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When it comes to travel, one size never fits all. And with Costsaver, it doesn't have to. We take care of your tour essentials, then you choose from over 1000+ Choice Experiences to make it your own. And while we're at it, together we'll leave a positive impact on the places, people and wildlife we encounter along the way.

So give Google a break and leave the booking and planning to us.

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WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

# TRAVEL THE WORLD. AND CHANGE IT.

When you choose to travel with Costsaver, you choose to make your travel matter.

We have a five-year How We Tread Right Sustainability Strategy that shapes everything we do, from the way we run our business, to the places we choose to visit, to the things we do there and more. It's based on 11 measurable goals anchored to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Here's a deeper dive into just three of them:

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION.

For us, this is the foundation of meaningful travel: to meet different people, experience diverse cultures, and learn new perspectives. Therefore it's engrained in everything we do, at all levels of our business.

# ON TRACK TO NET ZERO Emissions by 2050.

As the only tour company with validated near-term and long-term net zero science-based targets, we're dedicated to reducing and removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere to help combat climate change.

# MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCES.

On every tour you can experience at least one MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Working alongside local communities and organizations, these experiences are designed to leave a positive impact on the places, the people and the wildlife we encounter along the way. And the best bit, each advances at least one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.





WE SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Essentials by Us: Visit Lake Titicaca, the Andean 'birthplace of the sun,' and explore the Uros Islands. Meet the locals and discover the way life is lived on the water. This supports UN SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities & UN SDG: 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities. Included on Peru Explorer (p. 112) and South America Discovery (p. 113).

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Tailored by You: Step into a world where feathers flutter and songs fill the air. Visit a family-owned park in Iguassu Falls, a sanctuary within the subtropical forests, with 900+ native birds from 150 species. This supports UN SDG 15: Life On Land. Choice Experience on South America Samba (p. 113) and South America Discovery (p. 113).

# ESSENTIALS BY US

While our **Choice Experiences** are the (even more) fun bit, you can count on our team to deliver incredible itineraries with all your essentials included. From quality hotels to comfortable transport, tasty meals and doing good, you can travel knowing we've taken care of every last detail, crafted with over 105 years of experience and local knowledge on tap.





Essentials by Us: Rise early for a safari as we go in search of lion, leopard, rhino, elephant, and buffalo. Navigate dusty tracks, learn about the area, and immerse in Africa's magic. Included on every South African tour.

# 💐 QUALITY HOTELS.

After a busy day out and about doing your thing, you'll need a cosy, comfy place to

rest your head and come home to. Our range of quality hotels gives you everything you need and nothing you don't.



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

We know responsible travel is more than just a nice-to-have. With this in mind, we select experiences that help us do good in the world and set the strategy that guides how we run our offices and tours to be a force for good.

# **MANY MEALS INCLUDED**.

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From group dinners to buffet breakfasts and more, many days come with meals included. But we also know when it's worth letting you roam free so you can follow your tastebuds to iconic eateries and local markets.

# 💛 INSIDER KNOWLEDGE.

Our Travel Directors eat, sleep, and breathe the destinations they take you to, so you'll enjoy a host of insider tips and local secrets. Passionate and friendly, they'll make sure you're clued up and won't miss a beat from start to finish.

# COMFORTABLE TRANSPORT.

With years of experience our Drivers get you from A to B with no wrong turns in sight. They do it in air-conditioned coaches, equipped with onboard bathrooms, Wi-Fi, and charging stations, which are in the top tier for emissions and quality.

# ♥ ALL THE BIG SIGHTS.

While we're all about the offbeat paths, the roads frequently travelled can be pretty cool too. So we make sure you have access to all of the must-see landmarks on just about every one of our tours.

# ALL YOUR TRAVEL ESSENTIALS TAKEN CARE OF SO YOU CAN TAILOR THE REST...

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# 1000+ WAYS TO TAILOR YOUR TOUR.

While other tours have a set plan each day, Costsaver is more of a 'mix and match as you go' type vibe, through a curated selection of Choice Experiences available on every tour. This is the secret sauce that makes us, supercharging your tour beyond the included must-sees and giving you the flexibility to tailor your tour your way.

# HERE'S HOW CHOICE EXPERIENCES WORK.

Some days will have multiple options to choose from at any one time. Other days and times, just one. Some days, none at all. Simply opt into or out of each one based on your interests, your budget and even your mood that day. Choose what you want. Leave what you don't. Pay as you go. Happy days (and nights).

And because we take our sustainability efforts seriously, each itinerary also features at least one MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, where you'll make a difference to the planet, the people or wildlife you encounter.



Check out this symbol on the tour itinerary pages to see a sample of **Choice Experiences** on offer, and head to **costsavertour.com** to see even more







# **10-DAY JAPAN DISCOVERY TOUR.**

IMAGINE YOU'RE HEADING TO JAPAN WITH COSTSAVER... NOW IMAGINE THIS!

