaking tulip was different from every other flower known to Europe at that time, with a saturated intense petal color that no other plant had. They quickly became a coveted luxury item and tulip traders became wealthy buying and selling the rare bulbs.

'Tulip Mania' reached its peak between 1634 and 1637, when one bulb could fetch over a thousand guilders, more than the cost of a canal house in Amsterdam, and the equivalent of \$50,000 today.

Seven million flowering bulbs

When you visit Keukenhof, you'll experience the amazing beauty of more than 7 million spring-flowering bulbs; a visual rainbow of tulip colours, shapes, and sizes spanning 79 acres.

No two years are the same at Keukenhof. Every Fall, 30-full time gardeners plant the bulbs, supplied for free by 100 Dutch growers, by hand in a completely new theme. As spring arrives, the tulips emerge from the warming ground. The bulbs are selected to bloom throughout the eight-week period — always amazing and never disappointing.

While the famous Dutch tulip is the Keukenhof's colorful show-piece, the garden is home to the world's largest lily show which is

held during the last ten days of the spring season. Keukenhof also features a Japanese garden, an English landscape garden, a spring meadow, a natural garden, a historic garden, a garden maze, and several "inspirational gardens" that are different each year.

2018 — the year of Romance

In 2018 Keukenhof's theme will be Romance in Flowers, a fitting tribute to the historic park that was designed midway through the Romantic period. The park's signature Tulip Mosaic is a living show showcase featuring 50,000 bulbs.

There are still excellent dates and itineraries featuring Keukenhof during this short showcase of awesome color. These departures sell out every year so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment.

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Cultural Insight

Explore a historic **diamond polishing factory** in Amsterdam, visit the **Delft Pottery** and see first-hand the famous tradition of **Belgian lace** at a workshop in Bruges

Be My Guest

Join **Marc and Judig Nyssen** at their 18th century Bruges farmstead and enjoy hearty Belgian fare

City Explorations

In Amsterdam, enjoy a guided **Small Group Sightseeing visit to the Rijksmuseum** with a group size of no more than 25 guests. City tour in **Luxembourg** and **Bruges**. Orientation of **Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Maastricht, Ghent** and **Brussels**

You'll Visit

The **Rijksmuseum** in Amsterdam, the **Euromast Tower** in Rotterdam, **Royal Delft Pottery**, General George Patton's Grave, **Orval Abbey** and **Dinant**

First Class Highlight

Tickets for **Keukenhof Bulb fields** are included during the flowering season (April until mid-May)

You'll Cruise

The canals of **Amsterdam** and **Bruges**

You'll View

The **American Memorial** at Bastogne

Enjoy a leisurely jaunt through Benelux — from fairy-tale castles to flowering fields, Rembrandt to Royal Delft.

DAY 1 USA – Amsterdam

Overnight flight to Amsterdam (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Amsterdam (3 Nights)

On arrival to Amsterdam Airport transfers will depart for the hotel at 9am, 11.30am and 2.30pm. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception cruise including a light meal and welcome drink. Cruise the city's famous waterways admiring the picture-perfect surrounds and gabled façades. **(WR)** *Wyndham Apollo*

DAY 3 Amsterdam

Explore Amsterdam's historic city center this morning and enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing tour of the **Rijksmuseum** with a Local Specialist. Come face-to-face with such masterpieces as Rembrandt's 'The Night Watch', Van Gogh's self-portrait, and 'The Milkmaid' by Vermeer. We leave great art behind and visit a historic **diamond polishing factory** where we'll gain an Cultural Insight into the tradition of diamond cutting. Celebrate spring and enjoy an included visit to

Keukenhof. Meander through an enchanting wonderland of tulips, daffodils and hyacinths with millions of blooms planted across the 70-acre site (subject to season). **(BB)**

DAY 4 The Hague – Delft & Rotterdam Excursion

Soak up the gezellig Dutch atmosphere this morning before heading to Delft via The Hague. We admire the delicate blue and white porcelain that has made this historic town famous during a Cultural Insight at the **Royal Delft Pottery** workshop. Meandering south, we arrive in the edgy port city of Rotterdam where we will enjoy an informative orientation and ascend the iconic **Euromast Tower** for stunning panoramic views of this city. Heading back to Amsterdam, consider an evening relaxing in one of the charming plains lined with cozy cafés. **(BB)**

DAY 5 Amsterdam – Maastricht – Bastogne – Luxembourg (2 Nights)

The fortified city of Maastricht takes center stage this morning. We spend some time ambling through

its cobblestone town center before continuing to Bastogne, the site of bloody skirmishes in the World War II Battle of the Bulge. See the **Mardasson Memorial** commemorating the almost 80,000 American soldiers who were injured or killed during the siege before journeying to the Duchy of Luxembourg, where tonight we'll dine in our hotel. **(BB,D)** *Novotel Kirchberg*

DAY 6 Luxembourg

This morning we pay tribute to Allied Forces hero, General George S. Patton, whose final resting place is the **Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial**. Later, we take to the streets of a fairy-tale capital on a leisurely walking tour of Luxembourg with a Local Specialist. Our route takes us past the Cathedral and the Grand Ducal Palace, with its Flemish Renaissance façades, and includes spectacular views of the gorge of the Rivers Alzette and Petrusse. **(BB)**

DAY 7 Luxembourg – Orval – Dinant – Bruges (2 Nights)

We begin our day with a visit to the 12th century **Cistercian Orval Abbey** renowned for its distinct cheese and



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MAY 17	\$2,650	AUG 23	\$2,575
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MAY 31	\$2,650	SEP 6	\$2,695
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JUN 28	\$2,650	OCT 4	\$2,695

Single Supplement: from \$760. **Triple Room Discount:** \$100. **Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$97 per person.

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for being one of the few breweries that produces Trappiste beer. En route to the enchanting medieval village of Bruges, we stop in Dinant whose famous son, Adolphe Sax, is credited with having invented the saxophone. This evening we enjoy a memorable **Be My Guest** experience with Marc and Judig Nyssen at their 18th century Bruges farmstead to learn about Flanders farm life and enjoy hearty Belgian fare. **(BB,BG)**

Golden Tulip De Medici

DAY 8 Bruges

Wake up in beautiful Bruges and join a Local Specialist for a walking tour of this picturesque town. Take to the water and enjoy a whimsical sightseeing cruise along the city's wonderful canals lined with Gothic façades. Admire the delicate art of Belgian lace during a Cultural Insight at the **Lace Center** in the old lace school of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 9 Bruges - Ghent - Brussels (2 Nights)

Delve into centuries of trade heritage in the port city of Ghent, with its picturesque riverine backdrop. See the medieval city's three famous towers — Saint Nicholas' Church, the Belfry and Saint Bavo's Cathedral — before continuing to Brussels, a

multi-cultural melting pot which you will have an opportunity to explore after your Travel Director shows you the city's highlights. See the **Atomium** — designed for the 1958 Brussels World's Fair, **Mannekin Pis** and the exquisite **Grand Place** with its opulent and ornate guildhalls. This evening consider sampling mouth-watering Belgian cuisine washed down with the city's best beers.

(BB) *Sofitel Europe*

DAY 10 Brussels at Leisure

Embrace a full day at leisure in the Belgian capital to explore the city on your terms. Your Travel Director will assist you to make the most out of your day. This evening we celebrate a memorable sojourn through three fascinating countries during a Farewell Dinner. **(BB,FD)**

DAY 11 Brussels - USA

This morning bid farewell to your fellow travelers and take home many special memories. Airport transfers will arrive at Brussels Airport at 8am and 12noon (flight not included). **(BB)**

Please Note: Your coach returns to Amsterdam from Brussels on Day 11. You are welcome to use this complimentary transfer. Drop-off in Amsterdam will be at the Trafalgar Amsterdam hotel and not at the airport. Arrival will be at approximately 3pm, depending on traffic conditions.

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City Explorations

City tour in **Salzburg** and **Vienna**. Orientation of **Munich** and **Innsbruck**

You'll Visit

Neuschwanstein Castle in the Bavarian Alps, **Schönbrunn Palace** in Vienna and a **local winery** in Dürnstein

You'll View

The **Passion Play theater** in Oberammergau, **Mirabell Palace** and **Mozart's birthplace** in Salzburg, the '**Sound of Music**' church in Mondsee, the **Imperial Palace** and **Golden Roof** in Innsbruck, and the **Lion Monument** in Lucerne

Explore the imperial riches of Vienna and journey into the story-book landscapes of Switzerland aboard the Glacier Express. Taste seasonal cuisine, see breathtaking vistas from the summit of Mount Stanserhorn and shop at the glamorous boutiques of St. Moritz.

DAY 1 USA – Munich

Overnight flight to Munich (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Munich (2 Nights)

Welcome to Fun-Loving Munich. Airport transfers leave Munich Airport for your hotel at 10am and 1pm. Join your Travel Director in the afternoon for an orientation of the city. See the Feldherrnhalle in the Odeonsplatz, the Palace of the Dukes of Wittelsbach, the English Garden, the Hofbräuhaus, St. Peter's Church and the famous Marienplatz. Join your fellow guests for a drink and enjoy a pleasant Welcome Dinner. (DW) *Leonardo Royal Hotel/ The Westin Grand*

DAY 3 Neuschwanstein Excursion

Embark on an exciting visit to **Neuschwanstein Castle**. See the exuberantly-decorated apartments

including the **Throne Room** and **Lohengrin Grotto**. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Bavaria's capital city. (BB)

DAY 4 Munich – Oberammergau

Continue on to **Oberammergau**, home of the Passion Play since 1634. With your Travel Director, see the immense theater and colorful chalets before checking into your hotel for the night. (BB,DW) *Alte Post*

DAY 5 Oberammergau – Salzburg

Travel over the Austrian border to Salzburg, 'alive with the sound of music' to join your Local Expert. See the formal gardens of Mirabell Palace, Residenzplatz, the city's imposing fortress, the immense cathedral in the Old Town and Mozart's birthplace. In the afternoon, perhaps take an optional experience to Hitler's notorious

'Eagle's Nest'? Join your traveling companions at a local restaurant for an exquisite Farm-to-Table meal, served with wine. (BB,DW) *ARCOTEL Castellani, Salzburg*

DAY 6 Salzburg – Wachau Valley – Dürnstein – Vienna

(2 Nights)
In **Mondsee** marvel at the church featured in 'The Sound of Music' before continuing on through Melk to the beautiful town of Dürnstein, set in the Wachau Valley. Head for the Austrian capital of Vienna where you're invited to choose among a selection of local restaurants, from classic Viennese to international cuisine, for your Dine-Around Evening. (BB,DW) *Hilton Vienna*

DAY 7 Explore Vienna

In the morning, a Local Expert will reveal the highlights of **Schönbrunn Palace**. Spend some time in the



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MAY 4	\$3,850	AUG 3	\$3,850
MAY 11	\$3,850	AUG 10	\$3,850
MAY 18	\$3,850	AUG 17	\$3,850
MAY 25	\$3,850	AUG 24	\$3,850
JUN 1	\$3,795	AUG 31	\$3,825
JUN 8	\$3,795	SEP 7	\$3,825
JUN 15	\$3,825	SEP 14	\$3,875
JUN 22	\$3,825	SEP 21	\$3,875
JUN 29	\$3,795	SEP 28	\$3,875
JUL 6	\$3,795	♦OCT 5	\$3,875

Single Supplement: from \$670.	Triple Room Discount: \$60.	Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$139 per person.
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formal gardens before going on to view St. Charles' Church, the Hofburg Palace, Parliament and State Opera House. (BB)

DAY 8 Vienna - Villach
Take a delightful drive through undiscovered Austria. Climb the dramatic **Semmering Pass** and stop in Kindberg with its colorful maypole. Continue south to the border to arrive in Villach, a town rich in contrasts as tradition blends with trendiness. (BB) *Romantik Hotel Post*

DAY 9 Villach - The Dolomites - Innsbruck
Journey to the charming Alpine city of Innsbruck, set in a valley of snow-capped mountain peaks. Your Travel Director provides an orientation of the city to see its 14th century houses of the Old Town, the impressive Imperial Palace and the delightful Golden Roof. (BB)
AC by Marriott

DAY 10 The Engadine Valley - St. Moritz
In the morning, enter Switzerland, driving along the beautiful Engadine Valley to the chic Alpine resort of St. Moritz. Enjoy the marvelous scenery and fresh air or browse in the elegant boutiques. Another option is a ride aboard the Bernina Express. (BB,DW)
Crystal Hotel/The Steffani

DAY 11 St. Moritz - Glacier Express - Lucerne (2 Nights)
Embark on an iconic train journey aboard the **Glacier Express**, as you take in vistas of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. Rejoin the coach at Andermatt and continue north to Lucerne. See the Lion Monument cut out of a limestone cliff. (BB)
Renaissance Lucerne

DAY 12 Mount Stanserhorn Excursion
The morning is at leisure in this beautiful city. Stroll across the Chapel Bridge to the Jesuit Church, or use your free time to shop. Later, head to the town of Stans, to embark on a scenic journey by **funicular railway and cable car to the summit of the stunning Stanserhorn**. Here, amid true Alpine majesty, your amazing journey literally peaks with a fabulous farewell Celebration Dinner in a panoramic restaurant. This will be a fantastic bird's-eye wining and dining experience you'll never forget! (BB,DW)

DAY 13 Lucerne - Zürich - USA
Your departure transfer arrives at Zürich Airport at 8am (flight not included). (BB)
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Explore the **wood-carving** heritage of Switzerland's picture-perfect lakeside town of Brienz

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Orientation of **Zurich** and **Lucerne**

You'll Visit

The Federal capital **Berne**, the **Castle of Chillon**, **Montreux**, **Zermatt**, **St. Moritz**, **Interlaken** and **Brienz**

You'll View

Chapel Bridge and the **Lion Monument** in Lucerne, the **Jungfrau** and **Matterhorn** mountains (weather permitting), **Lake Maggiore** and **Lake Como**

Switzerland's indigo lakes and imposing Alpine backdrop seem to go on forever as you explore sophisticated cities, an ancient castle and the shores of Montreux. Enjoy the rugged beauty of the Alps in Zermatt cross Lucerne's Chapel Bridge, and traverse the picturesque Italian countryside, boarding a train from Tirano to St. Moritz for equally spectacular views.

DAY 1 USA - Zurich

Overnight flight to Zurich (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Zurich

Welcome to Zurich! The Radisson Blu hotel is located at Zurich Airport for convenience, so guests can make their own way to the hotel from the Airport terminal. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and orientation of Zurich's beautiful lakeside setting. **(WR)** Radisson Blu

DAY 3 Zurich - Berne - Chillon - Lake Geneva (Montreux)

We leave the bright lights of Zurich behind and stop in Berne with its charming Old Town, admiring its cobblestone streets, ornate fountains and arcaded 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, we visit the island castle of **Chillon Castle**, immortalized 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. **(BB)** Eurotel Riviera

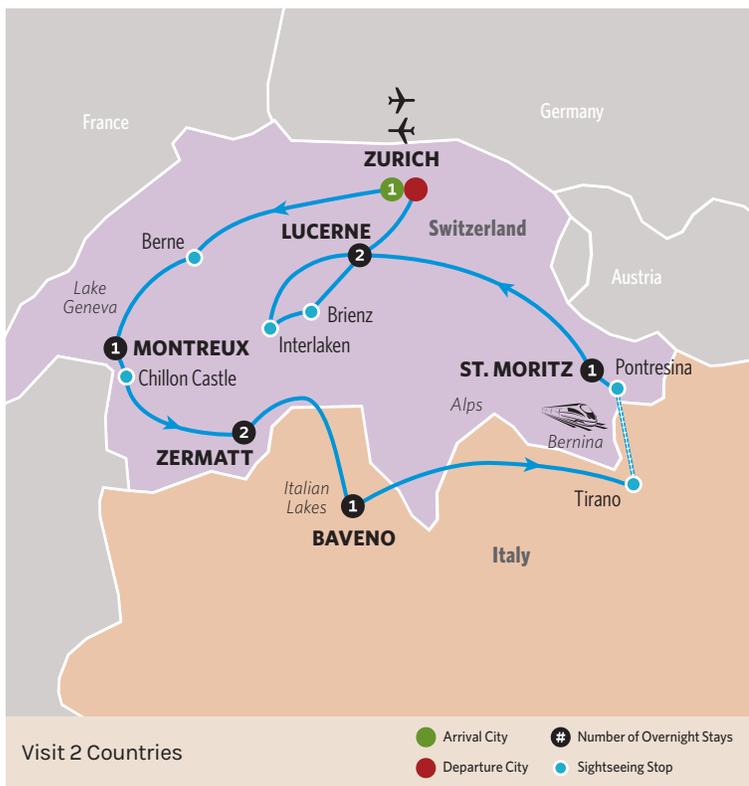
DAY 4 Lake Geneva (Montreux) - Zermatt (2 Nights)

Enjoy a full morning to explore Montreux at your leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to cruise Lake Geneva, including a visit to the Charlie Chaplin museum in his former estate, Manoir de Ban. Our next stop is the 15th century

vineyards of **Cave Champ de Clos** for an unforgettable **Be My Guest** lunch in charming Chexbres. Continue your journey to the resort town of Zermatt, set against the backdrop of the imposing snow-capped Matterhorn, where we'll stay the next two nights. **(BB,BG)** Mirabeau Alpine Residence/Ambassador

DAY 5 Zermatt

Spend the day soaking up the crisp mountain air and panoramic alpine vistas. You have a full day at leisure to explore the town on your terms, 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. **(BB)**



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MAY 4	\$2,750	AUG 3	\$2,725
MAY 11	\$2,750	AUG 10	\$2,725
MAY 18	\$2,750	AUG 17	\$2,725
MAY 25	\$2,750	AUG 24	\$2,725
JUN 1	\$2,775	AUG 31	\$2,725
JUN 8	\$2,775	SEP 7	\$2,725
JUN 15	\$2,725	SEP 14	\$2,775
JUN 22	\$2,725	SEP 21	\$2,775
JUN 29	\$2,725	SEP 28	\$2,775

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DAY 6 Zermatt – Baveno

Departing Switzerland, we travel to the lakeside town of Baveno on Italy's picturesque Lake Maggiore. Spend the rest of the day soaking up the laidback lakeside atmosphere or consider joining an Optional Experience to Isola Bella, one of the lake's Borromean islands, with its palazzo and exquisite gardens.

(BB) *Simplon*

DAY 7 Baveno – 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 our train and wind our way through spectacular alpine landscapes enroute to the chic resort town of St. Moritz. This evening we dine at our hotel. **(BB,D)** *Reine Victoria*

DAY 8 St. Moritz – Lucerne Orientation & Free Time (2 Nights)

Meandering through lush green landscapes, past Lake Zurich, we arrive in the fairy-tale lakeside city of Lucerne, surrounded by snow-capped peaks. 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 meandering through the city's cobblestone streets lined with colorful façades. Consider joining a cruise on the tranquil lake waters and then ride the world's first Cabrio cable car to the top of Mount Stanserhorn. **(BB)** *Grand Europe*

DAY 9 Brienz & Interlaken Excursion

We travel to Interlaken at the heart of Switzerland, which lies in the shadows of the Jungfrau Mountain, stopping in the village of Brienz for a cultural insight into the centuries-old tradition of wood carving for which this village is so famous. Spend some time at leisure and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. This evening we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our fellow travelers and Travel Director toasting the highlights of Switzerland we've enjoyed along the way. **(BB,FD)**

DAY 10 Lucerne – Zurich – USA

As our journey through the Best of Switzerland comes to an end, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell. Transfers will arrive at Zurich Airport at 8am from Lucerne. **(BB)**

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City Explorations

City tour in **Prague, Budapest, Vienna** and **Salzburg**. Orientation of **Munich** and **Regensburg**

You'll Visit

Bratislava the capital of Slovakia, the **Fisherman's Bastion** in Budapest and the Baroque town center of **Győr**

You'll View

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

Central Europe's capitals put on a stately show starring Bohemian Prague, the eclectic Slovakian capital of Bratislava, and the regal cities of Vienna and Budapest.