# DAY 1. ARRIVE TOKYO

Say 'Konnichiwa' to futuristic Tokyo. Meet up with your Travel Director for your included dinner and tuck into your first taste of Japan.



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Enjoy some included essential morning sightseeing like the Tokyo Metropolitan Observatory followed by some time to do your own thing in the afternoon.



Tokyo National Museum, Ameyoko & Ginza



vith Unlimited Drinks

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DAY 3. MT. FUJI & HAKONE

Included today is a visit to Mt. Fuji, the highest volcano in Japan. Catch the Komagatake Ropeway for views of Lake Ashi. See more in Hakone, before the night is yours back in Tokyo.



Kyoto's your playground for the day so you can explore it on your own terms. The afternoon is yours to choose...



Nara Visit & Ink Making Experience



Fushimi Inari Shrine & Kiyomizu Temple



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - Traditional Tea & Village Visit



# DAY 4. TOKYO TO KYOTO

Board the bullet train for Kyoto. Sightsee the Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji and visit the 80ft high Torii gate.

## DAY 6. KYOTO TO HIROSHIMA

Tour Kurashiki's Bikan Quarter en route to Hiroshima. For tonight's included dinner, tuck into okonomiyaki, a savoury pancake and Hiroshima favourite.



## DAY 10. FAREWELL OSAKA

After soaking up the culture, filling your belly and warming your heart, your epic Japan adventure reaches its finale! Now, the big question: what's next on your travel hit list?

# DAY 7. HIROSHIMA + TAILORED FUN

Cruise to Miyajima island to visit the Itsukushima Shrine and picture-perfect orange Torii gate. Back in Hiroshima, visit Peace Memorial Park, and UNESCO-listed Peace Memorial. The afternoon is yours to choose...



Discover the Secrets of Hiroshima

## DAY 9. HIMEJI TO OSAKA

Raise a glass or two at a sake tasting, before reaching Osaka! Later today you could choose...



& Osaka Castle



Dinner in Dotonbori



#### DAY 8. HIROSHIMA TO HIMEJI

Here's your chance to see a city with a fairy-tale-esque 400-year-old castle. Tonight, relax your way.

# YOUGET WHATYOU PAY FOR (LITERALLY).

# EXPERIENCE OVER EXTRAVAGANCE.

You'll enjoy value certainty from the get-go, with a cosy place to rest your head, comfortable transport, friendly guides, essential sightseeing and the perfectly planned itinerary all included. From there, just add Choice Experiences to suit your budget and interests. Easy, without the squeezy. BES

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# **BIG BANG, LITTLE BUCK.**

Think you can travel cheaper yourself? We ran the numbers and even just booking the tour essentials (think hotels, transport, and sightseeing) through us came out 30% cheaper than booking it yourself.

# SAVE ABOUT 30% WITH COSTSAVER.\*

#### HOTELS & MEALS

#### PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

#### MUST-SEE Sightseeing

#### TOTAL PER PERSON

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and managing bookings.

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Quality hotels all vetted and booked for you at our discounted rates, plus included meals.

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Private air-conditioned coach transportation with bathroom, charging ports, and Wi-Fi onboard. An experienced Driver who knows the way. Tolls included.

# ALL INCLUDED.

Orientation tours and access to must-see sights all planned and booked for you in advance. Transfers to and from your experiences also included.

## **A\$4,695** That's a saving of 30%\*

#### **PAYMENT & CANCELLATION FEES SUMMARY INFORMATION**

\*Based on comparing our 15-day European Accent, Costsaver tour^ and equivalent hotels, transportation, and sightseeing costs for independent travel. For a deeper dive into the cost comparison calculations check out costsavertour.com/cost-compare.

^Correct at the time of analysis in August 2024, based on April 2025 departure.

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Tailored by You: Be wowed as you glide through the UNESCO-listed Nærøyfjord. This fjord is a live-action painting with its waterfalls, snow-draped peaks, and quaint villages. Choice Experience on Highlights of Scandinavia (p. 62-63).

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Say OPA! As you dance the night away in Athens or kick up your heels in the pubs of Dublin. Graze your way through the streets of Seville. Cruise below the towering mountains of the Nærøyfjord and explore the ancient relics of Pompeii. Make each day your own. Plan and dream now, and book your Choice Experiences on trip. See what Costsaver guests are loving right now @costsavertours



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Tailored by You: Hop on a private boat and set sail through the Venetian Lagoon to the vibrant fishing island of Burano, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Choice Experience on European Accent (p. 26-27), Splendours of Italy (p. 36-37), and 4 other tours.

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# GLIMPSE OF EUROPE #CSGLIMPSEOFEUROPE

Enjoy the mesmerising landscapes, rich heritage and flavours of Europe. Travel through green Dutch countryside to the beautiful Rhine Valley, and from the shores of Lake Lucerne to Paris, the 'City of Light'. This brief encounter with the highlights of Europe will give you a taste of the diversity that makes this continent a favourite holiday destination.

# **ESSENTIALS BY US**



Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Amsterdam: Orientation includes the historic city centre

Cologne: View the Gothic Cathedral

Rhine Valley: Cruise the romantic Rhine

Schaffhausen: View the mighty Rhine Falls

Lucerne: Orientation includes views of the Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge

**Paris:** View the Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower

plus more

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#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE AMSTERDAM**

Start your unforgettable European adventure in Amsterdam. If you can tear your eyes from its scenic canals, you'll be staring at the city's teetering gabled homes that proclaim their birthyear with pride on their aged facades. There's no better way to immerse yourself fully in Amsterdam's gezelligheid than taking an optional canal cruise in a glass-topped boat this evening. Hotel: Holiday Inn Express - North Riverside

# Get the best view of the city on a private Amsterdam canal cruise from a glass-roofed boat.

Visit a working windmill, taste local gouda cheese and see how local artisans create handcrafted wooden shoes.

#### DAY 2. AMSTERDAM - COLOGNE - RHINE CRUISE - RHINELAND

From Amsterdam's leafy canals to the towering spires of Cologne, your morning will be jam-packed with sights you'll want to capture on camera as you head east into the lush landscapes of Germany. View the imposing Gothic Cologne Cathedral then head to Boppard where you'll board your river cruise down the Rhine. Pass storybook villages, terraced vineyards and medieval castles where feuding lords must have surveyed their lands once upon a time. Watch the soul-stirring scenery of the Rhine Valley unfold as you kick back and watch the world go by. Arrive later at your hotel where you'll join your travel companions for dinner. (B, D) Hotel: NH Mannheim Viernheim

#### DAY 3. RHINELAND - BLACK FOREST - RHINE FALLS - LUCERNE REGION

Straight out of a Brothers Grimm fairy tale, Germany's Black Forest is the perfect backdrop for this morning's scenic drive. You'll see why its enchanting landscapes have inspired myths and fables throughout the centuries before crossing into Switzerland. A quick stop in Schaffhausen means there's time to capture the cascading waters of the Rhine Falls, Europe's biggest waterfall, before you arrive in the scenic region of Lake Lucerne. This evening, consider a Choice Experience to a Swiss folklore show which will highlight many Swiss traditions including yodelling and alpine horn playing. (B) Hotel: City Brunnen

#### Indulge in Swiss fondue and yodelling for the ultimate Alpine dining experience. Prost!

#### DAY 4. LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

Join your Travel Director for an orientation through the Old Town and to the ancient Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument. See the mournful, mortally wounded lion hewn from rock to commemorate the sacrifice made by





the Swiss Guards who died defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution, then enjoy some time on your own. You'll then have the full day to discover why Lucerne earned its place on the 'Grand Tour' of Europe. You could choose to ascend to the alpine heavens, joining an optional scenic cruise across Lake Lucerne, then travel by railway and cable car into the mountains for exhilarating views. **(B, D)** 

Hop on a horse-drawn carriage and explore the Swiss countryside with local farmers. Soak up the scenic views!

Ride a cog-wheel train up Mount Pilatus, take in stunning views, descend by cable car and cruise a scenic lake.

#### **DAY 5. LUCERNE REGION - PARIS**

Enjoy a brief second encounter with the Rhine River when you head north, passing Basel en route to France. Admire the scenic views of the Burgundy wine region that follow your journey north to the French capital. Get a head start on your sightseeing and delve into Paris's grand past, dynamic present and exciting future on your own this evening. Why not join a Choice Experience, including a scenic river cruise and an illuminations drive, stopping at all the best photo spots? **(B)** 

Hotel: Novotel Pont de Sèvres

Cruise the Seine and admire historic landmarks - the Grand Palais, Eiffel Tower and more!

#### **DAY 6. PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Embrace elegance today with a full day to get under the skin of the City of Lights. Your Travel Director will deliver an excellent introduction during your sightseeing tour which includes views of the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower and Champs-Élysées. There's time to see the sights on your own this afternoon. You could choose to hit the shops or tread in the footsteps of Picasso and Dalí in Montmartre, exploring its maze of streets and Artists' Square. Tonight, the frills and flounces of the Can-Can girls at a cabaret promise an entertaining evening should you wish to join this Choice Experience. **(B)** 

Explore the winding streets, charming art galleries, and the lively Artists' Square of Montmartre with a Local Guide.



Experience the glamour of Nouvelle Eve, an icon of Parisian elegance. Enjoy dinner and French Cancan cabaret.