DAY 1 USA - Munich

Board your overnight flight to Munich (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Munich

On arrival to Munich Airport, transfers will operate at 10am and 1pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Join your fellow travelers and Travel Director on an orientation of this fascinating city. View the **Marienplatz** and its fairy-tale Glockenspiel before an unforgettable Welcome Reception to kickstart your journey. **(WR)** Sheraton Westpark

DAY 3 Munich - Regensburg - Prague (2 Nights)

Medieval façades and Bavarian hospitality are yours to explore this morning in the unspoiled Danube town of Regensburg, which you will have an opportunity to visit en route to the Czech Republic. Meandering through the charming Bohemian landscape to the fairy-tale city of

Prague, we spend the evening at a local restaurant indulging in traditional flavors and the hearty aromas of Czech cuisine during a Regional Meal. **(BB, RM)** *Andels by Vienna House*

DAY 4 Prague

Delve into centuries of history as you join a Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour of Prague. View the impressive Gothic architecture of **St. Vitus' Cathedral** in the grounds of the 1,000 year-old Prague Castle, then cross the river on your walking tour to the Old Town Square to see the magical **Astronomical Clock**, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. The afternoon is yours to experience the city or consider a relaxing lunch cruise on the Vltava. **(BB)**

DAY 5 Prague - Bratislava - Budapest (2 Nights)

We leave the beauty of Prague behind for the lush landscapes of

Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, with its eclectic Gothic, Baroque and Art Deco architecture. Crossing the border into Hungary, we arrive in Budapest, our home for the next two nights. Why not spend the evening meandering along the Danube on an unforgettable river cruise, enjoying a selection of Hungarian specialties and awe inspiring views. **(BB)** *Novotel Danube*

DAY 6 Budapest

Marvel at the iconic sights of Budapest on a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the famous Chain Bridge which connects the two ancient settlements that straddle the Danube and the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district. Visit **Fisherman's Bastion**, and enjoy superb views across the imposing Parliament building and blue river waters below. Spend the rest of the day at leisure before joining the Schieszl family for a hearty **Be My Guest** Hungarian dinner and the



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OCT 4, 11	\$2,395	*MAR 21, 28	\$2,195

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†Festive Celebrations: Christmas and New Year Celebrations have been arranged for these departures.

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story of their winery, which once sheltered a Jewish friend who was fleeing Nazi persecution. **(BB,BG)**

DAY 7 Budapest – Győr – Vienna (2 Nights)

A leisurely start to your morning could see you soaking up the relaxing atmosphere in the Szecheyni Spa Baths, or joining a guided tour of the magnificent Parliament Building. Cross the hilly landscapes of Transdanubia, arriving in **Győr** for a quick visit to explore its Baroque architecture and medieval charm before arriving in Vienna later for an evening at leisure. **(BB)** *Hilton Danube*

DAY 8 Vienna

Explore the imperial splendor of Vienna at the exquisite **Hofburg Palace**, the former winter residence of the Habsburg Dynasty — one of the highlights of your guided sightseeing tour of Vienna with a Local Specialist, which will also include views of the grand State Opera House and Ringstrasse, a beautiful sweeping boulevard built in the 19th century to replace the city walls. Admire the ornate colorful roof of St. Stephen's Cathedral, one of the city's most beloved icons, before spending the afternoon at leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 9 Vienna – Wachau Valley – Salzburg

The enchanting landscapes of the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley provides a picturesque backdrop for our leisurely drive today past vineyards and fortresses en route to Salzburg. We stop at the Benedictine **Melk Abbey** perched on a rocky outcrop above the Danube and learn about its royal connections. Arriving in the fairy-tale Baroque city of Salzburg, we embark on a leisurely walking tour of its magical Old Town with a Local Specialist. **(BB,D)** *Hubertushof*

DAY 10 Salzburg – Munich

Tuck into a leisurely Salzburg breakfast before departing Austria for Germany and the sophisticated city of Munich. Celebrate an unforgettable journey during a Farewell Dinner with your travel companions and Travel Director this evening. **(BB,FD)** *Sheraton Westpark*

DAY 11 Munich – USA

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You'll View

Budapest's beautiful **Parliament**, the **Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence** and **Parliament Building** in Vienna and the **Astronomical Clock** in Prague

These three capitals, flush with magnificent capitals, imperial palaces, and majestic castles, stand at the geographical heart of mainland Europe. Their history and culture are intertwined by the powerful Habsburg dynasty.

DAY 1 USA - Budapest

Board your overnight flight to Budapest (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Budapest (3 Nights)

Welcome to Budapest. On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel at 10am, 1pm and 3.30pm. Later, join your Travel Director for a pleasant evening of dinner and wine. Your Welcome Dinner will be at **Gundel**, one of Budapest's most renowned restaurants for over a hundred years. Dine in elegance with Hungarian delicacies accompanied with specially-selected Hungarian wine. **(DW)** *Renaissance Lucerne*

DAY 3 Budapest

Drive along the elegant boulevards en route to Heroes' Square. Walk with your Local Expert along the medieval cobblestone streets of the Castle district to visit **Matthias Church** and admire sweeping views from the **Fisherman's Bastion** over the exquisite Parliament building. Make your way to a traditional **Strudel House** to see pastry chefs at

work, as they prepare delicious sweet strudel by stretching the dough and readying fillings. Enjoy a delectable taste of this famous delicacy paired with a rich aromatic coffee. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city at your leisure. This evening, perhaps you could stop for an aperitif at a typical Pálinka bar in the old city or maybe opt for a glittering dinner cruise along the Danube? **(BB,MT)**

DAY 4 Budapest at Leisure

The day is at leisure to immerse yourself into the city's history, culture and gastronomy. In the evening you are invited by one of the locals to a Dine-at-Home experience. Sit down to a hearty Hungarian meal and learn about life in this enchanting city. **(BB,DW)**

DAY 5 Budapest - Szentendre - Vienna (3 Nights)

Travel along the Danube to the village of Szentendre to see its brightly-colored houses and quaint churches. Journey to **Győr**, located on the confluence of the Danube, Rába and Rábca rivers. Cross the border and continue to stately

Vienna, known for its impressive variety of culinary treats. In the evening choose from a selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. **(BB,DW)** *Hotel Am Konzerthaus*

DAY 6 Vienna

Join a Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's **Schönbrunn Palace** and formal gardens. Then get your camera ready for a drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence and Parliament Building. The afternoon is at leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 7 Vienna at Leisure

Discover the regal grandeur of Vienna, as you explore at your own pace. You may wish to add another capital to your travels with a visit across the Slovakian border to Bratislava. Ask your Travel Director to recommend local attractions and restaurants, as you appreciate the long, warm summer evening in European style. **(BB)**



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DAY 8 Vienna – Český Krumlov – Prague (3 Nights)

Once over the Czech border, continue to picturesque **Český Krumlov**. Get your bearings with an included orientation before having free time to explore this fairytale vision from the Middle Ages. Wander through the cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colorful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Prague.

(BB,DW) Pentahotel Prague

DAY 9 Prague

Join a Local Expert for a guided visit to one of the most beautiful and intact historical centers in Europe. Start with the 1,000-year-old **Prague Castle**, where you can admire the stained glass of **St. Vitus Cathedral** and enjoy amazing views over the Old Town. Finish in the **Old Town**

Square where the mechanical antics of the Astronomical Clock's glockenspiel delight onlookers each hour. The city is then all yours to explore. Czechs are passionate about their beer so be sure to try the local lagers, along with the Czech cuisine. **(BB)**

DAY 10 Prague at Leisure

Wind along winding, cobbled lanes and discover a treasure-trove of hidden gems, as you explore Prague at your own pace. In the evening tantalize your taste buds with a rousing Celebration Dinner of local specialties at a prized Prague restaurant. Dobrou chuť! **(BB,DW)**

DAY 11 Prague – USA

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast this morning. Departure transfers arrive at Prague Airport at 8am and 10am (flight not included). **(BB)**

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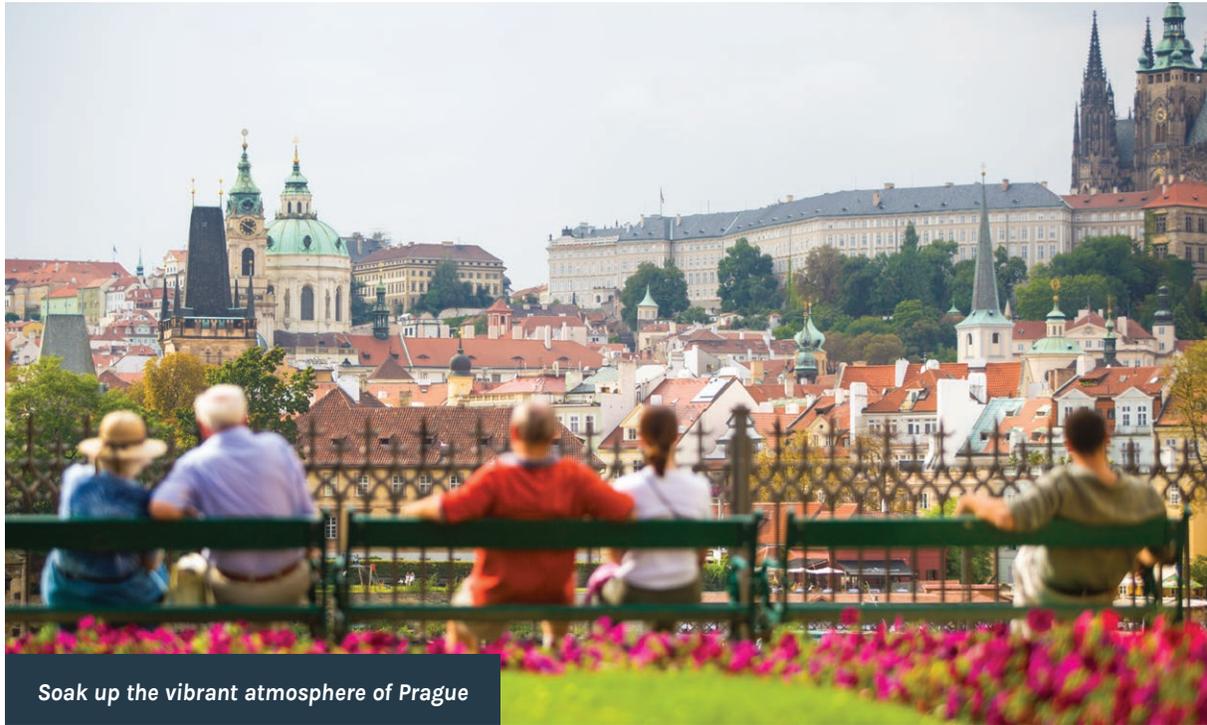
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Brno See the medieval town

Prague Walking tour with a Local Specialist includes views of Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square

Rothenburg Visit this fortified medieval town

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DAY 1 USA – Frankfurt

Board your overnight flight to Frankfurt (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Frankfurt

On arrival at Frankfurt Airport transfers will operate at 9.30am, 12noon and 2.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. After check-in this afternoon, your Travel Director takes you on an orientation tour of the city's dynamic financial center and medieval Römerplatz.

Mercure Neu Isenburg

DAY 3 Frankfurt – Berlin

(2 Nights)

Cross the northern plains of Germany to the capital Berlin.

(BB) *Vienna House Easy*

DAY 4 Berlin

Your Local Specialist brings Berlin's history to life during your sightseeing tour. View the **Reichstag Building, Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden Boulevard** and the **German State Opera House**.

This afternoon perhaps join an Optional Experience for a glimpse into Berlin's secret past. **(BB)**

DAY 5 Berlin – Poznan – Warsaw

(2 Nights)

Head east and cross the border into Poland at Frankfurt-an-der-Oder. Visit the former Polish capital of Poznan and view the City Hall, Gothic architecture and other important sights. Arrive later in the capital Warsaw. **(BB,D)** *Pulawska Residence*

DAY 6 Warsaw

Warsaw is an energetic and lively city and your Local Specialist reveals the city's diverse history during your sightseeing tour this morning. View **St. John's Cathedral** and the Royal Palace in the Old Town, which was rebuilt after the war. See the site of the **Warsaw Ghetto**. Afterwards don't miss the opportunity to take an optional experience to Wilanow Palace, the residence of Polish King Jan Sobieski. **(BB)**

DAY 7 Warsaw – Częstochowa – Auschwitz – Kraków

(2 Nights)

Travel south to Częstochowa and view the Paulite Monastery at Jasna Gora. Dating back to the

14th century, this place of pilgrimage is home to a famous icon of the Black Madonna. Later stop to visit the poignant concentration camp at Auschwitz, a permanent reminder of the horrors perpetrated during the holocaust. Finally arrive into Kraków for a two night stay.

(BB,D) *Ibis Stare Miasto*

DAY 8 Kraków

Admire Kraków's beautiful sights with your Local Specialist this morning including the city's medieval walls and buildings, and the castle and cathedral on Wawel Hill. In your free time soak up the atmosphere in the Old Town or perhaps visit Wieliczka Salt Mines. **(BB)**

DAY 9 Kraków – Budapest

(2 Nights)

Relax and enjoy the splendid scenery as you drive through the foothills of the Tatra Mountains into the Slovak Republic and on to Hungary. Your day ends in Budapest, on the romantic River Danube. **(BB)** *Mercure Buda*



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DAY 10 Budapest

View the city's sights with your Local Specialist including the **Fisherman's Bastion**, **Heroes' Square**, the **Church of St. Matthias** and panoramic views of the city from Gellert Hill. **(BB,D)**

DAY 11 Budapest - Győr - Vienna (2 Nights)

Journey through the Transdanubia region to **Győr**. Founded by the Romans, Győr has retained much of its medieval and Baroque charm. Continue across the Austrian border and arrive later in Vienna. Consider a guided visit to Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburgs. **(BB)** *Ibis Wien Mariahilf*

DAY 12 Vienna

From the Parliament to the Opera, the Hofburg and City Hall, your Local Specialist shows you all the sights of this beautiful imperial city. **(BB)**

DAY 13 Vienna - Brno - Prague (2 Nights)

Leave Vienna and cross the border into the Czech Republic. See the medieval town of Brno. Journey through beautiful Bohemian countryside to the golden city of Prague. **(BB,D)** *Plaza Alta*

DAY 14 Prague

Your Local Specialist gives you an insight into Prague's history during your sightseeing tour, which features **Prague Castle**, the **Cathedral of St. Vitus** and the **Old Town Square**. **(BB)**

DAY 15 Prague - Rothenburg - Frankfurt

Travel across the border into Germany, where you arrive at the charming city of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. See the sights during your orientation of the city. Later return to Frankfurt where you enjoy a dinner. **(BB,D)** *Mercure Neu Isenburg*

DAY 16 Frankfurt - USA

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You'll View

The **Reichstag building** and **Brandenburg Gate** in Berlin, **Frauenkirche**, the 'Procession of the Dukes' on the wall of the **Royal Palace** and **Zwinger Palace** in Dresden, **St. Vitus Cathedral** and **Prague Castle**

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DAY 2 Arrive Budapest (2 Nights)

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DAY 3 Budapest

Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda with a Local Expert. Admire the facade of **Matthias Church** and take in the view from the **Fisherman's Bastion**. Cross the river and admire the views from the top of Gellért Hill, then cross back to Pest visit **Heroes' Square**. The rest of the day is free. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Budapest - Kraków

(2 Nights)
Journey into Slovakia through the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains. Stop at **Donovaly**, the most famous winter resort in the country and known as the Slovakian St. Moritz. Continue north to see the

picturesque **Oravský Hrad Castle** before crossing into Poland to historic Kraków. **(BB DW)** *Mercure Kraków Stare Miasto*

DAY 5 Kraków

Perhaps join an Optional Experience to the **Wieliczka Salt Mine** in the morning. Later, join your Local Expert to explore Kraków. Ascend **Wawel Hill** to visit the cathedral. Walk past the courtyard of Jagiellonian University through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the medieval Cloth Hall and visit the 14th century **St. Mary's Church**. Then enjoy free time to explore. **(BB)**

DAY 6 Kraków - Auschwitz - Częstochowa - Warsaw

(2 Nights)
Stop with a Local Expert at **Oświęcim**, better known throughout the world by its German name, **Auschwitz**, the most infamous site of the Holocaust. Spend reflective moments amid the remains of the concentration camp and the memorials to those who died. Travel north to Częstochowa to visit the 14th century **Monastery of Jasna Góra**, famous for the **Black Madonna**, said to have been painted by St. Luke. Continue across the

Polish plains to the country's capital, **Warsaw** for the night. Dumplings are an Eastern European tradition, so in the evening enjoy a **dumpling demonstration** and degustation at **Zapiecek** restaurant in the Old Town followed by a delicious Highlight Dinner. **(BB,DW)** *Sheraton Warsaw*

DAY 7 Warsaw

Join a Local Expert to see the Old Town, Royal Castle, Palace of Culture and visit the **Chopin Memorial** in the Łazienki Park. Pay your respects at the **Ghetto Heroes Monument** and then enjoy a free afternoon. **(BB)**

DAY 8 Warsaw - Berlin (2 Nights)

Journey across the rolling farmlands of the central plains, past Poznań. Continue over the Oder River to enter Germany and the vibrant capital of Berlin. **(BB)** *Steigenberger*

DAY 9 Berlin

Join a Local Expert for a drive along the **Ku'Damm**, past the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. Continue through the leafy Tiergarten to the refurbished Reichstag building and see the **Brandenburg Gate**. On the eastern side, take the Unter den Linden past the State Opera House to Alexanderplatz. Spend the afternoon at leisure. **(BB)**



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DAY 10 Berlin – Dresden – Prague (2 Nights)

Journey south to Dresden. Almost totally destroyed by horrific air raids in 1945, Dresden has now risen again from the ashes in a blend of old and new. See the reconstructed **Frauenkirche** and walk past the colossal 'Procession of the Dukes' on the wall of the Royal Palace. Venture around the Catholic cathedral to view the tiered facades of the opera house, Semperoper, and the Baroque Zwinger Palace. After free time for lunch, head for the Czech border, high in the Ore Mountains and continue to the capital city of Prague. **(BB,DW)** Lindner Hotel Prague Castle

DAY 11 Prague

Prague has blossomed since the Velvet Revolution. A Local Expert will show you the amazing **St. Vitus' Cathedral** inside the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle. Cross the Vltava River to explore the vast cobblestoned expanse of the **Old Town Square** and see its famous Astronomical Clock.

DAY 12 Prague – Český Krumlov

A journey through the green Bohemian countryside will bring you to **České Budějovice**. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of a local brewery to sample the beer and discover the secrets of how this golden vintage is made. Continue on to **Český Krumlov**,

a picturesque medieval town nestled on the banks of the Vltava. With a Local Expert, visit the fairy-tale red-roofed castle, considered by many to be the finest in the land. Your hotel is one of the most charming in the Czech Republic, set in a former 16th century Jesuit dormitory in the historic town center. Later, soak up the unique atmosphere of this UNESCO World Heritage Site on your Dine-Around Evening. **(BB,DW)** Hotel Růže

DAY 13 Český Krumlov – Vienna (2 Nights)

Cross the border into Austria and enjoy a delightful journey to Vienna. **(BB)** Hilton Vienna

DAY 14 Vienna

Join your Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's **Schönbrunn Palace** and its formal gardens. Then, take some great photos on a circuit of the famous Ring Road, showcasing many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House and magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence. As night falls, experience an extraordinary concert of **Viennese classical music** combined with a delicious meal of traditional Austrian fare with drinks. **(BB,DW)**

DAY 15 Vienna – USA

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You'll View

Church of St. Mark and **Lotrščak Tower** in Zagreb, **St. Duje's**, the **Temple of Jupiter** and the **Golden Gate** in Split, **Onofrio's Fountain**, **Rector's Palace**, the **Franciscan and Dominican monasteries** in Dubrovnik

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Along the **Dalmatian Coast**

Discover the pristine landscapes, idyllic islands and sun-dappled seas of Croatia, where fortified towns of cobblestone and terracotta echo a time when Venice ruled the waves.