#### **DAY 7. DEPART PARIS**

After breakfast, say farewell to your fellow travellers at the end of your holiday. **(B)** 

# **READY TO GO?**

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# **ESSENTIALS BY US**



# Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Paris: View the Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower on your sightseeing tour

Lucerne: Orientation includes views of the Chapel Bridge and a visit to the Lion Monument

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

Florence: See Piazza Santa Croce

Rome: Visit St. Peter's Basilica and view the Colosseum

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#### **Key:** Start/end Overnights Sightseeing stops

Short on time, but big on appetite to see all the highlights from London to Rome? This 8-day journey including Italy's iconic Venice, Florence and Rome is the perfect fit for you. You'll see the Eiffel Tower in Paris, admire the tranquillity of Lake Lucerne, Burgundy vineyards and soul-stirring Tuscany until the 'Eternal City' caps your epic encounter with Europe.

#### **DAY 1. LONDON - PARIS**

Your journey to the continent begins today. Join your Travel Director and fellow travellers, travelling south through the pretty Kent countryside to Dover. Board your ferry to Calais and leave the chalky White Cliffs behind. Arriving in Paris, you'll have time to explore the 'City of Lights' on your own. The French capital glows bright both day and night, but consider a Choice Experience on the Seine this evening to make your introduction even more special. Hotel: Mercure Paris Porte d'Orleans

Cruise the Seine and admire historic landmarks - the Grand Palais, Eiffel Tower and more!

#### **DAY 2. PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Put the joy in joie de vivre when you embark on a full day to delve into the highlights of Paris. Your sightseeing tour conducted by your Travel Director will take you past the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe and the 'Iron Lady' herself, the Eiffel Tower. Relish the afternoon to do as you please. That could mean channelling your inner Parisian and sitting in a leafy park with a baguette and some cheese and wine. Consider an optional tour with a Local Guide to explore the cobbled streets of Montmartre. Tonight, colourful Can-Can dancers will entice you with their remarkable outfits should you choose to join a Choice Experience cabaret show. (B)

Explore the winding streets, charming art galleries, and the lively Artists' Square of Montmartre with a Local Guide.

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#### **DAY 3. PARIS - LUCERNE REGION**

Head through vineyards and valleys as you journey to Lucerne where a brief orientation will see you view the 14<sup>th</sup>-century

Chapel Bridge spanning the Reuss River. Visit the poignant Lion Monument, hewn from rock to honour the brave Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. There's time later to shop for all your Swiss souvenirs. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Kriens

#### DAY 4. LUCERNE REGION -Venice (oriago)

With your head in the clouds, you'll journey via the scenic St. Gotthard Pass into Italy. On your journey south, the soul-stirring landscapes of the Italian lakes stretch ahead as you venture to Venice, the 'Queen of the Adriatic'. The Winged Lion of St. Mark stands guard over the city. There's no better way to see the sights than gliding gracefully through its canals on a gondola – a Choice Experience that captures the essence of Venice like none other. **(B)** Hotel: Campanile Venice Mestre/LH Sirio Venice

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Ride an old-time railway and the world's only Cabrio cable car to Mt. Stanserhorn's peak for breath-taking panoramic views.

Glide along the Grand Canal and narrow waterways in style with a private water taxi cruise and gondola ride.





#### **DAY 5. VENICE ORIENTATION - FLORENCE**

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square and view the city's iconic sights, including St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace and Piazza San Marco. Stand in the centre of the square and capture the historic panorama which Napoleon once called 'the drawing room of Europe'. You'll see master craftspersons engaged in the centuries-

old glassblowing craft at a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Consider an opportunity to visit the colourful fisherman's island of Burano for an optional meal with drinks before heading to Florence. **(B, D)** Hotel: Starhotels Vespucci

Step aboard your private boat to discover multi-coloured houses and the fresh seafood of Burano.

#### DAY 6. FLORENCE - ROME

No expense was spared to exalt the glory of Florence through art and architecture and you'll see first-hand how this city paved its way to a modern age. Explore the treasures left behind by the Medici dynasty and famous artists like Da Vinci and Michelangelo during an orientation tour which includes a visit to Santa Croce Square, where some of the most famous sons of the Renaissance are buried. Enjoy time to shop for souvenirs or the city's famous gold and leathercraft before departing for Rome, the 'Eternal City'. **(B)** Hotel: Ergife Palace Explore Rome's charming piazzas and fountains with a Local Guide. Bring a coin to toss in the Trevi Fountain!

#### **DAY 7. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

There's no better way to see Rome than to dive right in, which is what you'll do when you meet your Local Guide for a sightseeing tour, followed by time to explore on your own or perhaps join a light-hearted evening revealing all the flavours that would make any Italian mamma proud. **(B)** 

Embrace la dolce vita during dinner with a light-hearted evening of delectable Italian dishes and Roman music.

#### **DAY 8. DEPART ROME**

Get your final fix of Rome before you prepare for your return journey. Say arrivederci to your newfound friends as the curtain closes on an epic journey from London to Rome. **(B)** 



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Get out of that armchair and experience the beauty of Europe with her centuries-old history, vibrant cities and splendid landscapes. You'll tick many bucket-list boxes on this 12-day trip that takes you from London to Paris, from the Swiss Alps to Italy, through the canals of Venice and on to Austria and finally through the Rhineland to Paris.