DAY 1 USA – Zagreb

Board your overnight flight to Zagreb (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Zagreb (2 Nights)

Transfers to your hotel depart from Zagreb Airport at 11.30am and 2pm. Later, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travelers over a pleasant evening with wine. **(WD)** *Sheraton Hotel*

DAY 3 Zagreb

Join your Local Expert to explore the two-tiered capital of Croatia. Drive through the squares of the Lower Town, Donji Grad, designed to give a sense of grandeur. See the Mimara Art Museum in Roosevelt Square and continue to Ban Josip Jelacic Square en route to the cathedral. Board the city's funicular to Gornji Grad, the medieval Upper Town. It's a network of little streets, stretching between the Kaptol and Gradec hills. View the Presidential Palace, Stone Gate, St. Mark's Church and the Lotrščak Tower. The afternoon is at leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Zagreb – Postojna – Opatija (2 Nights)

Venture into Slovenia to visit the world-famous **Postojna Caves**. Step aboard the cave train and descend into a subterranean world of stunning stalactites, stalagmites, columns and curtains. Marvel at the

5-meter tall 'Brilliant', the cave's most beautiful stalagmite, and come face-to-face with the eyeless, dragon-like human fish. Return to Croatia where your hotel is in the Belle Époque seaside-resort town of Opatija. **(BB,DW)** *Hotel Bristol*

DAY 5 Pula & Rovinj Excursion

Cross the heart-shaped peninsula to explore the jewels of Istria with a Local Expert. Visit the well-preserved first-century arena at **Pula**, scene of brutal gladiatorial battles in Roman times. Continue to the charming old town of **Rovinj**, rising directly from the sea. **(BB)**

DAY 6 Plitvice National Park

Visit one of Europe's great natural wonders. Zigzagging timber footbridges will lead you through the crystal blue-green beauty of **Plitvice National Park**. With your Local Expert, visit **Korana Canyon** to see the 70-meter-high falls and **Tomicevo Pogledalo** for spectacular panoramic views. **(BB,DW)** *Hotel Jezero*

DAY 7 Dalmatian Coast – Split

Witness a dramatic change in landscape, as you travel through Mediterranean olive groves on your way to Trogir, founded by the Greeks in 400 B.C. Admire the cathedral and Renaissance Čipiko Palace before continuing to the historic port of Split. 1,700 years ago, the Roman Emperor Diocletian built his palace

here and today it forms the nucleus of the Old Town. A Local Expert will lead you through the labyrinthine streets and arcaded squares to see **St. Duje's** — originally Diocletian's Mausoleum — and the **Temple of Jupiter**, which today is a baptistery, as well as the Golden Gate. Continue your venture underground to explore the cellars. **(BB)** *Hotel President*

DAY 8 Split – Hvar (2 Nights)

Cross the azure waters of the Adriatic to spend two nights on Hvar — the island famed for being the sunniest in the country and boasting an interior dotted with lofty mountain peaks and aromatic fields of lavender. **(BB,DW)** *Amfora Hvar Grand Beach Resort*

DAY 9 Hvar

Enjoy a full day at leisure, as you explore the hidden coves, secluded beaches, old monasteries and villages of Hvar. Perhaps stroll around seaside Stari Grad, known for being one of Europe's oldest towns and a UNESCO World Heritage Site? **(BB)**

DAY 10 Hvar – Korčula

Journey to Korčula, known for its grace, history and culture. Enjoy leisure time, perhaps exploring the medieval towers and fortifying walls of the Old Town. **(BB,DW)** *Hotel Liburna*



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DAY 11 Korčula

In the morning, join a knowledgeable Local Expert for a walking tour of the island. Marvel at spectacular views of the mainland and smaller islands, as you stroll towards the main square of Korčula where the Cathedral of St. Marc dominates the ancient skyline. Hear about local legends and history from your Local Expert, stopping by the **Town Museum**, the **Bishop's Palace** with its treasury collection and the Town Hall. Visit the ruins of the house where — according to local legend — Marco Polo was born. The rest of the day is at your leisure. (BB)

DAY 12 Korčula - Dubrovnik (3 Nights)

Journey to the beautiful southern slopes of the Pelješac Peninsula. Should weather permit, cruise the tranquil waters of the bay of Mali Ston and admire the surrounding untouched natural beauty, as you enjoy a glass of traditional Croatian brandy. **Stop at a shellfish farm and meet Tomislav, a local oyster farmer, to learn about the cultivation and harvest of oysters. Enjoy a delicious Sea-to-Table shellfish tasting** of the freshest produce, accompanied with a glass of wine. Continue to the walled town of Dubrovnik, to meet your Local Expert. Explore the Old Town, passing Onofrio's Fountain, the Old Jewish Quarter and the synagogue, and marvel at the grandeur of the cathedral and the

Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. (BB) **Hotel Dubrovnik Palace**

DAY 13 Free Day or Optional Montenegro Experience

Spend the day at your leisure or enjoy an optional visit to Montenegro. Your chosen excursion sees you journeying along the coast to the pretty UNESCO port town of Kotor. A photographer's dream, capture one of the most beautiful parts of the bay and learn about some of the compelling history of this area. The excursion continues to the picturesque town of Budva with its sandy beaches and medieval fortification wall for a delicious local lunch. (BB)

DAY 14 Dubrovnik at Leisure

Make the most of a day at leisure in this "Pearl of The Adriatic". Perhaps take an optional experience to the enchanting seaside resort of Cavtat? This evening, should weather permit, you're invited to embark on a dazzling cruise around the fabled bay of Dubrovnik for your Celebration Dinner. Gaze out at views of the glistening Adriatic and the mighty city walls rising straight from the cliffs as you savor authentic flavors of local specialties washed down with locally-produced wine or grappa, a national favorite after-dinner drink. (BB,CD)

DAY 15 Dubrovnik - USA

Departure transfers arrive at Dubrovnik Airport at 5am, 9am and 11.30am (flight not included). (BB)

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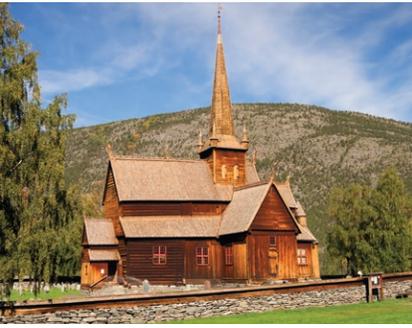
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You'll View

The **Little Mermaid** in Copenhagen, **Haakon's Hall** in Bergen, the **Geirangerfjord** and Oslo's **Royal Palace**

Deep fjords, glaciers and islands that dot the Scandinavian coastline are distinctly different cultures that will make your visit to Norway, Sweden and Denmark a fascinating journey of discovery.

DAY 1 USA - Copenhagen

Overnight flight to Copenhagen (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Copenhagen

(2 Nights)

On arrival to Copenhagen Airport transfers will leave for the hotel at 9am, 12noon and 3.30pm. Enjoy an evening drive — the perfect introduction to Copenhagen, followed by a Welcome Reception to get to know your Travel Director and traveling companions. **(WR) Marriott**

DAY 3 Copenhagen

Join a Local Specialist for a fascinating sightseeing and walking tour of the iconic sights of Copenhagen. The **Amalienborg Palace Quarter** takes center stage as you admire its 18th century façades and the equine statue of King Frederik V at its center. We'll view the 17th century **Stock Exchange**, **Christianborg Palace** and the Neo-Classical Cathedral before paying tribute to the tragic **Little Mermaid** who was willing to give up her life in the sea to become human. Spend the rest of the day at leisure meandering

through the city's quaint cobblestone streets. **(SB)**

DAY 4 Copenhagen - Odense - Randers

We leave the fairy-tales behind for the Danish island of Funen, and Odense, the city where Hans Christian Andersen was born. Continuing across the picturesque pastoral landscapes of the Jutland Peninsula, we arrive in Randers, with its cozy half-timbered merchant houses. **(SB) Randers**

DAY 5 Randers - Stavanger

Sail from Hirsthals across the Skagerrak to the port of Kristiansand in Norway. Enjoy a scenic drive by fjords and lakes to Stavanger, one of the Norway's oldest settlements — its heritage still evident in the beautifully preserved wooden buildings that date back to the 18th century. **(SB,D) Scandic Forum**

DAY 6 Stavanger - Bergen

(2 Nights)

Norway's spellbinding natural landscapes provide an inspiring backdrop for our leisurely island-hop

from Stavanger. Arriving in Bergen this afternoon, we delve into the city's Hanseatic heritage enjoying an orientation tour past the 13th century Haakon's Hall and bustling fish market. Enjoy a **Be My Guest** dinner with the Øvre-Eide family on their livestock farm in Norway that has been a working farm since the Viking Ages. **(SB,BG) Scandic Neptun**

DAY 7 Bergen at Leisure

Enjoy a full day at leisure or consider an Optional Experience to the tiny village of Telavåg, which played a significant role in the secret North Sea boat traffic between Norway and Great Britain. **(SB)**

DAY 8 Bergen - Flåm Railway - Sognefjord (Leikanger)

We drive east to the popular ski resort of Voss where we'll board a train ascending nearly 3,000 feet above sea level. Enjoy a Cultural Insight on one of the world's most exciting train journeys in the world, meandering through the Flåm Valley past the Kjosfossen. Later, arrive in Sognefjord, the King of the Fjords. **(SB,D) Sognefjord**



DAY 9 Sognefjord (Leikanger) – Geiranger (2 Nights)

Follow the spectacular Sognefjord through incredible glacier country. Enjoy wonderful views of Geirangerfjord as you descend to Geiranger village. (SB,D) Geiranger

DAY 10 Geiranger at Leisure

Spend a full day admiring this spectacular feat of nature. Perhaps take an optional experience along the Trolls' Road and see Norway's most famous mountain road, past tumbling cascades and fertile valleys. (SB,D)

DAY 11 Geiranger – Lom – Lillehammer

A scenic drive from Geiranger through high peaks brings us to Lom, where we will visit a 12th century wooden Stave church, adorned with Runic inscriptions. We continue through the Gudbrandsdalen Valley, the inspiration for Ibsen's 'Peer Gynt' before arriving in Lillehammer, the proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (SB,D) Lillehammer

DAY 12 Lillehammer – Hamar – Oslo

View the unusual Olympic ice rink beside the lake at Hamar. In Oslo, your Local Expert takes you on a

sightseeing tour of the medieval fortress of Akershus and the Royal Palace, finishing with a visit to the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Spend the rest of the day relaxing, or perhaps visit the Fram Polar Ship Museum and Viking Ship Museum. (SB) Scandic Vulkan

DAY 13 Oslo – Stockholm (2 Nights)

Cross the border into Sweden and continue via Karlstad on Lake Vänern, past Orebro to the island-ringed capital of Stockholm. (SB) Clarion

DAY 14 Stockholm

We meet our Local Specialist this morning for a sightseeing tour of the waterside City Hall and view the medieval Storkyrkan, Riddasholm Church and the Royal Palace at the heart of Stockholm's quaint Old Town. The rest of the day is yours. Join your fellow travelers and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner this evening. (SB,FD)

DAY 15 Stockholm – USA

Your memorable vacation draws to a close. Airport transfers will arrive at Stockholm Airport at 7.30am and 11am (flight not included). (SB)

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Copenhagen Sightseeing with a Local Specialist includes views of the Little Mermaid, Nyhavn, Royal Amalienborg Palace and the Carlsberg Glyptotek

Oslo View the medieval fortress Akershus, the Town Hall and the Royal Palace and visit the Vigeland Sculpture Park with your Local Specialist

Bergen See Haakon's Hall and the bustling fish market

Stockholm Sightseeing with a Local Specialist includes views of the medieval Storkyrkan, the Town Hall, Riddarholm Church and the Royal Palace

The land of the Vikings, deep fjords and the Northern Lights — Norway, Denmark and Sweden — are explored on this fascinating journey of discovery. Visit Copenhagen's Nyhavn, drive around the Hardangerfjord and spend the night on the shores of Lake Vänern.

DAY 1 USA - Copenhagen
Board your overnight flight to Copenhagen (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Copenhagen (2 Nights)
Welcome to Copenhagen. On arrival at Copenhagen Airport transfers will operate at 9am, 12noon and 3.30pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Relax and unwind after check-in or go on a stroll through the city. Tonight meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel. **(D)**

DAY 3 Copenhagen
This morning, your Local Specialist takes you on a sightseeing tour of this wonderful city, including the major sights such as the **Little Mermaid**, **Nyhavn**, the **Royal Amalienborg Palace** and the Carlsberg Glyptotek. You'll have free time to visit one of the galleries or do some shopping. **(SB)**

DAY 4 Copenhagen - Odense - Frederikshavn
This morning cross the Great Belt Bridge to Funen, coined the 'Garden of Denmark'. Stop in Odense, Hans Christian Andersen's birthplace. Later continue north through Jutland and spend the night in Frederikshavn. **(SB,D) Jutlandia**

DAY 5 Frederikshavn - Gothenburg - Oslo
Leave Denmark this morning as you board your ferry across the Kattegat Strait to Gothenburg in Sweden. A scenic coastal drive leads you to Norway where you will spend the night in the capital city of Oslo. **(SB) Radisson Blu Oslo Alna**

DAY 6 Oslo - Vrådal
This morning your Local Specialist will show you the highlights of Oslo including views of the medieval fortress Akershus, the Town Hall and the Royal Palace. Visit Vigeland Sculpture Park where you will find the world's largest sculptural exhibition made by a single artist. This afternoon start exploring the

impressive Norwegian countryside as you travel towards the Telemark region, famed for being the home of the original and oldest skiing technique. Tonight enjoy dinner at your hotel. **(SB,D) Quality Strand**

DAY 7 Vrådal Region - Bergen (2 Nights)
Start your day with a spectacular drive that takes you through the mountains and around the Hardangerfjord. Arrive in Bergen, Norway's second biggest city famed for its shipping, aquaculture and subsea technology industry. **(SB) Comfort Holberg**

DAY 8 Bergen
Today experience the history of this picturesque city on your orientation tour. See the 13th century Haakon's Hall and the bustling fish market. You'll have free time to explore the harbor area and the UNESCO World Heritage listed Bryggen which is the old wharf of the city. **(SB)**

DAY 9 Bergen - Fagernes
This morning after breakfast travel inland to Fagernes. Admire the



spectacular Sognefjord, the largest and most well-known fjord in the country. Dinner this evening will be at your hotel. (SB,D) Scandic Valdres

DAY 10 Fagernes - Lillehammer - Karlstad

Travel to Lillehammer, host of the Winter Olympics in 1994. This morning enjoy a stroll through the streets of this famous town. The scenery will change as you drive through lush forests along gorgeous lakes towards Sweden. Spend the night on the shores of the biggest lake of them all, Lake Vänern in Karlstad. (SB) Scandic Winn

DAY 11 Karlstad - Örebro - Stockholm (2 Nights)

This morning visit Örebro, a lively university town. View the castle dominating the town center before

continuing to Stockholm. (SB) Quality Hotel Friends Solna

DAY 12 Stockholm

Today get to know this beautiful city on your sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. View the medieval Storkyrkan, the Town Hall, Riddarholm Church and the Royal Palace. Spend time discovering the museums or fashionable stores or consider an optional experience in the afternoon. Tonight dine with your fellow travelers and celebrate this memorable trip. (SB,D)

DAY 13 Depart Stockholm

Say goodbye to Scandinavia as your vacation draws to a close. Airport transfers arrive at Stockholm Airport at 7.30am and 11am (flight not included). (SB)



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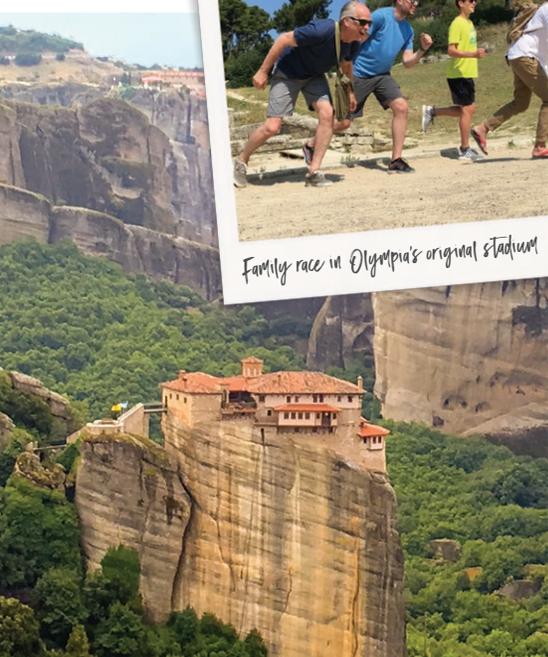
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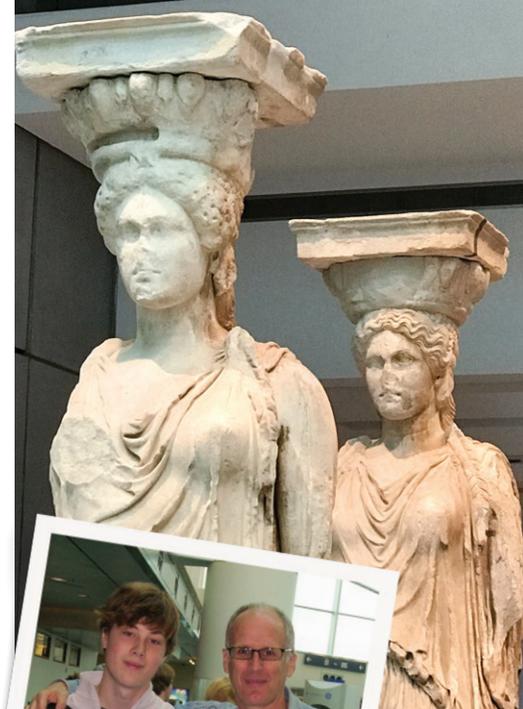
Family race in Olympia's original stadium



My first encounter with Greece was with our 15 year-old son, Shelby, on Grand European's "Grand Tour of Greece" in 2006. He had just finished his freshman year away at boarding school. My wife and I thought the trip would be a perfect father-son bonding time... an opportunity to catch-up while instilling the love of travel and respect for the larger world that our parents gave to us. That trip was everything we hoped and more.

Greece's ancient ruins, history, olive groves, arid hillsides, and azure seas captivated us. Our traveling companions were like an extended family. We ate meals together, walked archaeological sites, and talked on the motor coach. There was a grandmother traveling with her granddaughter who just graduated from high school (she takes every grandchild on a trip after graduation); a father taking his 20-something daughter who just completed her Master's degree in Fine Arts; a woman my age taking her 80-something father to his bucket list destination. There were even school teachers who gently counseled Shelby on what classes he should take next.

For the last 11 years I've dreamt of going back to Greece to share it with my wife, Anne, and our youngest son, Marshall. The opportunity came this past June. Marshall was graduating from college. He had a job lined up already starting in July. Shelby was out of college and working in San Francisco. Finding time together as family had been hard the last few years. It would only get harder as time moved on.



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For the last 11 years I've dreamt of going back to Greece to share it with my wife, Anne, and our youngest son, Marshall.



Anne and I decided that Marshall's graduation was the perfect time for a family trip. Insight Vacation's "Glories of Greece" June-12 departure coincided perfectly. GET handled all the details, including coordinating flights from 3 different cities and adding a post trip extension in Paros!

Graduation went without a hitch — well done, Marshall! The next day the 4 of us flew from Denver to New York and then onward to Athens. Tara met us and accompanied us on the van ride into Athens that early Monday morning. As a view of the city with the sun glistening on the sea beyond unfolded, I looked at the smiling faces on the people I love and knew in a heartbeat that the decision to take time now and travel together as a family was the right one.

Over the next 13 days, Greece's glories unfolded in a magical, effortless, and heartwarming way. We laughed and ate. Told stories. Scrambled over ruins. Were awestruck. Wondered aloud. Took pictures. Posted them to Facebook. Bonded with fellow travelers and made new friends. Spent time together and time alone. Sipped iced cappuccinos. We developed a deeper love Greece and her people.

As our time together came-to-a-close and we packed for home, Marshall and Shelby looked at me and said, "Where are we going next year, Dad?"

I'm working on my answer.

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Join an expert in antiquities, as you explore the wonders of Kalambaka and Olympia, visiting monasteries, monuments and ancient sites along the way.

DAY 1 USA - Greece

Board your overnight flight to Greece (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Athens

Your host will meet you at the airport and take you to the hotel, where there is time to settle in and relax. Later join your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception and get to know your fellow travelers over a delightful evening of dinner and wine. **(DW)** *Divani Caravel/Radisson Blu Park*

DAY 3 Athens - Kalambaka (2 Nights)

Your exploration reveals the **Temple of Zeus**, the **Temple of Wingless Victory** and **Hadrian's Arch**. Next, your Local Expert takes you to the **Parthenon**, built atop the **Acropolis**.

Continue to **Thermopylae** to see the memorial to Leonidas and his courageous Spartans, then on to your hotel in Kalambaka for dinner. **(BB,D)** *Divani Meteora/Grand Meteora/Meteora*

DAY 4 Meteora

With your Local Expert, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Meteora**, meaning 'in the air.' The massive pinnacles of smooth rock are ancient, yet could also be the setting for a futuristic science-fiction tale. Visit one of the monasteries, that adds to the strange and beautiful landscape and enjoy stunning views over the Peneios Valley. The rest of the day is at your leisure. **(BB)**

DAY 5 Meteora - Delphi - Olympia (2 Nights)

Travel south, stopping at the foothills of Mount Parnassus. Ascend the **Sacred Way of Delphi** with your Local Expert, passing the Parian marble Treasury of the Athenians and Polygonal Wall. You'll approach the **Temple of Apollo**, where for 14 centuries the mysterious Oracle of Delphi breathed her enigmatic 'words'. Continue to Olympia where dinner is served in your hotel. **(BB,D)** *Arty Grand/Amalia*

DAY 6 Olympia

It's all in the name. Ancient Olympia is the site where the Ancient Olympic Games began in BC 776 in dedication to the god Zeus. See the **Temple of Zeus**, the athletes'



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gymnasium and the stadium of Olympia. The starting and finishing markers for the sprint track are still marked by stones and there is time to capture your own memory with a photo at the starting line. In the evening, join a local chef for an entertaining **cooking demonstration**, followed by a dinner of authentic Greek flavors. **(BB,D)**

DAY 7 Olympia – Mycenae – Nafplio – Athens

Visit the ruined city of Mycenae with a Local Expert. Walk through the **Lion Gate**, visit the royal beehive-tombs and see the giant Cyclopean stones used to build the city walls. Later, meet the artisans and view

beautiful works of art at a **family-run pottery studio**. Travel to the elegant town of **Nafplio**, known for its beautiful architecture, color shops and cafes. Your journey continues following the shores of the Saronic Gulf to pass the Corinth Canal dividing the Peloponnese and mainland Greece, and arriving in Athens. In the evening, enjoy a hearty Celebration Dinner in true Greek style, complete with wine and good cheer. **(BB,DW)** *Divani Caravel/ Radisson Blu Park*

DAY 8 Athens – USA

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Start your Aegean adventure in ancient Athens before settling into laid-back island life on vibrant Mykonos and Santorini's dramatic volcanic landscape, where you will have days to explore their secret coves, tiny cobbled streets and seaside cafés.

DAY 1 USA - Athens

Board your overnight flight to Athens (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Athens (2 Nights)

Welcome to Athens. You are met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. Later join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Meeting. *Zafolia/Titania/President*

DAY 2 Athens

Join your Local Specialists on a sightseeing tour of Athens. Visit the ancient Acropolis and the Parthenon, view the Panathinaiko Olympic stadium, the Evzone guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a host of other famous sites including the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. Spend the rest of the day as you choose. **(BB)**

DAY 3 Athens - Mykonos (3 Nights)

Transfer to Piraeus and board the Aegean ferry to Mykonos. Transfer to your hotel where you will be given an orientation tour and useful information. Spend the rest of the day exploring this magical island where houses, shops, churches, restaurants and windmills are immaculately whitewashed, with splashes of sky blue and jade green bringing color to door frames and window shutters, many of which are overhung with

dazzling pink and purple blossoms. Dinner is included tonight. **(BB,D)**

Alkistis/Kamari/Vienoulas Garden

DAY 4-5 Mykonos Free Time

Experience the delights of Mykonos, one of the most cosmopolitan islands in Greece. Consider a sightseeing experience to the nearby sacred island of Delos, a charming island and the birthplace of Artemis and Apollo. Consider enjoying cocktails at a waterfront restaurant and or the opportunity to take a refreshing swim in the sparkling sea. **(BB)**

DAY 6 Mykonos - Santorini (3 Nights)

Ride the ferry south across the Aegean to the beautiful island of Santorini. You are met at the port and transferred to your hotel where you will be given an orientation of Fira town, the capital of the island, and then set about exploring Santorini, also known by its ancient name, Thira. The island is comprised of a small circular archipelago of volcanic islands and is all that remains after one of the world's largest volcanic eruptions. This created a caldera whose multi-colored walls are spectacular and it's the islands physical beauty that, along with a dynamic nightlife, makes it one of Europe's most

desirable destinations. This evening join your fellow travelers for an included dinner. **(BB,D)** *Kamari Beach/Melina/Okeanis Beach*

DAY 7-8 Santorini Free Time

Enjoy two full days on this picturesque island. Relax in cliff-top restaurants and laze on sun-soaked beaches. Consider a cruise to explore the volcano and swim in the hot springs. Visit the island's museums or take a tour of a traditional winery and sample the grape variety unique to Santorini. Don't miss the sunsets for which the island is justifiably famous. They are spectacular from anywhere on the caldera but particularly from Oia on the northern tip of the island, which offers an uninterrupted view of the sun as it sinks below the horizon. **(BB)**

DAY 9 Santorini - Athens

Today take the high-speed ferry back to Athens for the final night of your trip. On arrival at the port of Piraeus, you are transferred to your Athens hotel. Enjoy an evening at leisure to explore the colorful Plaka area with street musicians playing traditional Greek music. **(BB)** *Zafolia/Titania/President*

DAY 10 Depart Athens

Bid farewell to Greece and transfer to the Airport (flights not included). **(BB)**



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Included Meals:
BB Buffet Breakfast D Three-Course Dinner

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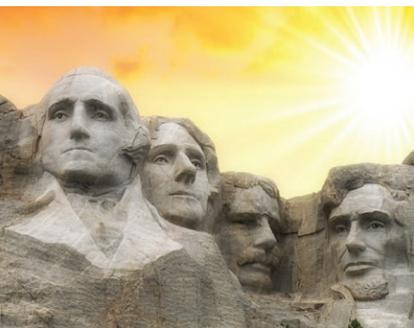
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Bryce Canyon National Park

Included Highlights

Be My Guest

Experience the food and lifestyle of a real cowboy on a **cookout in Billings**

Cultural Insight

Meet **Stephen Yellowhawk** and discover the history of his tribe during a festive evening of dance and song

You'll Visit

Zion, Bryce Canyon, Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park, Canyonlands National Park, Arches, Mesa Verde and Grand Canyon National Parks, Jackson, the Buffalo Bill Center of the West in Cody, **Little Bighorn Battlefield**, the Mile High City of **Denver, Monument Valley** and **Las Vegas**

You'll View

Crazy Horse Memorial and iconic **Mount Rushmore** in South Dakota

You'll See

Little Bighorn Battlefield

Scenic Drive

Along **Desert View Drive**

Carve a trail through America's National Parks — past mystical chimneys in Bryce Canyon, imposing mesas rising up from the red floor of Monument Valley, and the rock-hewn faces of former presidents.

DAY 1 Arrive Las Vegas

Welcome to Las Vegas! At 6pm, gather at the hotel with your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** *Tropicana Las Vegas*

DAY 2 Las Vegas – Zion & Bryce Canyon

Depart Las Vegas for the towering cliffs of **Zion National Park**. Then it's onward to **Bryce Canyon**, home to the world's largest concentration of hoodoos — tall limestone spires that rise majestically from the desert floor. **(FB,D)** *BW Plus Bryce Canyon Grand*

DAY 3 Bryce Canyon – Salt Lake City

Travel north to Utah's capital to see the famed **Temple Square**, headquarters to the Mormon Church and home to the renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Meet local specialists, sister missionaries, who introduce the basic beliefs and history of the Mormon pioneers, which brought about the building of the temple and the Tabernacle. **(FB)** *Hilton Salt Lake City Center*

DAY 4 Salt Lake City – Jackson

Get a glimpse of the route of the pioneers as you cross the Oregon Trail and enter Wyoming. Stop in Montpelier at the **Oregon Trail Center**. Enjoy lunch before departing to scenic Jackson, standing in the shadows of the icy peaks of the Grand Tetons. **(FB,L)** *The Lodge at Jackson Hole*

DAY 5 Jackson – Grand Teton & Yellowstone (2 Nights)

Traverse through **Grand Teton National Park** on the way to Yellowstone, established in 1872 as the world's first National Park. Enjoy a two night stay inside **Yellowstone National Park**, where each lodge has its own unique setting and atmosphere. *Lodges featured are the Old Faithful Inn, Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Grant Village, and the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. Specific lodges will be confirmed in your documents.* **(FB,D)** *National Park Lodges*

Note: When the south entrance is closed due to weather conditions, the itinerary will travel west from Jackson via Idaho and enter Yellowstone National Park through the west entrance.

DAY 6 Yellowstone

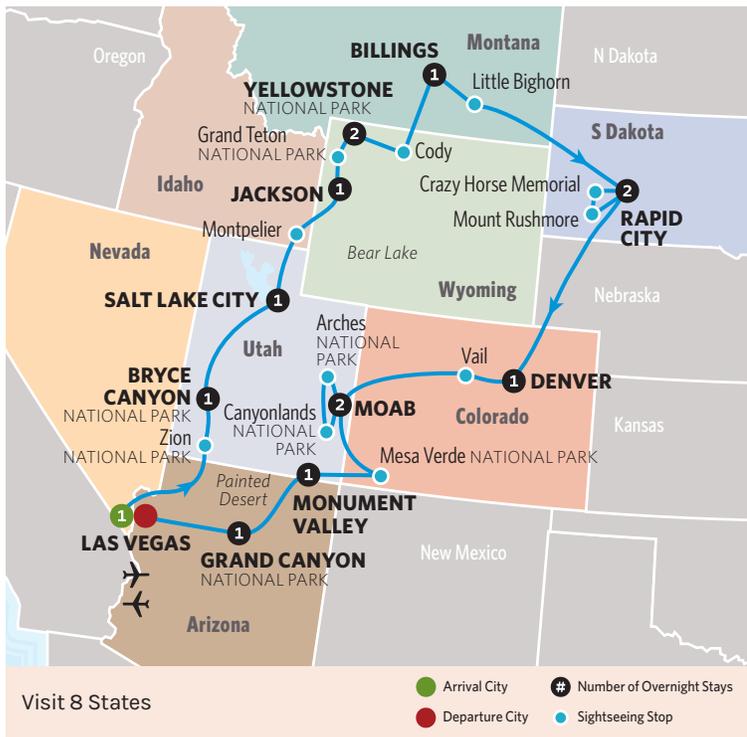
Explore the impressive Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone with its stunning waterfalls and a chance to see bison and elk. Join your Travel Director to explore the spouting geysers, bubbling hot springs and mud paint pots. Watch in wonder as **Old Faithful's** waters arc over 100 feet into the air. **(FB)**

DAY 7 Yellowstone – Cody – Billings

Head east to the town of **Cody**, and get a glimpse into its lively history with a local specialist at the **Buffalo Bill Center of the West**. Then it's on to Big Sky Country for a **Be My Guest** dinner featuring local cuisine and a host who welcomes you with true Western hospitality. **(FB,BG)** *DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Billings*

DAY 8 Billings – Little Bighorn – Rapid City (2 Nights)

Visit **Little Bighorn**, the infamous battlefield where Custer led his men against a battalion of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Then, travel east through the Black Hills to Rapid City. Enjoy the evening to relax. **(FB)** *The Rushmore*



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MAY 8, 10	\$4,150	AUG 14, 16	\$4,225
MAY 13, 14	\$4,150	AUG 19, 21	\$4,225
MAY 15, 17	\$4,150	AUG 28, 29	\$4,225
MAY 20, 22	\$4,150	SEP 3, 4	\$4,225
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MAY 29	\$4,150	SEP 9, 10	\$4,150
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JUN 4, 7	\$4,225	SEP 12, 13	\$4,150
JUN 10, 11	\$4,225	SEP 16, 19	\$4,150
JUN 12, 14	\$4,225	SEP 26	\$4,125
JUN 17, 26	\$4,225	SEP 26	\$4,125
JUN 28	\$4,225	OCT 2, 4	\$4,125
JUN 30	\$4,225	OCT 9, 11	\$4,125

Single Supplement: from \$1,895.	Triple Room Discount: \$575.	Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$162 per person.
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Fall Foliage: Enjoy the unforgettable sight of stunning "Fall Foliage" during our September 3 - October 2 departures (as determined by Mother Nature).

DAY 9 Black Hills Excursion
Discover the wonders of the **Black Hills** on your way to visit the base of **Crazy Horse Memorial** before a visit to **Mount Rushmore**. This afternoon, gather with your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a festive dinner featuring Stephen Yellowhawk who shares his tribe's history through dance and song. **(FB,D)**

houses and entire communities out of the sandstone of the canyon walls at **Mesa Verde National Park**, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight, enjoy a unique Navajo cook-out and regional meal in Monument Valley, before returning to your hotel. **(FB, RM) Goulding's Lodge**

DAY 10 Rapid City - Denver
Travel through the expansive grasslands of Wyoming on your way to Denver, the Mile High City. **(FB) Sheraton Denver Downtown**

DAY 14 Monument Valley - Grand Canyon
Marvel at Monument Valley's landscape in special open-air vehicles accompanied by a local specialist. Visit the land of the Navajo people, stopping at historic **Cameron Trading Post**. Breathtaking views hint at the most spectacular of all vistas — the vast panorama of the **Grand Canyon**. Meet with a local specialist who will enlighten you about the more than 1.7 billion years of geology revealed in the canyon. Tonight, toast your grand adventure at a Farewell Dinner inside the park. **(FB, FD) National Park Lodges**

DAY 11 Denver - Vail - Moab (2 Nights)
Ascend into the foothills of the **Rockies** and cross the **Continental Divide** on your way to Vail. Founded in 1966 at the base of the largest ski mountain in the United States, this pretty alpine village has an old-world feel. Then it's on to Moab where tonight is yours. **(FB) BW Plus Canyonlands Inn**

DAY 15 Grand Canyon - Depart Las Vegas
Perhaps take an optional helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft flightseeing trip before hitting the road again. End your journey back in Las Vegas where a transfer is provided to Las Vegas International Airport or to the SLS Las Vegas for guests extending their stay. **(FB)**

DAY 12 Canyonlands & Arches Nat'l Parks
Discover stunning **Canyonlands National Park** and visit magnificent **Arches National Park** where the wind and rain have eroded the sandstone into natural arches. **(FB)**

DAY 13 Moab - Mesa Verde - Monument Valley
Between AD 600 and 1300, the Ancestral Puebloan people carved

Airport arrival will be at 4pm, please be aware when booking your flights.

Price Includes

- Professional Travel Director**
- First Class Hotels** including all hotel tips, charges and local taxes
- 21 Meals** 14 Full Breakfasts. 1 Lunch. 6 Dinners
- Local Specialist** in Salt Lake City, Monument Valley and at the Grand Canyon
- Airport Transfers** as noted in the itinerary
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Included Meals: **WR** Welcome Reception **FB** Full Breakfast **L** Lunch **D** Dinner **BG** Be My Guest Dining **RM** Regional Meal **FD** Farewell Dinner with Wine

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Grand Teton National Park

Included Highlights

Be My Guest

Learn about the rich early 20th century history of the town of Sheridan with an exclusive dinner at **PO News and Flagstaff Cafe**

Cultural Insight

Meet **Stephen Yellowhawk** and discover the history of his tribe during a festive evening of dance and song

Local Specialist

The **Buffalo Bill Center of the West** and in Deadwood

You'll Visit

The **Oregon Trail Center** in Montpelier, **Yellowstone National Park**, the towering peaks of **Grand Teton National Park**, the **Buffalo Bill Center of the West** in Cody, **Devil's Tower National Monument**, **Mount Rushmore** and the **Black Hills** of South Dakota

You'll View

Crazy Horse Memorial

Scenic Drive

Through **Deadwood**

Tap into your inner adventurer and follow America's great Western migration past the icy peaks of the Grand Tetons, bubbling mudpots of Yellowstone and the lawless backwater of Deadwood.

DAY 1 Arrive Salt Lake City

Welcome to Salt Lake City! Check into your hotel and relax. At 6pm, gather at the hotel with your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** *Sheraton Salt Lake City*

DAY 2 Salt Lake City - Montpelier - Jackson (2 Nights)

Traveling north into Idaho, trace the footsteps of the pioneers at the **Oregon Trail Center** in Montpelier. Through interactive exhibits, travel vicariously with a covered wagon train in America's great western migration. Enjoy lunch in a covered wagon themed restaurant before you're on your way to scenic Jackson. Get spectacular 360-degree views of the **Snake River Valley** and **Grand Teton National Park** on an exciting aerial tram ride (seasonal) to the summit of **Rendezvous Mountain**. **(FB,L)** *The Lodge at Jackson Hole*

DAY 3 Grand Teton Nat'l Park

If you like, hit the water this morning on an optional guided float trip down the Snake River (seasonal).

This evening, join your Travel Director and travel companions for a Chuckwagon regional meal. **(FB,RM)**

DAY 4 Jackson - Yellowstone Nat'l Park (2 Nights)

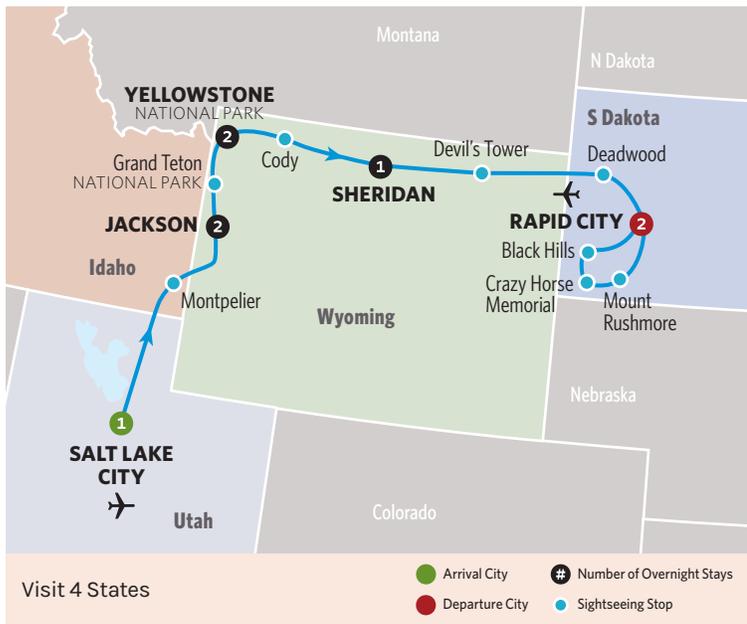
Spend the morning discovering the natural glories of **Grand Teton National Park**. You'll find exhilarating vistas everywhere you look. Then it's onward to **Yellowstone**, established in 1872 as the world's first national park and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Watch in awe as **Old Faithful's** waters arc high into the air — as it has done approximately every 90 minutes since the Washburn Expedition discovered it in 1870. Tonight, dine and stay inside the park. *Each lodge has its own unique setting and atmosphere. Lodges featured are the Old Faithful Inn, Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Grant Village, and the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. Specific lodges will be confirmed in your documents.* **(FB,D)** *National Park Lodges*

DAY 5 Yellowstone Nat'l Park
Begin today by looking for wildlife in **Hayden Valley** en route to the

impressive **Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone** with its stunning waterfalls. Continue on the upper loop to **Dunraven Pass** and the **Lamar Valley**, some of the less traveled, but ruggedly beautiful regions of the park. At **Mammoth Hot Springs**, take a stroll and admire the mineral terraces that resemble frozen waterfalls cascading down into the valley. **(FB)**

DAY 6 Yellowstone Nat'l Park - Cody - Sheridan

Head east to the town of **Cody**, named for its most famous native son, Buffalo Bill. Get a glimpse into the fascinating history of the American West at the **Buffalo Bill Center of the West** where you'll meet a local specialist and delve into the culture of the cowboy, the role of the firearm in the early days, and the culture and art of the Plains Indians. Join your fellow travelers for a **Be My Guest** dinner in true Western style at a historic cafe complete with an old-time tobacco shop. **(FB,BG)** *Holiday Inn Sheridan*



DAY 7 Sheridan - Deadwood - Rapid City (2 Nights)
 Proclaimed by Theodore Roosevelt as America's first national monument, the majestic **Devil's Tower** rises nearly 1,300 feet above the Belle Fourche River. Head into the **Black Hills of South Dakota** and the boomtown of Deadwood, which arose after the discovery of gold in the 1870s. Join **Kevin Costner's Original Deadwood Tour** where you'll meet a local specialist to hear about the days of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane. Journey on to Rapid City, where you have the option of visiting Mount Rushmore this evening to see the magical illumination ceremony.
(FB) The Rushmore

DAY 8 Black Hills Excursion & Free Time
 This morning discover more of the natural wonders of the Black Hills as you travel to the base of the **Crazy**

Horse Memorial, a massive mountain carving of the famed war chief of the Lakota people. Visit **Mount Rushmore**, designed by sculptor Gutzon Borglum to celebrate the "founding, expansion, preservation and unification of the United States" through enormous carvings of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Return to Rapid City before gathering with your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a festive Farewell Dinner featuring Stephen Yellowhawk who shares his tribe's history through dance and song. **(FB,FD)**

DAY 9 Depart Rapid City
 Bid farewell to your traveling companions and take a transfer to Rapid City Airport or extend your stay in Rapid City at the Rushmore Hotel.
(FB)

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MAY 26	\$2,495	SEP 1	\$2,650
JUN 2	\$2,675	SEP 6	\$2,650
JUN 9	\$2,675	SEP 8	\$2,575
JUN 16	\$2,675	SEP 13	\$2,525
JUN 23	\$2,675	SEP 15	\$2,525
JUN 30	\$2,675	SEP 20	\$2,525
JUL 7	\$2,650	SEP 22	\$2,475
JUL 14	\$2,650	SEP 27	\$2,475
JUL 21	\$2,650	*SEP 30	\$2,650
AUG 9	\$2,650	OCT 6	\$2,475
AUG 11	\$2,650	OCT 13	\$2,475

Single Supplement: from \$1,195.	Triple Room Discount: \$350.	Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$91 per person.
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***Black Hills Pow Wow Special Departure:** This departure features the traditional Black Hills Pow Wow on the evening of Day 7.