#### DAY 1. LONDON - PARIS

London bids you safe travels as you continue south through the Kent countryside to Dover and then on by ferry to Calais. Next stop is Paris, another capital that doesn't hold back and doesn't expect you to either. Take a walk through its grand past, dynamic present and exciting future, from the maze of streets that once nurtured great artists in Montmartre to the Eiffel Tower. Hotel: Ibis Alésia Montparnasse 14éme

#### **DAY 2. PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Hit Paris's grand boulevards on a city sightseeing tour with your Travel Director. See the Arc de Triomphe and Champs Élysées. Enjoy some time on your own before considering a real highlight this evening – an optional dinner and cabaret performance. **(B)** 

Explore the winding streets, charming art galleries, and the lively Artists' Square of Montmartre with a Local Guide.



#### **DAY 3. PARIS - LUCERNE REGION**

Journey through the idyllic French countryside before arriving in Lake Lucerne. You'll want to put the 'heart' of Switzerland in your pocket and take its history, culture and epic landscapes with you. **(B, D)** Hotel: SwissEver Zug

#### **DAY 4. LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

You have a full day to see the sights and explore Lucerne, starting with a morning orientation including the Chapel Bridge and the Lion Monument, hewn from rock to commemorate the brave Swiss Guards who died defending Louis XVI during the French Revolution. **(B)** 

Ride a cog-wheel train up Mount Pilatus, take in stunning views, descend by cable car and cruise a scenic lake.

Indulge in Swiss fondue and yodelling for the ultimate Alpine dining experience. Prost!

#### DAY 5. LUCERNE - FLORENCE

Your journey heads south to the city of Florence - home to various masterpieces of Renaissance architecture and outstanding fine arts. Enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers tonight as you prepare to soak up the beauty of the city, surrounded by Tuscan hills, that has remained unchanged throughout the centuries. **(B, D)** Hotel: The Gate

#### **DAY 6. FLORENCE - ROME**

Explore on your own or choose an optional guided tour of the city's piazzas and fountains. Linger in your favourite square, or perhaps enjoy a scoop or three of the local gelato and soak up the effervescent energy of a city that knows how to enjoy life. **(B)** Hotel: Ergife Palace/Raganelli

Explore Rome's charming piazzas and fountains with a Local Guide. Bring a coin to toss in the Trevi Fountain!

#### **DAY 7. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

You could spend a lifetime exploring Rome and just scratch the surface, but with your Local Guide on hand you'll dive right into the city's heart and soul. Head to Vatican City to watch people tread on holy ground. The rest of your day is free to explore the City. This evening, consider an optional dinner at one of the local restaurants. **(B)** 

Embrace la dolce vita during dinner with a light-hearted evening of delectable Italian dishes and Roman music.

#### DAY 8. ROME - VENICE

Journey on to Venice, which bewitches in all her Byzantine glory, softening even the hardest of





hearts with her opulence. Highlights include a cruise on a private launch to St. Mark's Square and views of the magnificent St. Mark's Basilica and Doge's Palace. The talent of master craftpersons are the star of the show later as you visit their glassblowing workshop, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. There's even time for an optional Gondola and Grand Canal cruise – grand palazzi, churches and

ornate bridges line your journey. **(B)** Hotel: Campanile Venice Mestre

Glide along the Grand Canal and narrow waterways in style with a private water taxi cruise and gondola ride.

#### **DAY 9. VENICE - INNSBRUCK**

Today, travel on to the capital of Austria's Tyrol region, Innsbruck, where you can 'ooh and aah' at the impressive ski jump and view the famed Golden Roof. Admire the fascinating crystal installations and browse for precious gifts and souvenirs at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Store. This evening, consider a Choice Experience at a traditional Tyrolean evening. **(B, D)** Hotel: Alphotel/Bon Alpina

Hop on a train with a Local Guide to Seefeld in the Tyrolean Alps. Try schnapps and even ride a horse.

Cheers to Tyrolean Tradition! Folklore, fun and two drinks included in Innsbruck's lively evening entertainment.

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#### DAY 10. INNSBRUCK - MUNICH - REILINGEN

Your first stop today is Munich where you can admire the Glockenspiel in the Marienplatz and the Hofbräuhaus. Continue onto the main cultural centre of the Rhineland. **(B, D)** Hotel: Achat Hotel Bad Durkheim

#### DAY 11. REILINGEN - COLOGNE - AMSTERDAM

Suitably inspired by its spires, you'll board a lazy river cruise down the Rhine past terraced vineyards and fairy-tale castles. Your experience of a lifetime ends in the free-thinking capital of the Netherlands. Immerse yourself in Amsterdam's gezelligheid as you soak up the buzz of the city's canals, gabled houses and festive squares. There's no better way to see the capital than from its waterways, why not join a Choice Experience in a glass-topped boat winding through Amsterdam's historic canal ring. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis Schiphol

Visit a working windmill, taste local gouda cheese and see how local artisans create handcrafted wooden shoes.