Price Includes

- Professional Travel Director**
- First Class Hotels** including all hotel tips, charges and local taxes
- 13 Meals** 8 Full Breakfasts. 1 Lunch. 4 Dinners
- Local Specialist** at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West and in Deadwood
- Airport Transfers** as noted in the itinerary
- Personal Audio Headsets**
- Luxury Motorcoach Transportation**
- Complimentary WiFi** (see page 152)

September 30: Black Hills Pow Wow Special Departure
 (Ref: DNPP)
DAY 1 TO DAY 6, DAYS 8 & 9
 Days 1-6, 8 and 9 will operate as shown on the National Parks itinerary.
DAY 7 Sheridan - Deadwood - Rapid City Black Hills Pow Wow (2 Nights)
 Proclaimed by Theodore Roosevelt as America's first national monument, majestic Devils Tower rises above the Belle Fourche River. Head into the Black hills of South Dakota and the Gold Rush boomtown of Deadwood. Join Kevin Costner's Original Deadwood Tour. Join a local specialist to hear about the days of Wild Bill Hickock and Calamity Jane, who made the town famous. Journey to Rapid City, where you will be welcomed by your guide, Stephen Yellowhawk (or another tribe member) at the Black Hills Pow Wow. Watch the Grand Entrance Dane Performance before exploring the fine art expo at your leisure. **(FB) The Rushmore**

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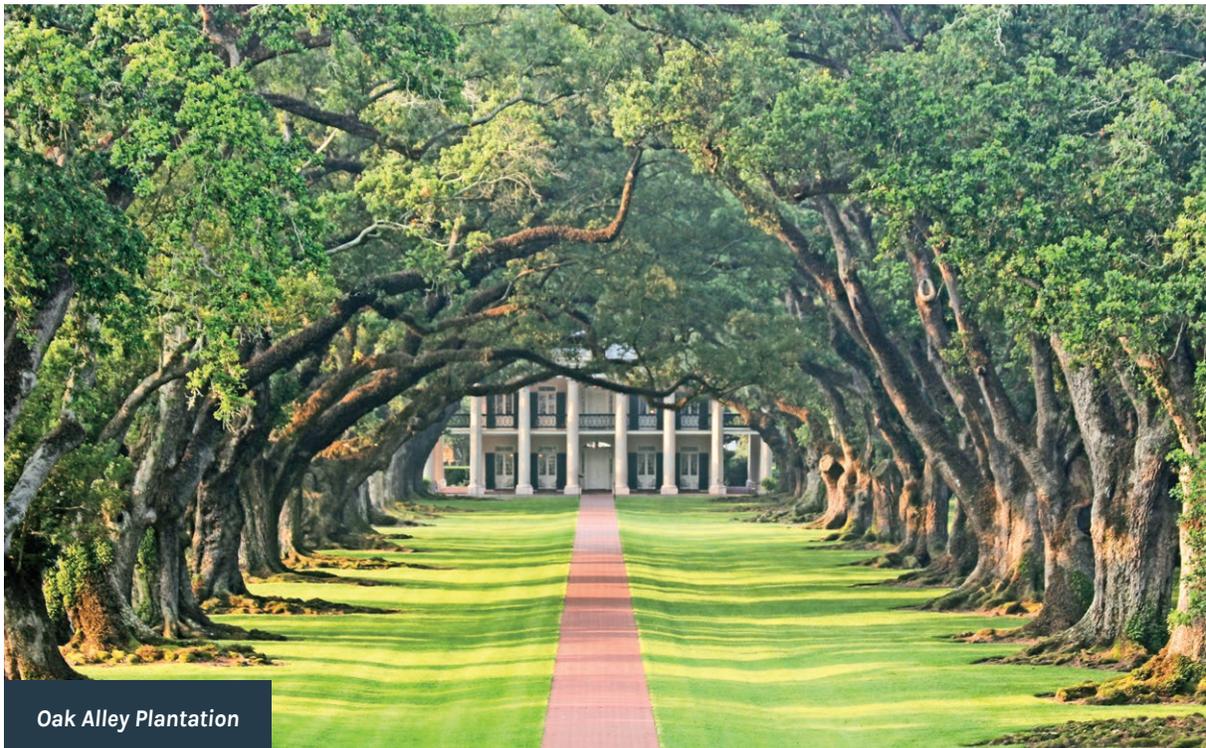
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Join us for a little honky-tonk, down home cookin', hot-footed hoedown and a whole lot of Rock 'n' Roll on this leisurely, lyrical pilgrimage from Nashville to Memphis and The Big Easy. The sounds of Cash and the King are never far on this At Leisure jaunt through the Deep South.

DAY 1 Arrive Nashville (3 Nights)

The beating heart of America's Music City will chart your pace as you prepare to embark on a leisurely pilgrimage to discover the sounds of the South. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)**
Renaissance Nashville

DAY 2 Nashville

The famous Nashville Sound comes alive this morning as **RCA's Studio B** reveals the legends of Elvis Presley, Jim Reeves and Roy Orbison. Take a Cultural Insight into the life and music of **Johnny Cash** during a discussion and private performance of original and popular Cash tunes with Johnny and June's son, **John Carter Cash** (or another family member). Our acoustic journey continues with a visit to the **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum** to see Elvis' Solid Gold Cadillac limousine and Jim Reeves' tuxedo jacket—an extraordinary collection of memorabilia on display to admire. You'll have some time to yourself to continue your discovery of Nashville

on a your choice sightseeing experience, exploring either the Johnny Cash Museum or the Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry. **(FB)**

DAY 3 Nashville

Today is at leisure. Amble through Broadway's honky-tonk scene or perhaps enjoy the gut-busting flavors of homegrown hot chicken and biscuits. This evening, the sounds of country music fill the air as we head to the Grand Ole Opry to watch a performance of America's longest running live radio program. **(FB)**

DAY 4 Nashville – Memphis (2 Nights)

Winding your way along the vast Mississippi Delta, head for the birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll, with the sounds of Blues on Beale Street to meet a musician and Local Specialist. The former Lorraine Hotel, where civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. was gunned down in cold blood, is the backdrop for the **National Civil Rights Museum**, which you will have an opportunity to

explore. The evening is at leisure.

(FB) *Sheraton Memphis Downtown*

DAY 5 Graceland Excursion

Worship at the altar of the King and head to **Graceland**, a tribute to the man who changed the face of American popular music and culture forever. See Graceland's Jungle room and visit the grave of Elvis as you stroll the grounds where the music giant once walked. Pay a visit to **Sun Studios**, whose noble aim was to capture the raw energy of Beale Street, recording the first Rock 'n' Roll single in 1951. This evening, embark on a Your Choice dining experience where you choose from a selection of local eateries. **(FB,YC)**

DAY 6 Memphis – Natchez

Kick off this morning's musical interlude at the legendary **Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum** before saying so long to Memphis, bound for the city of Natchez. With a little French flair and a flowering antebellum culture, Natchez is the perfect spot for a leisurely exploration of Southern history and hospitality, which you'll have an opportunity to experience



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SEP 12	\$2,750		

Single Supplement: from \$1,250.	Triple Room Discount: \$325.	Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$103 per person.
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✦ **Mardi Gras:** This departure includes tickets to the Mardi Gras Parade and will not visit the Grand Ole Opry.

*These departures are subject to price and itinerary changes. Final details will be confirmed in the 2019 brochure.

✦ **Jazz Festival:** This departure includes tickets to the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and will not visit the Grand Ole Opry.

during a **Be My Guest** dinner beginning with a reception at the private residence of Joe Stone, whose gracious 1850s home features a gallery collection of rare maps, a quaint billiards hall, and exquisite ornamental glasswork. Joe performs on his 1903 Steinway grand piano and delves into the inspiration behind each piece of music before you are treated to a glass of wine and are free to tour the expansive collection. Head over to the 1804 residence of Esther Carpenter, a former Four Seasons chef once named one of the Top 20 female chefs in America by USA Today, to enjoy a traditional four-course Deep South dinner with wine.

(FB,BG) Natchez Grand

DAY 7 Natchez - Oak Alley - New Orleans (3 Nights)

Join costumed Local Specialists to discover the Mississippi Delta's cotton plantation heritage that produces over 900 bales of white gold each day. The slave customs, secret music and an authentically reconstructed 19th century plantation are yours to explore at **Frogmore Plantation and Gins**, before meandering through the charming Louisiana countryside to **Oak Alley Plantation**, along a quarter mile canopy of 300-year-old oak trees, overlooking the sleepy Mississippi River. The spicy scents of Creole cuisine linger

on this evening's visit to the **New Orleans School of Cooking** where we will enjoy a fun cooking demonstration before tucking in to a Regional Meal of culinary Creole creations.

(FB, RM) Sheraton New Orleans

DAY 8 New Orleans

Let the good times roll in New Orleans today, tracing the cosmopolitan history of one of America's oldest cities with a Local Specialist, stopping at City Park and one of the ornate above-ground cemeteries, a unique feature of this city built on swamplands. Spend the afternoon soaking up the laid-back vibes of The Big Easy. **(FB)**

DAY 9 New Orleans at Leisure

Today is yours to explore the French, Spanish and Creole sights and sounds of New Orleans. If you're feeling adventurous, visit Marie Laveau's Historic Voodoo Museum which traces the mysteries, legends and traditions of voodoo. This evening, join your Travel Director and new friends for a Farewell Dinner at the famed Court of Two Sisters. **(FB, FD)**

DAY 10 Depart New Orleans

For now, it's 'Au Revoir' New Orleans, but not 'Adieu'. Take a transfer to New Orleans International Airport or extend your stay in New Orleans at the Sheraton New Orleans.

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Local Specialist for sightseeing in Memphis, the birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll, on a reconstructed cotton plantation and in New Orleans

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You'll View

Lexington and **Concord** where the first shots of the American Revolution were fired

Scenic Drive

Along the **Mohawk Trail** and **Kancamagus Highway**

It was in these picture-perfect maple and cedar forests of New England that pilgrims, and later revolutionaries, sought sanctuary. And as fall arrives, you too can admire the fiery red, orange and yellow flames of fall foliage on a scenic journey from Boston to the rocky Atlantic headlands of Maine.

DAY 1 Arrive Boston

Welcome to Boston. Get settled at your hotel, then set out on your own to spot some of Boston's historic sites or enjoy a stroll along the waterfront before gathering at the hotel at 6pm with your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** Boston Marriott Copley Place

DAY 2 Boston – Lexington & Concord – Williamstown

Begin the day with a city tour of Boston's historic sites including several along the famous **Freedom Trail**. Continue your journey into history with stops at Lexington and Concord, where the first battles of the American Revolution were fought and made famous with "the shot heard round the world." The afternoon's drive takes you along the **Mohawk Trail**, an early Native American and colonial trade route, and the first designated scenic drive in New England. Enjoy the stunning vistas before arriving in the quaint university town of

Williamstown nestled in the western Massachusetts mountains known as the Berkshires. **(FB)** Williams Inn

DAY 3 Williamstown – Quechee – Woodstock – Burlington

Head for the Green Mountain State of Vermont, driving through small towns and villages enroute to the historic woolen mill in Quechee that now houses the Simon Pearce glassblowing workshop. Relish a regional lunch featuring local ingredients arranged on Simon Pearce's beautiful stem and flatware before delving into the art and science of glassblowing. After a stop in the quaint and picturesque town of Woodstock, continue to your hotel located at a mountain resort where you will have dinner. **(FB, RM, D)** Essex Vermont Culinary Resort and Spa

DAY 4 Burlington – Stowe – White Mountains – North Conway (2 Nights)

Continue up into the forests of Vermont as you travel to Stowe,

home of the famous **Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory** where you'll savor some of their famous and uniquely named flavors. Pass into New Hampshire, the Presidential range of the White Mountains and Bretton Woods for a stunning glimpse of Mount Washington, the tallest peak in the northeast, before descending into the pretty town of North Conway on the edge of White Mountain National Forest. Later, get acquainted with the local flora and fauna during an engaging talk by a Local Specialist followed by dinner at your hotel. **(FB, D)** Red Jacket Mountain View Resort

DAY 5 Kancamagus Excursion

Spend the morning along the most famous and picturesque foliage destination in New England, the **Kancamagus Highway**. This American Scenic Byway, affectionately called "The Kanc", has scenic vistas and prime foliage viewing abound, and the morning is dedicated to finding the best spots for viewing the vibrant fall colors.



Rates per person

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SEP 20	\$2,550	OCT 3	\$2,595
SEP 22	\$2,550	OCT 4	\$2,595
SEP 23	\$2,575	OCT 5	\$2,575
SEP 24	\$2,575	OCT 6	\$2,575
SEP 27	\$2,575	OCT 7	\$2,575
SEP 28	\$2,575	OCT 8	\$2,575
SEP 29	\$2,595	OCT 9	\$2,575
SEP 30	\$2,595	OCT 11	\$2,575
OCT 1	\$2,595	OCT 12	\$2,575
OCT 2	\$2,595		

Single Supplement: from \$1,075. **Triple Room Discount:** \$325. **Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$95 per person.

Code: DACO. Prices based on two people sharing a twin room.

Your afternoon is free to spend as you wish. Perhaps enjoy a stroll through town or stop and take in the natural beauty of the area. **(FB)**

DAY 6 North Conway - Bar Harbor (2 Nights)

Bid farewell to the White Mountains as you head into the pine forests of the Maine interior. The mountains and forests of Maine soon give way to the "Downeast" coast and the Atlantic swells of Bar Harbor on Mount Desert Island. This evening, join your traveling companions for a **traditional lobster dinner** where you'll learn about lobster fishing from a fisherman, your Local Specialist.

(FB,D) Bar Harbor Regency

DAY 7 Acadia National Park Excursion

At 1,523 feet, Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park is the first spot in the United States where you can see the sunrise. You won't be getting up that early, but you'll still have plenty of time to admire the view from the top of the peak before descending to discover the natural riches of New England's only National Park. Marvel at granite cliffs overlooking dramatic, windswept beaches, graceful stone bridges arching over rushing streams and stands of ancient maples, their leaves glowing fiery red, burnt orange and mustard yellow in the crisp fall air. Back in Bar Harbor,

enjoy an afternoon on your own. Sip a coffee by the sea, stroll scenic Main Street or take an optional nature cruise on Frenchman Bay. **(FB)**

DAY 8 Bar Harbor -Maine Coast - Portsmouth

After experiencing the majestic colors of New England's forests and mountains in the fall, it's time to embark on a journey down the rocky beaches and cliffs of Maine's coast. Head down the coastal highway past lighthouses, fisheries and seaside dwellings that are home to everyone from local lobstermen to vacationing presidents. Travel south to Portsmouth which sits near the mouth of the Piscataqua River that divides New Hampshire and Maine. The National Trust for Historic Preservation named Portsmouth to its list of Dozen Distinctive Destinations. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant and toast your fellow travelers as you end your fall foliage experience. **(FB,FD)** Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside

DAY 9 Portsmouth - Depart Boston

Today it's back to Boston where you are transferred to Boston Logan International Airport or to the hotel in Boston if you'd like to extend your stay. **(FB)**

Airport transfers will be at 3pm on day 9, please be aware when booking your flights.

Price Includes

Professional Travel Director

First Class Hotels including all hotel tips, charges and local taxes

12 Meals 8 Full Breakfasts. 1 Lunch. 3 Dinners

Local Specialist for sightseeing in North Conway

Airport Transfers as noted in the itinerary

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The annual event traces its roots back to 1886, when the Calgary and District Agricultural Society held its first fair. In the early 1900s, Guy Weadlick, an American promoter, teamed up with H.C. McMullen, a livestock trader for the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and put together a frontier show tribute to the Old West, complete with cowboy championship, 200 head of Mexican steers, 200 bucking steers, and wild horses.

The first Stampede was in 1919 post WWI and it became an annual event in 1923 (with a hiatus during the Depression). Today it's much more than a ten-day long celebration with midway rides and bucking broncos. The Calgary Stampede is a gathering place that hosts, educates, and entertains visitors from around the world in an effort to preserve and celebrate western heritage, culture, and community spirit.

The fun begins with a rousing parade featuring dozens of marching bands, over 150 floats, and hundreds of horses. Cowboys, First Nations dancers, and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in their red serges are joined by clowns, bands, politicians, and business leaders.



Photo credit: Calgary Stampede

Rodeo's richest afternoon

The Stampede Rodeo runs through the entire event. Every afternoon at 1:15 pm, the world's best and most competitive cowboys, cowgirls, and animals face off in a furious display of skill and grit. Every win takes a rider closer to Showdown Sunday, where they compete for over \$2 million in prizes.

Every night, the blast of a klaxon kicks off one of the most thrilling events you may ever see — the chuckwagon races. Four thoroughbred horses race a chuckwagon around a track accompanied by outriders who load a stove and camp poles on the wagon, then complete an eight-point barrel pattern before thundering out onto the track. In Calgary, nine heats of four chuckwagons

each provide excitement that's off the charts! When the last wagon thunders over the finish line, the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show begins with elaborate song and dance performances, acrobatics, and a spectacular fireworks finale!

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Local Specialist

"Meet a Mountie" in Banff

You'll Visit

Jasper and Banff National Parks and ride aboard an Ice Explorer on the Athabasca Glacier

Scenic Drive

Along the Icefields Parkway

Venture to the land of the grizzlies and glistening glaciers — through scenic icefields and breathtaking lake landscapes.

DAY 1 Arrive Calgary

Welcome to beautiful Canada. Get settled in at your hotel, located in the heart of downtown Calgary, and spend the afternoon relaxing or exploring. At 6pm, gather at the hotel with your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** Westin Calgary

DAY 2 Calgary - Lake Louise - Jasper Nat'l Park (2 Nights)

Head into the Canadian Rockies and stop at Lake Louise, one of the most beautiful lakes in North America with its backdrop of the glistening Victoria Glacier. Continue along the stunning Icefields Parkway, driving alongside snowcapped peaks and thundering waterfalls. Keep an eye out for wildlife including grizzly and black bears, moose, elk and mountain goats. Stay tonight in the quaint town of Jasper. **(FB)** Crimson Hotel

DAY 3 Jasper

Start the day with a free morning, enjoying the superb vistas, strolling Jasper's quaint streets, or if you like, take an optional float trip down the Athabasca River. This afternoon enjoy a guided walk at Maligne Canyon, one of the most beautiful gorges in the Rockies. Learn about the underground river system while following the canyon's trail past waterfalls and jagged rock formations. Later this afternoon, cruise Maligne Lake (may not be available for May departures due to weather), followed by a Regional Meal along the water. **(FB, RM)**

DAY 4 Jasper - Athabasca Glacier - Banff (3 Nights)

This morning stop at the Columbia Icefield Visitor Center and step aboard an Ice Explorer, a massive vehicle specially designed for traveling on the surface of glaciers. Travel across the Athabasca Glacier. Learn

a wealth of fascinating information about glaciers, icefields and their impact on our environment. Later, arrive in the quintessential alpine village of Banff. This evening, before dinner you have the opportunity to meet a Royal Canadian Mountie, dressed in the traditional red serge uniform. This Local Specialist will share exciting and colorful stories and even pose for a few memorable photographs. **(FB, D)** Banff Park Lodge

DAY 5 Banff

Stop in Canmore for a unique experience — a chance to experience the thrill and excitement of being a real Canadian hockey player. Whether you have skated before or not, played hockey on or off the ice, this is your chance to spend time getting to know Canada's game. Learn the secrets and superstitions of hockey players as a professional coach walks you through a day in the life of a player. Go inside the players'



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JUN 2, 4	\$2,050	JUL 23, 30	\$2,125
JUN 5, 11	\$2,050	AUG 6, 11	\$2,125
JUN 12	\$2,050	AUG 20, 29	\$2,125
JUN 18, 25	\$2,125	SEP 3, 4	\$2,125
*JUN 30	\$2,795	SEP 10, 17	\$2,125
*JUL 1	\$2,795	SEP 24, 26	\$2,125

Single Supplement:	Triple Room Discount:	Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$74 per person.
from \$725.	\$195.	

Code: DCRA. Prices based on two people sharing a twin room.
***These departures include the Calgary Stampede.**

Visit 2 Provinces

● Arrival City # Number of Overnight Stays
● Departure City ● Sightseeing Stop

dresser room where you have the opportunity to put on full hockey gear. Grab your stick and it is off onto the ice. Find out whether you are a lefty or righty and how to score the big goal. Leaving the ice rink behind, immerse yourself in the nature's glory on a sightseeing excursion around Banff, including the classic viewpoint of **Surprise Corner**, spectacular **Bow Falls** and the hoodoo rock formations. The rest of the day is yours. **(FB)**

DAY 6 Banff

This morning the optionals are plentiful — perhaps join an optional excursion to other jewels of the Rockies — Yoho National Park and Moraine Lake in the Valley of the Ten

Peaks. Enjoy an optional helicopter flightseeing tour for a birds-eye view of the Canadian Rockies before traveling to the Guinn family ranch for a special **Be My Guest** Farewell Dinner. Enjoy pristine views, flowered alpine meadows and abundant wild-life during a horse drawn wagon ride. After dinner, enjoy a private country line-dancing lesson. **(FB,BG)**

DAY 7 Banff - Calgary - USA

Descend from the glorious Canadian Rockies and transfer to Calgary International Airport or to the Westin Calgary if you are extending your stay or joining the Calgary Stampede Option. **(FB)**
Airport arrival will be at 11.30am, please be aware when booking your flights.