Get the best view of the city on a private Amsterdam canal cruise from a glassroofed boat.

#### **DAY 12. DEPART AMSTERDAM**

Say farewell to your Travel Director and travelling companions at the end of an amazing holiday. **(B)** 

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You won't be able to keep your eyes off the epic landscapes of the Rhine, Tuscany and the French Riviera as you journey from Amsterdam to all the main highlights of Europe. Explore Venice and Paris, encounter centuries of papal history in Rome and Avignon, and cruise down Europe's mightiest river.

#### DAY 1. LONDON - AMSTERDAM

This morning, meet your Travel Director and fellow travel companions, and continue to Dover. Travel by ferry to Calais, then wind your way through Belgium and the Netherlands to reach Amsterdam. Hotel: Ibis Schiphol

Get the best view of the city on a private Amsterdam canal cruise from a glassroofed boat.

#### **DAY 2. AMSTERDAM ORIENTATION**

It won't take long to fall in love with the Dutch capital. Your orientation tour will take you through the city's historic centre, then perhaps join a Choice Experience to Volendam where the Dutch traditions of cheese and clog making take centre stage or on an optional cruise through the city's canals. **(B)** 

Visit the UNESCO-listed Muiderslot Castle with a Local Guide and get a real taste of Dutch history.



Visit a working windmill to learn about cheese and clogs, and explore the charming Volendam.

#### DAY 3. AMSTERDAM - RHINE CRUISE - RHINELAND

You'd be forgiven for wanting to jump ship and stay forever as you cruise down the Rhine River, passing medieval villages on its shores, steep vineyards and storybook castles. **(B, D)** Hotel: NH Hirschberg

#### **DAY 4. RHINELAND - LUCERNE REGION**

Slice through the heart of Switzerland bound for Lucerne on your very own 'Grand Tour' of Europe. Take a step back in time when you join your Travel Director for an orientation tour, exploring the Old Town, the ancient wooden Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument. This afternoon, you'll have some time to explore the city your way, perhaps with some retail therapy. You could choose to ascend to the alpine heavens instead, joining an optional scenic cruise across Lake Lucerne to Stans, then travelling by railway and cable car up into the mountains for exhilarating mountain views. **(B, D)** Hotel: SwissEver Zug

#### Cruise Lake Lucerne, then ride a mountain railway and take a Cabrio cable car up to 6300ft on Mount Stanserhorn.

#### DAY 5. LUCERNE REGION - VENICE (ORIAGO)

Touch the sky when you follow the St. Gotthard highway south to Italy. Continue past Italy's enchanting Lake District and the Veneto Plains to Venice. You'll have some time to explore on your own or see Venice from its canals, by joining a Choice Experience cruise by private water taxi. **(B, D)** Hotel: II Burchiello

Glide along the Grand Canal and narrow waterways in style with a private water taxi cruise and gondola ride.

#### **DAY 6. VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square and view the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. Spend your time wandering in the calle of Venice and watch talented master craftspersons at a glassblowing demonstration, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Later, consider taking an optional cruise across the lagoon to colourful Burano Island. **(B)** 

#### Step aboard your private boat to discover multi-coloured houses and the fresh seafood of Burano.

#### DAY 7. VENICE - ROME

The 'Eternal City' beckons as you cross the Apennines through Tuscany to Rome. Consider joining an optional sightseeing tour of Rome's piazzas and fountains. **(B)** Hotel: Ergife Palace

#### **DAY 8. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Meet your Local Guide for a sightseeing tour that begins in the Vatican City. The dome of St. Peter's Basilica looms over the expansive St. Peter's Square - the impressive backdrop for time spent learning about the world's smallest country. The rest of the day is yours to explore. Perhaps join an optional







light-hearted meal in the evening, revealing all the flavours that would make any Italian mamma proud.**(B)** Hotel: Raganelli

Experience La Dolce Vita in Rome: savour delectable Italian dishes and delight in mesmerising Roman music.

#### **DAY 9. ROME - FLORENCE**

Now's your chance to experience Florence's artistic legacy in all its glory. Experience the heart of the city and see the Fountain of Neptune in Piazza della Signoria. This evening, consider joining a Choice Experience dinner in the Tuscan hills. **(B)** Hotel: The Gate

Follow Chianti's scenic road to Machiavelli's house for a feast with wine and music.

#### DAY 10. FLORENCE - PISA - MONACO -French Riviera

Give in to peer pressure and snap a few strategic photos featuring you and the extraordinary Leaning Tower of Pisa. Head south to the stylish shores of Monaco and the French Riviera. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Cannes Mandelieu

#### DAY 11. FRENCH RIVIERA FREE TIME

You have a full free day to do as you wish on the French Riviera. You may choose to join your fellow travellers for a Choice Experience of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. **(B)** 

#### DAY 12. FRENCH RIVIERA -Avignon - Lyon

Today you'll travel to the heart of Provence and the city of Avignon. A brief brush with the Papacy in the 14th century has gifted Avignon with one of the world's most incredible religious architectural legacies. While it may no longer hold the importance that the Vatican does today, views of its Palace of the Popes and St. Bénezet Bridge are just as inspiring. Later today, you'll arrive in Lyon. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis Styles Hotel Lyon Confluence

#### DAY 13. LYON - VERSAILLES - PARIS

Travel north through scenic countryside. Stop in Versailles and consider a Choice Experience to visit the magnificent Palace of Versailles before arriving in Paris. **(B)** Hotel: Novotel Pont de Sèvres

#### **DAY 14. PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

See some of Paris' iconic sights, including the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées and Eiffel Tower. Then spend the rest of the day discovering the city on your terms. Don't resist the urge to join a Choice Experience for a dinner and cabaret performance. **(B)** 

Explore the winding streets, charming art galleries, and the lively Artists' Square of Montmartre with a Local Guide.

#### DAY 15. DEPART PARIS

This morning, after breakfast, say farewell to your fellow travellers.  $(\ensuremath{\textbf{B}})$ 

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# Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Lucerne: Visit the Lion Monument and view the Chapel Bridge

Verona: View the Roman Arena and Juliet's Balcony

Venice: Cruise by private boat to St. Mark's Square

Rome: See the ancient sites with a Local Guide

Florence: See Piazza Santa Croce

Pisa: View the Leaning Tower

Paris: View the Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower

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Explore the romantic landscapes, pretty medieval villages and stately capitals of Europe on this 18-day voyage from Amsterdam to Rome and Paris with visits to Vaduz and Monaco along the way. You'll cruise down the Rhine, see the mournful lion of Lucerne and visit Vatican City as you capture all the exhilarating highlights of Europe.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE AMSTERDAM**

We kick off our Europe adventure in historic, yet trendy Amsterdam where you could choose to join an optional city cruise in a glasstopped boat. Hotel: Ibis Schiphol

Visit a working windmill, taste local gouda cheese and see how local artisans create handcrafted wooden shoes.



Get the best view of the city on a private Amsterdam canal cruise from a glassroofed boat.

#### DAY 2. AMSTERDAM - COLOGNE - RHINE CRUISE - RHINELAND

Head east through the lush landscapes of Germany, stopping in Cologne to view its Gothic cathedral before boarding your cruise down the Rhine. **(B, D)** Hotel: NH Mannheim Viernheim

#### DAY 3. RHINELAND - COLMAR -Lucerne region

History comes to life as you journey through the vineyards of Alsace to Colmar, which looks like it belongs in a Brothers Grimm fairy tale. Continue through the mountains near Lake Lucerne. **(B, D)** Hotel: City Brunnen

#### DAY 4. LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME

Your Travel Director will take you on an orientation tour through Lucerne's Old Town. Then let the 'heart' of Switzerland capture yours as you immerse yourself in its history and epic scenery. **(B)** 

#### Cruise Lake Lucerne, then ride a mountain railway and take a Cabrio cable car up to 6300ft on Mount Stanserhorn.

Indulge in Swiss fondue and yodelling for the ultimate Alpine dining experience. Prost!

#### DAY 5. LUCERNE REGION - LIECHTENSTEIN - INNSBRUCK

Big things come in small packages as you'll come to discover when you visit the Principality of Liechtenstein. Continue to Innsbruck and admire the Hofburg Palace and Emperor Maximilian's Golden Roof. Marvel at the fascinating crystal installations at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Store. **(B, D)** Hotel: Alphotel/Bon Alpina

#### DAY 6. INNSBRUCK - VERONA -Venice (mestre)

Verona certainly is the stuff of legends. View Juliet's Balcony and admire the Roman Arena before continuing to Venice for an optional gondola and Grand Canal cruise. **(B, D)** Hotel: LH Sirio Venice

Glide along the Grand Canal and narrow waterways in style with a private water taxi cruise and gondola ride.

#### **DAY 7. VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square then visit a glassblowing workshop, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. There's time to join a Choice Experience to the vibrant rainbow-coloured facades of Burano Island. **(B)** 

#### Step aboard your private boat to discover multi-coloured houses and the fresh seafood of Burano.

#### **DAY 8. VENICE - ROME**

Cross the Veneto plains and Apennine hills, travelling south to Rome. Consider joining a Choice Experience to see some of the city's most iconic sights followed by a dinner of Italian specialities. **(B)** Hotel: Ergife Palace



Explore Rome's charming piazzas and fountains with a Local Guide. Bring a coin to toss in the Trevi Fountain!