Price Includes

- Professional Travel Director**
- First Class Hotels** including all hotel tips, charges and local taxes
- 9 Meals** 6 Full Breakfasts. 3 Dinners
- Sightseeing with a Local Specialist** in Banff
- Personal Audio Headsets**
- Airport Transfers** as noted in the itinerary
- Luxury Motorcoach Transportation**
- Complimentary WiFi** (see page 152)

Rocky Mountain Return Option

(Ref: DCRS/G)

On Day 7, you have the option of taking the Rocky Mountaineer Train from Banff to Vancouver with an included overnight in Kamloops. Upon arrival in Vancouver you will be transferred to Vancouver International Airport or hotel in Vancouver if you extend your stay.
SilverLeaf: From \$1,536 per person, twin room, \$75 single supplement
GoldLeaf: From \$2,086 per person twin room, \$75 single supplement
Price includes all taxes and gratuities to on-board personnel. Day 8 - Airport arrival will be between 6.30pm and 8pm, please be aware when booking your flights.

Canada's Rockies with Calgary Stampede

JUNE 30, JULY 1, 6 & 7 DEPARTURES (Ref: DC5A)

The Calgary Stampede takes place at the beginning of July every year and is included on four departures.

DAY 1 TO DAY 6

These days will operate as shown on the Canada's Rockies itinerary Days 1-6.

DAY 7 Banff - Calgary (2 Nights)

Bid farewell to your newfound friends and transfer to your hotel in Calgary. Brace yourself for the wonder of the GMC Rangeland Derby, and the TransAlta Grandstand Show. Chuckwagon racing is followed by an epic stage show. **(FB) Calgary Marriott Downtown or Westin Calgary**

DAY 8 Calgary Stampede

Continue your day at The World's Richest Tournament Style Rodeo and enjoy the main events today including ladies barrel racing, bareback, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc and bull riding. **(FB)**

DAY 9 Depart Calgary

Take a transfer to the Calgary International Airport this morning. **(FB)**

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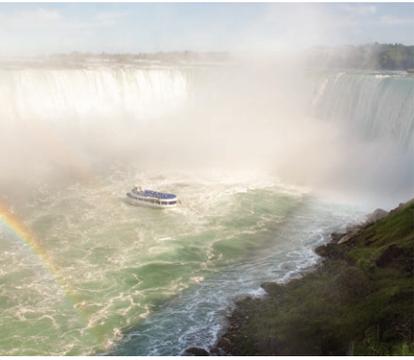
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City Explorations

City tour of **Quebec City** and **Montreal**. Orientation of **Toronto**, **Kingston** and **Ottawa**

You'll Visit

The **CN Tower** in Toronto, **Niagara Falls**, **Parc Omega Safari Park** and **Montreal**

Explore Canada's cosmopolitan cities, proud French and British heritage and majestic natural landscapes, from the cascading waters of Niagara Falls, to forests and ice wine vineyards of Ontario and Quebec.

DAY 1 Arrive Toronto (2 Nights)

Welcome to Toronto. At 6pm, gather at the hotel with your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)** *Sheraton Centre Toronto*

DAY 2 Toronto

Start the day with an orientation tour of cosmopolitan Toronto, viewing sprawling Queens Park, stately University Avenue and the Provincial Parliament Buildings. Embark on a trip to the top of the iconic **CN Tower** and enjoy the rest of the day on your own. **(FB)**

DAY 3 Toronto – Niagara Falls

Travel to Niagara Falls for panoramic views of the thundering cascades before an exhilarating boat ride to the base of Horseshoe Falls. This

evening, enjoy a **Be My Guest** experience at a family-owned winery. Enjoy an exclusive tasting of their award-winning wines, including ice wine, a specialty of the region. Sample some of Niagara's regional cuisine created with local seasonal ingredients. **(FB,BG)** *Hilton Hotel and Suites Niagara Falls/Fallsview*

DAY 4 Niagara Falls – Kingston – Ottawa

Travel along the shores of Lake Ontario for an orientation tour of Canada's first capital, Kingston, with its beautiful historic buildings. Once in Ottawa, embark on an introductory tour, viewing the elegant buildings of Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor General of Canada, and the beautiful downtown parks. Enjoy

dinner at a local restaurant. **(FB,D)** *Sheraton Ottawa*

DAY 5 Ottawa – Parc Omega – Quebec City (2 Nights)

This morning, travel to Parc Omega, a safari park that is home to many different kinds of wildlife. Later, find yourself in Quebec City. **(FB)** *Hilton Quebec*

DAY 6 Quebec City

Join your local specialist on an exploration of **Old Quebec City**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Walk the narrow streets of the atmospheric Old Town and the Plains of Abraham, the site of a major colonial battle between the British and the French. Enjoy the afternoon on your own. **(FB)**



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AUG 3	\$2,225
AUG 10	\$2,225
AUG 17	\$2,225
SEP 7	\$2,225
SEP 14	\$2,225
SEP 28	\$2,225
OCT 5	\$2,225

Single Supplement: Triple Room Discount: Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for from \$950. \$295. Travel Director and Driver \$95 per person.

Code: DBEC. Prices based on two people sharing a twin room.
Room Share: Guaranteed Room Share is not available on this trip.

DAY 7 Quebec City – Montreal
(2 Nights)

After departing Quebec City, stop at a local **cabane a sucre** (sugar shack) to learn about all things maple syrup and enjoy a traditional local lunch. Enter Montreal, the largest French-speaking city outside of France, and stop at **Mount Royal** (the hill that gave its name to the city) for panoramic views over one of the loveliest cities in North America. **(FB,L)** Le Centre Sheraton

Dame Basilica, the colorful Old Port area and the modern downtown. The afternoon is yours to explore the city. Tonight, toast your Eastern Canada adventure at a Farewell Dinner. **(FB,FD)**

DAY 8 Montreal

Meet your local specialist who introduces you to the historic sites of the city, including spectacular Notre

DAY 9 Depart Montreal or Toronto

Bid au revoir to your newfound friends as you are transferred to either Montreal or Toronto International Airport (flight not included). **(FB)**

For guests departing from Toronto, airport arrival will be at 2pm, please be aware when booking your flights.

Price Includes

First Class Hotels including all hotel tips, charges and local taxes
12 Meals 8 Full Breakfasts. 1 Lunch. 3 Dinners
Local Specialist in Quebec City and Montreal

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Lake Louise Admire soaring mountain peaks, majestic Victoria Glacier and the glistening waters of the lake

Icefields Parkway Discover Peyto Lake and the Columbia Icefield before riding a giant Ice Explorer across Athabasca Glacier

Jasper Enjoy an orientation tour of this charming town

Victoria Embark on an introductory sightseeing tour of the city

Victoria Iconic Breakfast at world-famous Butchart Gardens in the Blue Poppy Restaurant where light pours in through skylights and large windows face the gardens

Vancouver See Gastown, Chinatown, Stanley Park and Prospect Point

Capturing the astounding natural beauty of the Canadian Rockies from magnificent snowcapped mountains to glistening glacial lakes, this trip will leave you breathless.

DAY 1 Arrive Calgary

Welcome to Calgary, gateway to the Canadian Rockies. Get settled in at your hotel before meeting your Travel Director this afternoon.

Ramada Plaza Calgary Downtown

DAY 2 Calgary – Banff (2 Nights)

Tour Calgary before traveling to Banff. On the way, stop for picturesque views of stunning Lake Louise. Wind your way along Tunnel Mountain Drive where you'll view Cascade Mountain, Mt. Rundle, Bow Falls, and other natural attractions. *Inns of Banff*

DAY 3 Banff Free Time

Today is a free day for you to explore the area at your leisure. Why not take an exhilarating helicopter flightseeing tour?

DAY 4 Banff – Icefields

Parkway – Jasper (2 Nights) Drive along the Icefields Parkway, offering spectacular mountain landscape views. Stop at Peyto Lake and marvel at its beautiful azure-blue waters. See the Columbia Icefield, the largest in the Rockies. Ride across the Athabasca Glacier aboard a giant Ice Explorer for a closer look at this massive glacier. Later, arrive in Jasper for an orientation tour. *Marmot Lodge*

DAY 5 Jasper Nat'l Park Free Time

Enjoy a full day at leisure in the largest National Park of the Canadian Rockies. The beauty of the area will leave you breathless and optional activities abound.

DAY 6 Jasper – Kamloops

See more of Jasper National Park and enjoy views of Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rockies. Continue through lush alpine meadows and sweeping forests before reaching Kamloops. *Hampton Inn Kamloops*

DAY 7 Kamloops – Victoria (2 Nights)

Pass through the charming town of Hope, before boarding a ferry to Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. An introductory sightseeing tour takes you along the waterfront district, past the Parliament Buildings and Government Street and through Beacon Hill Park. *Comfort Inn and Suites*



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DAY 8 Victoria Free Time

This morning, enjoy an Iconic Breakfast at world-famous Butchart Gardens in the Blue Poppy Restaurant with its conservatory atmosphere where light pours in through skylights and large windows face the gardens. The rest of the day is free. **(IB)**

DAY 9 Victoria - Vancouver

Travel to Vancouver and see Gastown, the city's oldest

neighborhood, designated a National Historical Site. See Chinatown and stop at Stanley Park and see its famous collection of totem poles.

(CB) Ramada Vancouver Downtown

DAY 10 Depart Vancouver

Bid farewell to Canada and your newfound friends.

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Baggage Handling Fees and
Local Taxes

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Breakfast at world-famous Butchart
Gardens in the Blue Poppy Restaurant
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DAY 10 Vancouver - Inside Passage Cruise

You will be dropped off at Canada's Place to board the ms Volendam. Your ship sails at 4.30pm. **(D)**

DAY 11 At Sea

Today there's plenty of time to ease into shipboard life and take in the amazing scenery of the Inside Passage. **(FB,L,D)**

DAY 12 Tracy Arm - Juneau

Squeezed between the Gastineau Channel and Coast Mountains, Juneau offers a lot of variety and the adventures are bountiful. **(FB,L,D)**

DAY 13 Skagway

Klondike gold rushers set up shop as provisioners in Skagway, once the largest city in Alaska. The

glory days still reverberate through the town. **(FB,L,D)**

DAY 14 Glacier Bay National Park

Cruise to Glacier Bay National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that protects a unique ecosystem of plants and animals. **(FB,L,D)**

DAY 15 Ketchikan

Ketchikan clutches the shores of the Tongass Narrows, with many shops and houses built right out over the water. **(FB,L,D)**

DAY 16 At Sea

Your last full day is spent at sea returning through the Inside Passage. **(FB,L,D)**

DAY 17 Depart Vancouver

Arrive back in Vancouver between 8am and 10am for your departing flights. **(FB)**

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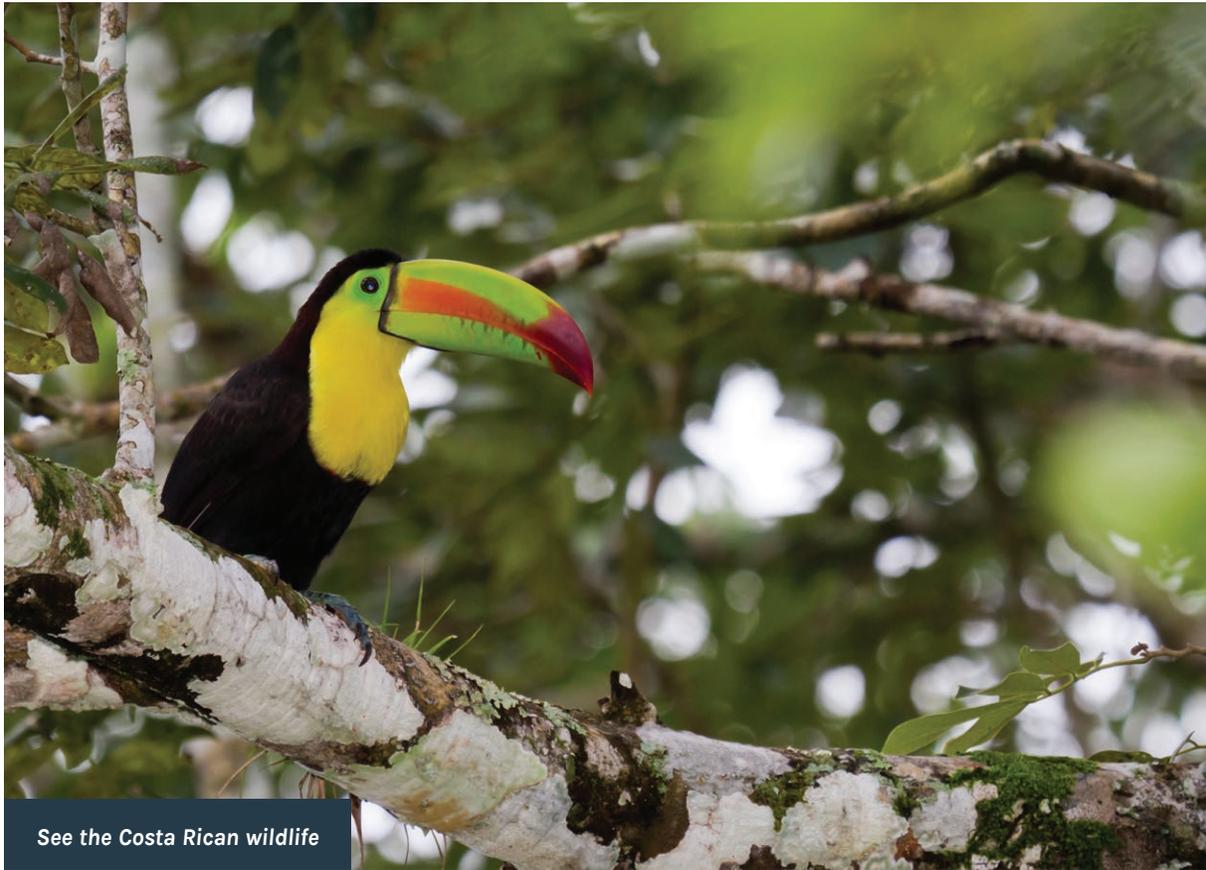
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Be My Guest

Join Don Alberto and Dona Ana Quintana for a traditional Costa Rican lunch at their Hacienda Pozo Azul, a 2,000 acre working ranch

Local Specialist

Listen to a Quaker share stories of the beginning of Monteverde's colorful history

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Tortuguero National Park, Braulio Carrillo National Park, Sarapiquí and Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve with its canopy skywalk

You'll View

Arenal Volcano

Embark on an eco-adventure through a land of volcanoes, waterfalls and cloud forests.

DAY 1 Arrive San Jose

Welcome to San Jose! Your journey begins with a warm greeting at the airport from a local host and a transfer to your hotel. At 6pm, gather at the hotel with your Travel Director and traveling companions for a Welcome Reception. **(WR)**
Sheraton San Jose

DAY 2 San Jose – San Isidro de Heredia – Tortuguero Nat'l Park (2 Nights)

After breakfast, head toward the small town of **San Isidro de Heredia**, where you are welcomed by master chocolatiers, Julio Fernandez and George Soriano, for a taste of gourmet chocolate. Learn about the history of chocolate and how it is produced at this small workshop. Continue to Siquirres and embark on a river journey through protected wetlands. Later, stroll the streets of **Tortuguero Village** and explore the fascinating **Green Turtle Research Station**. Enjoy dinner at

the hotel this evening. **(FB,L,D)**

Laguna Lodge Tortuguero

Note: For the two night excursion to Tortuguero National Park guests are permitted to bring a maximum of 25 lbs of luggage. Your primary suitcase will be transferred and securely stored at your Sarapiquí hotel.

DAY 3 Tortuguero Nat'l Park

Glide through the canals and waterways of the park today as howler monkeys watch from the treetops, toucans and egrets fly through the air and crocodiles cruise the cool waters. If you're here in July, take an optional trip to see the sea turtles laying eggs on the beach. **(FB,L,D)**

DAY 4 Tortuguero – Sarapiquí

Board your boat, bid adiós to the park and enjoy lunch along the way. Then visit a **Tico family's palm plantation** to learn about and sample the delicate heart of palm. After a mid-afternoon arrival at your hotel, join your Travel Director on an easy hike looking for the exotic birds

of this region. With a little luck, you may spot the endangered great green macaw. **(FB,L)** *Sueño Azul Resort*

DAY 5 Sarapiquí – Arenal

For the early risers, there is time for an optional rafting trip. Or relax and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of the area surrounding your lodge. Later enjoy a special **Be My Guest** lunch at an eco-friendly hacienda built by the Quintana family as a retirement project. Today it is home to an organic farm, restaurant, and related eco adventures. The family welcomes you with a delicious lunch and shares stories of how their retirement dreams have benefited the local community. Depart for the town of La Fortuna de San Carlos, home of the colossal **Arenal Volcano**. Late this afternoon spend time in the thermal pools of your resort as well as the gardens with beautiful birds. Tonight relish some of the best views of the



volcano as you enjoy a leisurely dinner. **(FB,BG,D)** Arenal Paraiso Resort & Spa

DAY 6 Arenal - Monteverde Cloud Forest (2 Nights)

Enjoy a free morning before heading to the **Monteverde Cloud Forest**, straddling the Continental Divide, home to luxuriant vegetation, abundant wildlife, coffee plantations, and spectacular views. Tonight you'll meet a native Quaker who will share stories of Old Town Monteverde. **(FB,D)** El Establo Mountain Hotel

DAY 7 Monteverde Cloud Forest Join your local guide for an excursion through the **Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve**. Covering 26,000 acres of tropical rainforest, the Reserve consists of 6 ecological zones and offers extremely high biodiversity, consisting of over 2,500

plant species (including the most orchid varieties in a single place), 100 species of mammals, 400 bird species, and 120 reptilian and amphibian species. Later ascend to the treetops for a bird's-eye view of the forest on the unforgettable **Sky Walk**, a chain of six suspension bridges at canopy level. Tonight trade stories of your experiences at a festive Farewell Dinner. **(FB,FD)**

DAY 8 Monteverde - USA

Transfer to either Liberia or San Jose International Airports or travel on to Guanacaste Beach for those extending their stay. Airport arrival will be at 10.30am for both San José and Liberia. **(FB)**

Airport arrival will be at 10.30am for both San Jose and Liberia on Day 8, please be aware when booking your flights.

Rates per person

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MAR 24	\$1,795	OCT 6	\$1,725
MAR 31	\$1,725	NOV 10	\$1,725
APR 21	\$1,725	DEC 8	\$1,725

Single Supplement: from \$475. **Triple Room Discount:** \$125. **Gratuities:** Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$85 per person.

Code: LCRE. Prices based on two people sharing a twin room. **Guaranteed Room Share** is not available on this trip.

Price Includes

First Class Hotels including all hotel tips, charges and local taxes
16 Meals 7 Full Breakfasts. 4 Lunches. 5 Dinners
Local Specialist in Monteverde
Personal Audio Headsets

Airport Transfers as noted in the itinerary
Luxury Motorcoach Transportation
Complimentary WiFi (see page 152)

Please Note: For the more remote areas of Costa Rica (such as Tortuguero and Sarapiquí), we use the best available hotel facilities with comfortable but simple guestrooms and eco-friendly amenities perfectly suited to the natural surroundings. This journey requires walking on uneven surfaces and steps and sometimes through heavy showers (umbrellas and rain ponchos provided). This journey is best enjoyed by the experienced traveler in good health and who can take such conditions in stride.

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DAY 8 Monteverde - Liberia - Guanacaste (2 Nights)
 Check in to your seaside resort. With just a short stroll along the shore, you can spot a variety of wildlife. **(FB)** Tamarindo Diria Beach and Golf Resort

DAY 9 Guanacaste Free Time
 The day is yours to relax at the beach, head into nearby Tamarindo village or choose from numerous options as you please. **(FB)**

DAY 10 Guanacaste - Liberia - USA
 A transfer is provided to Liberia International Airport for your onward flight. **(FB)**

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Learn to weave in the **Sacred Valley**, watch centuries old dyeing techniques, passed from mother to daughter, as the weavers keep their Andean traditions alive. Meet the curator of the world's largest private collection of pre-Columbian art at the **Larco Museum** in Lima

Be My Guest

Visit a local market with a Peruvian chef, then enjoy an exclusive lunch at his cooking school

City Explorations

City tours of **Lima** and **Cusco**

You'll Visit

The outdoor market at **Pisac**, the ruins at **Ollantaytambo**, **Machu Picchu**, historic **Sacsayhuaman** and the **Larco Museum** in Lima

Scenic Drive

Through the **Sacred Valley**

Travel by Train

Journey aboard the **Vistadome train**

Inca treasures, wild landscapes and ancient legends are brought to life in the Sacred Valley, centuries-old ruins of Cusco and Machu Picchu, and the charismatic streets of Lima.

DAY 1 Arrive Lima (2 Nights)

Bienvenidos a Lima, founded in 1535 by conquistador Francisco Pizarro who dubbed it the "City of Kings." Upon arrival in Lima, you will be greeted and taken to your hotel in San Isidro, one of Lima's exclusive neighborhoods. This evening enjoy a Welcome Reception. **(WR)**

Novotel Lima

DAY 2 Lima

Meet Ignacio Barrios, a young chef who has worked alongside many of Peru's most award-winning chefs. Visit a local market and Ignacio's cooking school, where you'll see a demonstration on how to prepare some of Peru's most popular foods before dining on a **Be My Guest** lunch of typical Peruvian dishes, created just for you by Ignacio and his sous chef. After lunch, spend the afternoon exploring Peru's capital with your local expert. Immerse yourself in the colonial splendor of Lima's Historic Center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including the expansive **Plaza de Armas** with its impressive cathedral and the stately government palace. Then see the

Church of San Francisco and discover its hidden catacombs and splendid architecture. The evening is free. **(FB,BG)**

DAY 3 Lima – Cusco – Sacred Valley

Take a morning flight to Cusco and head for the **Sacred Valley**. Stop at **Awanakancha**, a living museum of the Peruvian Andes, where you can see and interact with llamas, alpacas and vicuñas. Enjoy a picnic box lunch before visiting the vibrant **Pisac market**. Spend some time browsing the stalls, sip a cup of coca tea to help you acclimate to the altitude and keep your ears open for roving bands playing the traditional music of the Andes. Later this afternoon, arrive at your lovely hotel, a former 18th century colonial-style monastery, surrounded by beautiful gardens in the heart of the **Sacred Valley**. Learn about the local specialty of **Peruvian weaving** as you observe centuries-old methods of spinning, dyeing and weaving Andean traditional textiles with Nilda Callanaupa Alvarez, a Quechua scholar and recipient of a

TreadRight Foundation grant. This evening enjoy a convivial dinner with your traveling companions at the hotel. **(CB,L,D)** *Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay*

DAY 4 Sacred Valley – Machu Picchu

After breakfast, head to **Ollantaytambo** to visit this famous Inca stronghold built from immense blocks of stone. Learn about Inca history as you tour the ruins of the hilltop fortress. Next board the **Vistadome train** for the journey to the great citadel of the Incas (light snack included). Panoramic windows allow you to appreciate the incredible scenery as you follow the **Rio Vilcanota** to the town of **Aguas Calientes**. Upon arrival, take a short ride up to the entrance gate and begin your exploration of one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Visit the ruins of this once-great fortress built in the 15th century and abandoned nearly 100 years later with the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors. See the highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site — the great **Temple of the Sun**,



the **House of the Priest**, the **Sacred Plaza** and the **Intihuatana**, an intricately carved rock most likely used as a sundial by the ancient Incas. Dinner is served at the hotel. **(FB,D)** *El Mapi* by *Inkaterra*

Note: On the train to Machu Picchu, only hand luggage (overnight bag) can be taken. Your primary suitcase will be securely stored and returned to you in Cusco.

DAY 5 Machu Picchu – Cusco (2 Nights)

Return to **Machu Picchu** to continue exploring on your own. If you're feeling adventurous, hike up to the Gate of the Sun for stunning views over the fortress and the valley below. Or view the incredible stonework and the amazing feats of engineering required to transport the huge blocks of stone to the top of this isolated mountain. In the early afternoon, board the train to the **Sacred Valley**. Head toward the great colonial city of **Cusco** by coach. On the way, stop at a local chicheria for a taste of chicha, a local specialty, and learn how this Peruvian corn beer is made only by women. **(FB)** *Novotel Cusco*

DAY 6 Cusco

This morning embark on a tour of Cusco, the "Imperial City," and the capital of the Incas during their reign. Enjoy an introduction to the highlights of the city, including the incredible baroque Cathedral on the main Plaza de Armas at the heart of the

city. Delve deeper into the history of this ancient place at the 17th century **Church of Santo Domingo**, which was built atop the foundations of the Inca Temple of the Sun, often referred to as **Korikancha**. Just outside of town, visit the ruins of the fortress of **Sacsayhuaman**, perched on a hill overlooking Cusco and see nearby shrines and warehouses where the Incas stored their grain. Spend the rest of the afternoon on your own in Cusco. This evening gather with your traveling companions for a regional meal at a local restaurant, enjoying delicious Cusquenian dishes and ancestral dance performances. **(FB, RM)**

DAY 7 Cusco – Lima

Fly back to Lima late this morning and enjoy an afternoon on your own to do some more exploring, pick up souvenirs or just relax. Later meet a local expert, a curator at the **Larco Museum**, which houses the largest private collection of pre-Columbian art in the world, and learn about the evolution and cultures of Ancient Peruvian societies. Then gather with your traveling companions for a Farewell Dinner in the museum's garden restaurant. **(FB, FD)** *Novotel Lima*

DAY 8 Lima – USA

Extend your stay at the hotel in Lima or say hasta luego this morning & transfer to the airport for your flight home. **(FB)**

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Single Supplement: from \$525.

Triple Room Discount: \$50.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver \$80 per person.

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Inter Air Included: Prices include economy air and air-related charges for flights between Lima-Cusco and Cusco-Lima and require purchase of round-trip air travel on LATAM between your gateway city and the itinerary's start and end gateway cities (ticket number required). If flying with another airline between your gateway city and the itinerary's start and end gateway cities, the above prices will be higher. Prices are accurate as of September 6, 2017.

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Price Includes

First Class Hotels including all hotel tips, charges and local taxes

13 Meals 7 Full Breakfasts. 2 Lunches. 4 Dinners

Local Specialist in Lima and at the Larco Museum

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Personal Audio Headsets

Airport Transfers as noted in the itinerary

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DAY 1 Arrive in Rio De Janeiro (3 Nights)

Welcome to Rio de Janeiro. Get settled in at your hotel and start exploring before meeting your Travel Director this afternoon.

Rio de Janeiro Mirador

DAY 2 Rio de Janeiro

Begin the day with a visit to the **Cosme Velho** district where you will board a cogwheel train. Wind your way through the Tijuca Forest to the top of **Corcovado Mountain**. Have a closer look at the tropical forest's lush vegetation and enjoy panoramic views of the city. Disembark at the top of Corcovado Mountain, where you will stand next to one of the Seven Modern World Wonders: the **Statue of Christ the Redeemer**. From here you have unparalleled views of the "Marvelous City." After, drive along some of the most famous beaches in the world- **Copacabana** and **Ipanema**. The rest

of the day is yours to explore the city at leisure. **(FB)**

DAY 3 Rio De Janeiro Free Time

Today, enjoy and explore. Perhaps board a helicopter and soar high over Rio or visit one of Rio's hillside favelas, interacting with locals and gaining a new understanding of Brazilian society. Maybe discover the charm and beauty of Santa Teresa, which originated around a convent during the 16th Century and is home to artists, galleries, museums and eateries, or relax on the beach. This evening join your fellow travelling companions at a local churrascaria where meat is cooked in the churrasco style. **(FB,D)**

DAY 4 Rio De Janeiro - Iguassu Falls (2 Nights)

Fly from Rio de Janeiro to Iguassu Falls. Located where the Iguassu River empties its waters into the Parana River, the falls form the

world's widest waterfalls and gives rise to the double border of Brazil and Argentina. Settle into your hotel this evening, where dinner is served.

(FB,D) Viale Cataratas

DAY 5 Iguassu Falls & Free Time

This morning, enter the **Iguassu National Park** on the Brazilian side of the falls. Walk along the paths to the boardwalk that leads to the bottom of Devil's Throat, enjoying magnificent views. The morning is spent at the falls with the afternoon at leisure. Consider several optional experiences for your leisure time: embark on the Macuco Safari for a exhilarating ride to the base of the falls or you may choose to visit Bird Park, home to more than 900 native birds while walking through subtropical forests. For the more adventurous, consider aerial views of the falls, National Park and surrounding jungle from your helicopter flight. **(FB)**



DAY 6 Iguassu Falls – Buenos Aires (3 Nights)
 Depart from your hotel with a quick customs stop. Cross the Tancredo Neves Bridge, the border between Argentina and Brazil. Once in Argentina, take a scenic drive up to the **Argentinian Iguassu National Park**. Visit the Argentinean falls and visitor’s center, then proceed to the river cascades and falls aboard the **Ecological Jungle Train** to the most impressive observation point, **Devil’s Throat**. This afternoon fly to Buenos Aires. **(FB) De las Americas**

DAY 7 Buenos Aires
 Today see the famous 9 de Julio Avenue, the widest avenue in the world, and pass by the beautiful Colon Theater, the cultural pride of Buenos Aires. Arrive at the main square, Plaza de Mayo, which is surrounded by the Government House and the first City Hall. Stop at the **Metropolitan Cathedral** before continuing through San Telmo, a historical neighborhood and the oldest district of Buenos Aires. Visit **La Boca**, a very colorful area of painted houses. Continue to Recoleta Cemetery, home to the grave of Eva Duarte, “Evita.” This evening enjoy dinner and a **Tango show** in historic

Buenos Aires where the golden age of Tango shines once again. Experience the great Argentinean passion with a live orchestra and classic Tango dancers. **(FB,D)**

DAY 8 Buenos Aires Free Time
 Set out into the city on your own or join several optional excursions available to you. Perhaps learn about the life of the Gauchos. Appreciate the charm of the Argentinean landscape as you travel out of the city to the region known as the Pampas. Round out your day in the countryside with a barbecue lunch, Argentinean wines, folk music, traditional dances and Gaucho games. Or consider an optional trip to Tigre and Delta Rio de la Plata, the aristocratic northern district of San Isidro. Arrive in Tigre, a charming seaside town. Enjoy a boat excursion around some of the stunning islands of this delta. Your Travel Director will be more than happy to help you plan your day. **(FB)**

DAY 9 Depart Buenos Aires
 Hasta que nos encontremos de nuevo-until we meet again. Say goodbye to your Travel Director and new friends or extend your stay in Buenos Aires. **(FB)**

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Be My Guest

Experience an evening of indigenous theater and dance and a personal Welcome to the Country ceremony at a privately hosted dinner at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park in Cairns, and dine at a New Zealand farm and enjoy a **Maori Hangi feast** and concert in Rotorua

City Explorations

City tour in **Melbourne, Sydney** and **Auckland**

You'll Visit

Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, Sydney Opera House, Bondi Beach, Te Puia Geothermal Valley

You'll Cruise

On **Great Barrier Reef** and **Milford Sound**

You'll View

Darling Harbor from your Sydney hotel room and the **Southern Alps** from the **TranzAlpine train**

From a glacier in New Zealand, to Australia's Great Barrier Reef, explore the best of these two countries.

DAY 1-2 USA – Melbourne

Fly over the international-date-line on your way to Melbourne, Australia (flight not included).

DAY 3 Arrive Melbourne (2 Nights)

Welcome to Melbourne! On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel (flights to arrive prior to 12noon). This evening join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and dinner on board the famous **Colonial Tramcar Restaurant**. **(WR,DW) Crowne Plaza Melbourne**

DAY 4 Melbourne

Join your Travel Director for a cultural insight. Your city tour includes a private walk through Melbourne's famous hidden laneways. You'll discover the city's eclectic little lanes, arcades, café society and fascinating street art. **(BB)**

DAY 5 Melbourne – Cairns (3 Nights)

This morning you will fly to Cairns. On arrival join your local specialist for a private wildlife journey at **Hartley's Crocodile Adventures**. On a boat cruise you'll encounter koalas, wallabies, birds and of course, crocodiles! This evening why not dine at one of the many local restaurants. **(BB) Pacific Cairns**

DAY 6 Great Barrier Reef

Board a high-speed catamaran and cruise out to the Great Barrier Reef. You can snorkel and view this natural living wonder up close

(equipment provided) or stay dry and explore the "reef" from the comfort of a semi-submersible craft. Enjoy a tropical buffet lunch before you return to Cairns. **(BB,L)**

DAY 7 Cairns Free Time

Today is free for you to explore this tropical city. Consider an Optional Experience on the Kuranda Scenic Railway to the 'village in the rain-forest' and return to the lowlands on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway. This evening enjoy a special **Be My Guest** dinner at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. Experience a personal Welcome to Country ceremony, hear stories of the Dreamtime, witness an entertaining high impact performance by the indigenous dance group and enjoy dinner accompanied by the sounds of the didgeridoo. **(BB,BG)**

DAY 8 Cairns – Sydney (3 Nights)

Depart Cairns on your flight to Sydney. On arrival there's time to relax before boarding a **Captain Cook Sunset Dinner Cruise**. Enjoy a two course à la carte Regional Meal and the mesmerizing views of Sydney at night. **(BB,RM) Hyatt Regency (Darling Harbour View Room)**

DAY 9 Sydney

Kick off this highlight day of sight-seeing on a guided tour of **Sydney Opera House** with a local specialist. Later, your destination is famous **Bondi Beach**, for an iconic Australian experience. You'll be greeted by a

local surf lifesaver before a Regional Meal at an Aussie institution, the Returned Servicemen's Club. Your host, a local specialist, will take you on an exclusive tour through Australia's oldest surf lifesaving club for insight into the history of Bondi and surf lifesaving. **(BB,RM)**

DAY 10 Sydney at Leisure

The day is yours to explore this wonderful city. Why not take an Optional Experience to the spectacular Blue Mountains to see the Three Sisters. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for dinner in a restaurant on the waterfront. **(BB,DW)**

DAY 11 Sydney – Auckland (2 Nights)

It's farewell to Australia as you fly to Auckland, New Zealand. This evening meet your Travel Director for dinner at your hotel. **(BB,DW) Stamford Plaza**

DAY 12 Auckland

A sightseeing tour and cruise on Waitemata Harbor is followed by time on your own. **(BB)**

DAY 13 Auckland – Rotorua

Today you're invited to a **Be My Guest** lunch at the home of Lance and Bridgette O'Sullivan, New Zealand horse racing royalty. Enjoy a sumptuous country-style lunch at the Red barn on their beautiful Waikato farm (from April 1, 2018). This evening enjoy a Cultural Insight into Maori traditions at a Hangi



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MAY 15	\$5,995	†NOV 27	\$6,075
JUN 5	\$5,675	†DEC 4, 11	\$6,075
JUL 3	\$5,675	†DEC 18, 25	\$6,075

Single Supplement: from \$2,205.

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Visa required for this trip and must be obtained prior to traveling, call for details.

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Regional Meal and concert at the Tamaki Family Marae. (BB,BG,RM)

DAY 14 Rotorua - Christchurch
Explore **Rainbow Springs Nature Park** with a local specialist and discover the native flora and fauna. You may even spot a kiwi! Continue to Rotorua to visit Te Puia Thermal Reserve, accompanied by a Local Specialist. Now you'll fly to Christchurch. (BB)
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DAY 15 Christchurch - Franz Josef
Board the **TranzAlpine train** for your journey over the Southern Alps to Arthur's Pass. At Hokitika visit a **New Zealand greenstone (jade) factory**, to see a local master carver at work. Travel along the coastal road to **Franz Josef Glacier** for a short walk to view the magnificent glacier. (BB,DW)
Te Waonui Forest Retreat

DAY 16 Franz Josef - Queenstown (3 Nights)
Enjoy a coastal drive with views of the Tasman Sea. Climb over the Haast Pass winding through **Mount Aspiring National Park**. Then your journey takes you past Lakes Wanaka and Hawea and heads along the Kawarau River through the Kawarau Gorge. Finally you will visit the historic village of **Arrowtown**, before arriving in Queenstown. This evening join your Travel Director for dinner at **The Boatshed**, with its spectacular views of Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkables mountain range. It's the perfect venue for your exclusive Regional Meal with wine. (BB,RM) Millennium

DAY 17 Milford Sound Cruise
Journey over the Devil's Staircase and along the shore of Lake Wakatipu to Te Anau. Travel through the rain-forest of Fiordland National Park, sighting glaciers and mountain ranges. Drive through the hand-hewn Homer Tunnel to numerous photo opportunities before reaching **Milford Sound**. Cruise the magnificent fiord with Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls high above you. (BB,L)

DAY 18 Queenstown at Leisure
Your whole day is free to relax. Or consider taking an Optional Experience wine tour or a thrilling ride on the Shotover Jet Boat. (BB)

DAY 19 Queenstown - Christchurch
Late morning see Lakes Pukaki and Tekapo, where you'll stop to view the quaint Church of the Good Shepherd. Then join us for a visit to **Morelea Farm**. You're welcomed into the home of your hosts Angie and Stan Taylor for a **Be My Guest** barbecue lunch in their 600 acre garden. In Christchurch this evening celebrate your trip at a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and new-found friends. (BB,BG,FD) Novotel/Distinction from April 1, 2018

DAY 20 Christchurch - USA
Time to bid farewell as we transfer you to Christchurch Airport for your flight home (flights not included). (BB)

Included Meals: WR Welcome Reception BB Buffet Breakfast L Lunch D Dinner DW Dinner with Wine RM Regional Meal BG Be My Guest Dining FD Farewell Dinner

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You'll Visit

Visit the **Edo Tokyo Museum** and the **Sensoji Temple** in Tokyo, **Mt. Fuji 5th Station**, the **Kinkakuji Temple**, **Sanjusangen-do Hall**, **Fushimi Inari Shrine** in Kyoto

You'll View

Mt. Fuji

You'll See

The traditional **Gassho-zukuri houses** in Gokayama and the beautiful gardens of **Kenrokuen** in Kanazawa

Discover the essence of Japan on a journey of discovery from iconic Tokyo to Takayama and Kyoto.

DAY 1 USA Tokyo

Overnight flight to Tokyo (not included).

DAY 2 Arrive Tokyo (2 Nights)

Welcome to Japan. Upon arrival at Tokyo Narita or Haneda International Airport, transfer by airport shuttle service to your centrally located hotel. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception drink and local appetizers. **(WR)** *New Otani*

DAY 3 Tokyo

This morning your city tour begins with a stop in **Asakusa** and a visit to the **Sensoji Buddhist temple**. It is one of Tokyo's most colorful and popular temples and has been rebuilt countless times since it was founded in 628, making it Tokyo's oldest temple site. Visit **Nakamise**, a shopping street over 200 meters long that stretches from the outer gate to the temple's second interior gate. Visit the **Tokyo Skytree**, the world's highest free-standing broadcasting tower. Later choose to either return to the hotel at leisure or take part in an Optional Experience. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Tokyo - Lake Yamanakako

Start the day by heading to the **Imperial Palace Plaza**, a large park area in the center of Tokyo from where the two bridges that form the

entrance to the inner grounds of the Imperial Palace can be viewed. It is the primary residence of the Emperor of Japan and built on the former site of Edo Castle. Take a stroll around the **Imperial Palace East Gardens** before continuing your city tour with a visit to the **Edo-Tokyo Museum**. This fascinating museum displays artifacts and architecture that tell a tale of Tokyo's history and culture during the Edo period. Next head to the famous **Ginza District** for a hands-on **cooking class**. Learn how to make sushi with a Local Specialist and afterwards enjoy your sushi creations for lunch. Then depart Tokyo for the **Five Lakes District**, dominated by majestic UNESCO listed Mt. Fuji. At 3,776 meters, it is Japan's highest mountain and most recognizable icon. **(BB,L,D)** *Fuji Marriott Yamanakako*

DAY 5 Lake Yamanakako - Mt. Fuji - Takayama (2 Nights)

After breakfast visit **Oshino Hakkai**, a small rural village in the Fuji Five Lakes district; a listed UNESCO World Heritage Site. Oshino Village boasts a beautiful park with 8 natural spring water ponds that are fed by melted snow from Mt. Fuji. The reflections of the sky and landscapes on the clear and pure water provide picturesque scenes which

make stunning photographs. Then ascend **Mt. Fuji** by road to 2,300 meters at the 5th station before taking a ride on the **Kachikachiyama Ropeway**, (both weather permitting) a cable car ride offering spectacular views on a clear day of Mt. Fuji and Lake Kawaguchiko. Later travel through the breath-taking Japanese Alps to the beautiful hillside town of Takayama before enjoying dinner at the hotel. **(BB,D)** *Associa Takayama Resort*

DAY 6 Takayama - Gokayama - Takayama

This morning step back in time during a visit to the peaceful mountain village and UNESCO designated site of **Gokayama**. See the unique Gassho-zukuri wooden houses; the steeply sloped thatched roofs resemble two hands together in prayer. Visit one of the houses and meet the family. Later observe local artisans making washi paper and try your hand at making your own, a Cultural Insight. Lunch today is a Regional Meal of Japanese Hida beef at a local restaurant. Hida beef (Hida-gyu) is the specific name given to beef from a black-haired Japanese cattle breed, it is known as one of the finest quality varieties of beef. This afternoon begin your walking tour in the Edo style streets of the Old Town, shopping en-route



to sample Japanese sake, a Cultural Insight. (BB, RM)

DAY 7 Takayama - Kanazawa

This morning travel to Kanazawa and discover the secrets of gold leaf painting during a visit with a Local Specialist. The production of gold leaf started at the end of the 16th century and now 99% of Japan's high quality gold leaf is produced in the area. Next visit the gardens of **Kenrokuen**, rated as one of the top three most beautiful gardens in Japan and a great place to see Cherry Blossom in the springtime. Take your time to relax and explore the ornate landscapes, temples and ponds. Afterwards take a short walk through the Omicho market to see the local fish catch and enjoy an insiders view of everyday life in a busy coastal town. Later visit the **Nagamachi District** with its old and beautifully preserved samurai houses. Visit the Nomura house, an elegant samurai mansion with beautiful small gardens belonging to a high-ranked samurai family. (BB) Kanazawa Tokyu

DAY 8 Kanazawa - Kyoto

(2 Nights)
This morning leave Kanazawa for Kyoto by **Express train**. On arrival enjoy a special Be My Guest lunch at a traditional ryokan nestled in the peace and quiet of Mt. Yoshida. The ryokan was built in 1932 by master craftsmen to serve as the second residence of the uncle of the current Japanese Emperor, Akihito. Learn

more about local Japanese customs as your hosts welcome you into their beautiful home. After lunch visit **Kinkakuji Temple**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its Golden Pavilion. The Kinkakuji history dates back to 1397, when the villa was purchased by Shogun Ashikaga Yoshimitsu. When Yoshimitsu died, the building was converted into a Zen temple by his son. Later check in to your hotel for a relaxing evening.

(BB, BG) Nikko Princess Kyoto

DAY 9 Kyoto

This morning visit the **Fushimi Inari Shrine** and see the tunnel of thousands of bright orange torii gates that snake through the forest up into the mountains. Then head to the **Sanjusangendo Hall**, a temple famous for its 1001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of mercy and afterwards enjoy a walking tour of the Gion area. Choose to remain in Gion to explore further or return to the hotel. This evening join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Farewell Dinner at the Ninja Kyoto restaurant. Venture into the mysterious labyrinth and secret fortress of the Ninjas, the traditional Japanese heroes and enjoy the creative Ninja-style food. (BB, FD)

DAY 10 Kyoto/Osaka - USA

Transfer by airport shuttle service to Kansai International Airport or Osaka Itami Airport for your onward flight (not included) (BB)

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‡Important Information: The Imperial Palace East Gardens are closed on Fridays so trips starting in Tokyo on Wednesdays will visit the Hamarikyuu Japanese Garden instead

Cherry Blossom season varies between different regions of Japan and is dependent on weather conditions. Late March to mid April are the most likely times to experience it on this trip but this is not guaranteed.

Important Information: The Edo Tokyo Museum will be closed for renovation until 31 March 2018. During this time the National Museum will be visited instead.

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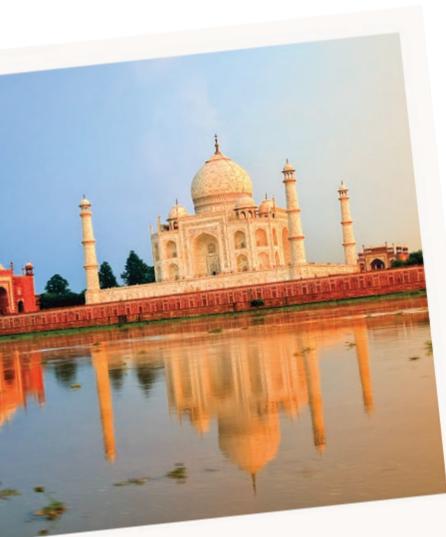


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The tents have their own private plunge pool, large indoor baths, and outdoor showers. Activities at Shamwari Bayethe revolve around morning and evening game drives in 4x4 safari vehicles, each lasting about three to four hours.

There are also guided nature walks, bird watching, spa treatments, visits to the Rhino Awareness Center, Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, and historic tours, available to add to your magnificent experience.

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DAY 1 USA – Johannesburg

Overnight flight to Johannesburg (flight included from New York (JFK)).

DAY 2 Arrive Johannesburg – Cape Town (4 Nights)

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DAY 3 Cape Town

Enjoy a day at leisure in the fascinating city of Cape Town or pre-book an optional Cape Peninsula Tour exclusively for our Lion World Travel guests. Dinner this evening is at the hotel’s Azure Restaurant. Savor the finest indigenous and international

cuisine and round off your perfect meal with a delightfully sweet dessert, enjoyed on the stunning terrace overlooking the ocean. **(B,D)**

DAY 4 Stellenbosch Winelands Tour

After an early breakfast head out for your full-day Stellenbosch Winelands Tour. The first stop is in Somerset West to visit the **Cheetah Outreach Center**, where you’ll meet the world’s fastest land animals. The Outreach project has been set up to educate people about cheetahs, as well as to raise funds for initiatives to prevent their extinction in South Africa. The next stop is the **Waterford Wine Estate** in the Stellenbosch Wine Region. Enjoy a wine paired with chocolate tasting surrounded by ancient citrus groves, rolling lawns, water features and fragrant lavender beds. Enjoy free time for lunch at one of the many restaurants and explore the town of Stellenbosch, the oldest preserved town in South Africa. The last stop of the day is at **Delaire Graff** for a wine tasting, where incredible views provide the perfect backdrop to a

state-of-the-art winery. Return to Cape Town for an evening at leisure. **(B)**

DAY 5 Cape Town

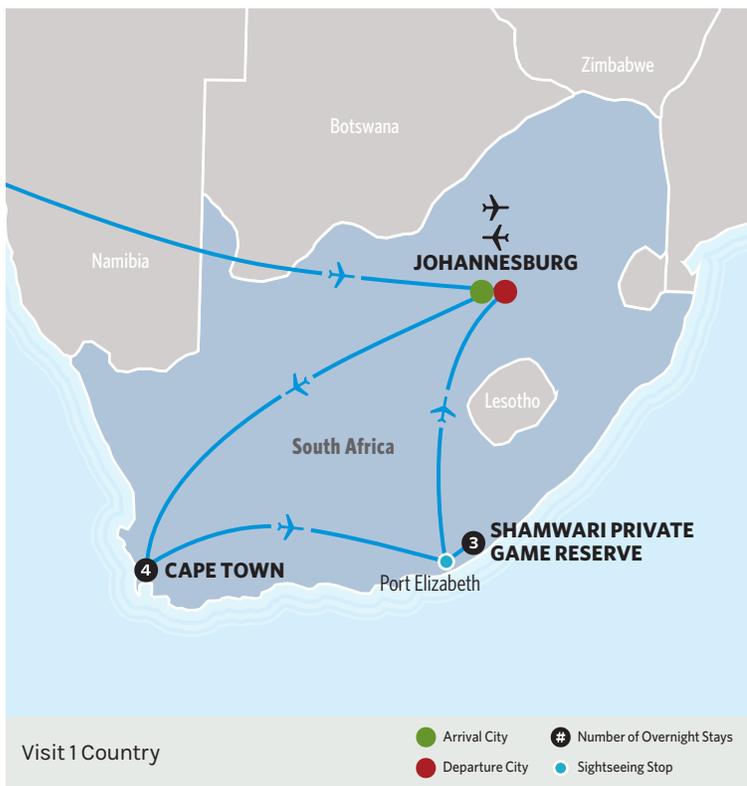
A free day to explore your surroundings. Perhaps visit to historic Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for almost three decades. **(B)**

DAY 6 Cape Town – Port Elizabeth (3 Nights)

Transfer from your hotel to Cape Town Airport for your included flight to Port Elizabeth. Upon arrival at Port Elizabeth you will be met and transferred to Shamwari Bayethe, your home for the next 3-nights. Your first game drive is scheduled for this afternoon. After checking in, meet your ranger over afternoon tea before setting off in search of wildlife. Make sure your camera is charged, you never know what you will encounter! **(B,L,D) Shamwari Bayethe Lodge (Superior Tent)**

DAY 7 Shamwari Game Reserve

Your day begins early. The freshly brewed coffee and tea with rusks (South African version of biscotti),



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fruit and muffins will prepare you for this morning's game drive with an expert ranger. After an exhilarating search for wildlife in the bush, you will stop for a break of hot drinks and snacks, and a chance to stretch your legs. Continue your game drive en-route back to the lodge for a hearty breakfast that awaits you on your return. After breakfast, you may enjoy a bush walk close to the camp, accompanied by a ranger and tracker. These walks offer you a better chance to see some of the smaller creatures of the bush, as well as an opportunity to learn more about the flora and fauna of the region and a chance to follow tracks in more detail. While on safari at Bayethe, you will learn how to make a South African dish during an **interactive cooking class**. In the late afternoon gather for high tea, before heading out with your ranger and tracker for an afternoon game drive through the reserve. The game drive extends into the evening to view the nocturnal animals come to life and the lions go out on their hunt! You will take a break somewhere out in the bush, in a scenic spot to watch a magnificent African sunset while sipping a **sundowner** cocktail. Return to lodge for a delicious dinner in the outdoor boma, or possibly enjoy dinner in the bush. **(B,L,D)**

DAY 8 Shamwari Game Reserve

Your wilderness experience begins today with another early start. You are accompanied by your expert game rangers, who will provide interesting information and anecdotes about the inhabitants of the bush. Each safari game drive is an opportunity to discover something new. While seeing big game is always exhilarating, there are many smaller species that are just as captivating. **(B,L,D)**

DAY 9-10 Port Elizabeth - Johannesburg - USA

After an early morning game drive to track the animals that may have eluded you so far, return to the lodge for breakfast. Later you will be transferred to Port Elizabeth for your scheduled flight to Johannesburg. Bid farewell to the place that has given you unforgettable wildlife encounters in the African bush. On arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport, connect with your scheduled international South African Airways flight back to the USA. Arrive home on day 10 with a lifetime of memories to share with your family and friends! (Flight included to New York (JFK)). **(B)**

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DAY 3 Cape Town

Today is at leisure to explore your surroundings at your own pace. Our experienced Africa Specialists would be happy to assist in arranging sight-seeing tours to suit your interests. **(BB)**

DAY 4 Cape Winelands

After an early breakfast, you will be met by your guide for today's tour to the exquisite Franschhoek Valley in the beautiful mountains of the Cape Winelands. The first stop is at **La Bourgogne Wine Farm**, which was

among the first Huguenot farms proclaimed in 1694, for an olive oil tasting and wine tasting. Next, head to the renowned **Haute Cabrière Vineyard Estate**. The estate was started over 300 years ago by Huguenot settlers from France, and primarily grows Chardonnay and Pinot Noir varietals. Enjoy tasting their wines while overlooking the breathtaking views of the valley. Your last stop is **La Petit Dauphine**, internationally known for their exceptional cuisine, followed by a set menu lunch at **Café Bon Bon**. Afterwards you'll have free time to explore the quaint little town of Franschhoek before returning to Cape Town. Dine tonight at the Camissa Brasserie, in your hotel. **(B,L,D)**

DAY 5 Cape Town

Enjoy a day at leisure in the captivating city of Cape Town or pre-book an optional Table Mountain and Cape Peninsula Tour exclusively for our Lion World Travel guests. On this tour, you will visit Table Mountain, the most iconic landmark of South Africa. Take a cable car ride up to the top (weather dependent)

to enjoy the magnificent view of the Cape. Continue on your tour of the Cape Peninsula and discover why the area earned the name of The Fairest Cape. Drive along the exquisite stretch of coastline known as **Millionaire's Paradise** — from Clifton to Camps Bay, to the exclusive beach hamlet of Llandudno — towards the charming working harbor of Hout Bay, where you may choose to take a Seal Island cruise. Drive along the legendary **Chapman's Peak**, hugging the cliffs and relishing the breathtaking ocean views. After free time for lunch, visit the wild and beautiful **Cape of Good Hope** Section of the **Table Mountain National Park**, an integral part of the world-renowned Cape Floral Kingdom, where you will have the opportunity to ride the Flying Dutchman funicular to the old lighthouse for awe-inspiring views! Drive back along the coast towards the City, visiting the historic naval port of Simon's Town and the endearing African penguin colony at **Boulders Beach**, before returning to your hotel. **(B,D)**



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DAY 6 Cape Town – Johannesburg – Hoedspruit (3 Nights)

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DAY 7 Thornybush Game Reserve

Your day begins early for a game drive, but it will be worth it! It is amazing what your skilled ranger and tracker can spot — from lions submerged in grass to chameleons in trees — often within a few yards of the vehicle. The reserve is home to an abundance of wildlife, including lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos, buffalo, zebras, giraffes, and wildebeest — any of which you might see. Return to the lodge where a hearty breakfast awaits you. Relax by the pool, enjoy the tranquility of the bush or take a

siesta to make up for the early morning wake-up call. Later this afternoon set out for another unforgettable safari. This is the time to discover the nocturnal species and if you're lucky, watch predators on the hunt. **(B,L,D)**

DAY 8 Thornybush Game Reserve

Your wilderness experience begins today with another early start. You are accompanied by your experienced game rangers, who will provide interesting information and anecdotes about the inhabitants of the bush. Each safari game drive is an opportunity to discover something new. While seeing big game is always exhilarating, there are many other smaller species that are just as captivating. **(B,L,D)**

DAY 9-10 Johannesburg – USA

After an early morning game drive to track the animals that may have eluded you so far, return to the lodge for breakfast. Later you will be transferred to Hoedspruit Airport for your scheduled flight to Johannesburg. Bid farewell to the place that has given you unforgettable wildlife encounters in the African bush. Arrive home on day 10 with a lifetime of memories to share with your family and friends! (Flight included to Washington D.C. (Dulles) or New York (JFK)). **(B)**

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Less than 15 Days	100% of tour cost

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Frequent flyer programs are under the control of the respective airlines. Your airline tickets will be electronically issued in lieu of paper tickets. Please note that your airline tickets and other tour documentation must bear your FULL name as it appears on your passport; and airline reservations can only be made for dates less than 331 days out.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Provided full payment has been received travel documents will be sent in electronic format no later than 21 days prior to departure. You may opt to receive hard copy documents in which case these will be sent to you approximately 21 days prior to

the departure date. If final payment is not received when due, costs to courier documents will be your responsibility. If you are leaving home earlier, please contact GET to request your travel documents well in advance. Please also make sure that you provide your flight details that are booked independently no less than 21 days prior to flight departure date. Please note that your airline tickets and other tour documentation must bear your FULL name as it appears on your passport. Please immediately review your travel documents. You are responsible for all terms, conditions and limitations stated therein.

PARTICIPATION: Guided Vacations require a blend of adventuresome spirit, physical fitness, walking ability, mental alertness, and a capacity for accepting situations as they exist and not, necessarily, as we would find them in America. Guests must ensure that they are medically and physically able to travel. Regrettably, motorized scooters are not permitted on guided vacations. If you have health concerns, we suggest that you contact your physician to help determine the suitability of one of these tours for you. We regret that we are unable to accept requests for special diets or itinerary variations. Disabled travelers requiring special attention or treatment on any tour must be reported when reservations are made. A companion who is able to provide the required assistance must accompany any person who is unable to travel independently or who needs any type of assistance.

SECURITY: Security is a major concern to all of us and the situation globally is constantly changing. Events around the world, coupled with the "Travel Advisories" put out by various governments may at times necessitate changes to the accommodations and itinerary or even trip cancellation. You must accept these risks involved in travel to any country that may experience security difficulties and accept responsibility for your own travel decisions.

BAGGAGE: Due to limited motorcoach storage capacity, each guest is permitted one large suitcase not to exceed 50 pounds in weight nor 30"x22"x10" in dimension on European programs. Handling of this bag by hotel porters is included in the price. In addition, each person is allowed one small piece of carry-on size luggage that does not exceed the dimensions of 12"x11"x6" and is the complete responsibility of the guest and must be taken on the motorcoach with you. Carry-ons with telescopic handles and wheels will not fit in the overhead compartments and therefore cannot be accepted as carry-on luggage for safety reasons. Other destinations have smaller baggage dimensions which are noted in your pre-tour documentation. GET does not assume any responsibility for loss or damage to baggage or passengers' belongings. Please note: It is your responsibility to verify the baggage weight restrictions for the individual airlines that you will be traveling on as in some instances baggage is restricted. Airline baggage charges collected at check-in are not included and are at passengers own expense.

EARLY DEPARTURE OR EXTENDED STAY: If you wish to depart early or extend your stay in Europe, flight and hotel arrangements can be made by contacting our office. Airport transfers are not included but may be purchased through GET. On most programs you can reserve up to 3 additional nights at the hotel where your itinerary starts and ends, however space may be limited and is subject to availability. Please call for our low cost rates and availability. Luggage handling and breakfast is not included on North American program extensions.

LAND ONLY: If you wish to make independent flight arrangements, you may still reserve the land portion. Hotel-airport transfers are subject to availability and flight details must be provided in writing at least 45 days prior to departure. See tour page for specific transfer times. If you make your own air arrangements, GET is not liable for any losses should you not arrive on time and no refunds will be given.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS: Complimentary airport arrival and departure transfers are included in the itinerary price when you purchase our land/air package and operate at fixed times on the first and last day of your itinerary.

See the individual itinerary pages for details. For those making their own flight arrangements extending at GET hotels, transfers can be purchased; please call for details. **London Heathrow Airport Arrivals:** For tours commencing in London, we have included a free group shuttle to/from LHR for clients that have booked our combined land/air packages. For clients that have made their own flight arrangements GET has negotiated rates for shuttle transfers from LHR to your London hotel (which must be booked through GET) at a price of \$60 per person per single trip to/from LHR. **London Gatwick Airport Arrivals:** Clients arriving at LGW who have booked our combined land/air packages are provided with a Gatwick Express train voucher to Victoria Station, and will need to make their own way from Victoria Station to the tour hotel. For clients that have made their own flight arrangements, we suggest you visit www.gatwickexpress.com for transfer information. To purchase airport transfers please call 1-855-403-1833.

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FOR YOUR COMFORT All Guided Vacations operates a daily seat rotation system and enforces a strict no smoking (including e-cigarettes) and no alcohol policy on board motorcoaches. Regular comfort stops are made on traveling days. Many hotels, restaurants, trains, cruises and other venues are 100% smoke free.

HOLIDAYS: During local or national holidays some museums, restaurants or sightseeing may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered wherever possible. At times, some itineraries may be operated in reverse; you will be advised at the time of booking.

HOTELS: The hotels reserved for our programs are rated as European Standard First Class, or Luxury for Insight Gold programs. All hotel rooms provide a private bath (and/or shower) and toilet. Hotel room sizes, standards, facilities and services may vary from country to country and region to region and are in local style. Accommodations outside of the United States do not necessarily offer the same level of amenities and may not be in compliance with the American Disabilities Act. All hotels are clean, comfortable and located so as to best facilitate guided sightseeing of the area. Hotels reserved for each program are indicated in the Day-By-Day Itinerary. If, for any reason, it becomes necessary to use other hotels, they will be of a similar standard, where possible. We only contract non-smoking rooms. All accommodations, meals and services have been designated as first class in Russia, Eastern Europe and provincial areas though some tourism facilities are less developed than what might normally be expected in this category. Tours in North and South America use Standard First Class hotels.

SINGLE ROOMS: A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement. While single rooms provide privacy, they are often smaller than twin-bedded rooms. We do offer the option to join our nonsmoking Room Share Program (subject to availability and eligibility requirements). The Room Share Program is not available on all programs and all pre or post extensions. Ask your Travel Specialist at time of booking if available. GET is not responsible for any claims, damages or losses relating to, or arising out of, the Room Share Program.

TRIPLE ROOMS: Triple room accommodations are available on a limited basis at a reduced price. Triple rooms usually consist of a twin-bedded room with an additional folding bed or cot for the third person. They may not be comfortable for three adults.

WI-FI: Complimentary Wi-Fi service is available in many hotel guestrooms. When such a service is not

available complimentary Wi-Fi will be available in the public areas of most hotels. In most countries complimentary Wi-Fi is also provided on-board the coaches. The Wi-Fi on the coaches uses the mobile phone network and as a result the connection will be slower than standard broadband and at times may not be available. In some countries this service will not be available. Please note that it is not available on local transfer/relief coaches when the main tour coach is not being used. For further information please refer to www.GETours.com.

MEALS: Please note in cases of early morning departures, FB (full breakfast) may not be available. We are unable to accept requests for special menus to meet dietary or religious requirements. Included meals are shown on each itinerary page.

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