#### **DAY 9. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

With so much to see and do, you could explore Rome for an eternity without getting bored. Get to grips with the city's main attractions, joining a Local Guide in the Vatican City, the world's smallest country. **(B)** 

#### DAY 10. ROME - BAY OF NAPLES

Head south past the Abbey of Monte Cassino, the site of fierce battles during World War II, to Sorrento. Arrive just in time to perhaps spend the afternoon taking an optional drive along the Amalfi Coast. **(B, D)** Hotel: Europa

Cruise on the Amalfi Coast and take in Positano's rainbow-coloured homes and clear blue seas.

#### DAY 11. BAY OF NAPLES - FLORENCE

Don't miss the opportunity to join a Choice Experience to see the excavations of Pompeii. Continue to Florence and check in to your hotel for an evening at leisure. **(B, D)** Hotel: Starhotels Vespucci

#### DAY 12. FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Local Guide this morning for a walking tour of Florence's historic centre, including views of Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery, and Piazza della Signoria. Admire panoramic views from Piazzale Michelangelo. **(B)** 

Discover Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, with a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts.

# DAY 13. FLORENCE - PISA - MONACO - FRENCH RIVIERA

Snap a few strategic photos featuring you and the extraordinary Leaning Tower of Pisa. Your journey west stretches out to the shimmering Mediterranean coast, where the Principality of Monaco awaits. Next stop, the French Riviera. (**B**) Hotel: Ibis Cannes Mandelieu

#### DAY 14. FRENCH RIVIERA FREE TIME

Rest and relaxation are the order of the day, but when you're ready to pull yourself

away from the sun-lounger, opt for a Choice Experience visit to Saint-Paul-de-Vence. **(B)** Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Nice Grand Arenas

Discover Saint-Paul-de-Vence's medieval secrets, scenic Corniche Roads, a perfumery, and savour local cuisine.

#### DAY 15. FRENCH RIVIERA - AVIGNON - BEAUNE

See some of the world's most incredible religious architectural legacies in Avignon, before arriving in the historic walled town of Beaune, in the heart of the Burgundy wine region. **(B)** Hotel: Greet Hotel Beaune

#### **DAY 16. BEAUNE - VERSAILLES - PARIS**

Head north to the opulence of Versailles where a Choice Experience could see you visit the Hall of Mirrors, before continuing on to Paris. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis Alésia Montparnasse 14éme

Cruise the Seine and admire historic landmarks - the Grand Palais, Eiffel Tower and more!

#### DAY 17. PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Hit the grand boulevards on a city sightseeing tour of Paris with your Travel Director, including the Arc de Triomphe and Champs-Élysées. Don't resist the urge to join an optional visit to Montmartre this afternoon, followed by an optional dinner and cabaret performance. **(B)** 

Explore the winding streets, charming art galleries, and the lively Artists' Square of Montmartre with a Local Guide.

#### **DAY 18. DEPART PARIS**

Say a fond farewell to newfound friends at the end of your holiday. **(B)** 

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Venice: Cruise by private boat to St. Mark's Square and visit a glassblowing workshop

Athens: Visit the ancient Acropolis

Rome: See the ancient sites

Barcelona: See La Sagrada Família Cathedral with a Local Guide

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#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE AMSTERDAM**

Home to bikes, clogs, cheese, canals and windmills, it can only be the Netherlands! Choose to see the city from a private canal cruise in a glass-topped boat. Hotel: Ibis Schiphol

Get the best view of the city on a private Amsterdam canal cruise from a glassroofed boat.

#### **DAY 2. AMSTERDAM ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

It won't take long to fall in love with the Dutch capital on an orientation through the city's historic centre. Later, choose from some tempting Choice Experiences to make your day your own. **(B)** 

#### DAY 3. AMSTERDAM - RHINE CRUISE - RHINELAND

Cruise down the Rhine River, passing medieval villages, vineyards and castles. (**B**, **D**) Hotel: NH Bingen

#### **DAY 4. RHINELAND - LUCERNE REGION**

Explore the sights of Lucerne like the Old Town, Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge. **(B)** Hotel: City Brunnen

#### **DAY 5. LUCERNE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

Mountain heights, lakes and green landscapes, Lucerne is a mix of quintessential Switzerland. Explore it your way today with our Choice Experiences. **(B, D)** 

Ride a cog-wheel train up Mount Pilatus, take in stunning views, descend by cable car and cruise a scenic lake.

#### **DAY 6. LUCERNE - VENICE (MESTRE)**

Follow the St. Gotthard Pass, winding past mountain scenery to the 'Queen of the Adriatic', Venice! **(B)** Hotel: San Giuliano

#### **DAY 7. VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square and view the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. Watch master craftspersons at a glassblowing demonstration, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. **(B)** 

Step aboard your private boat to discover multi-coloured houses and the fresh seafood of Burano.

#### DAY 8. VENICE - OPATIJA - PLITVICE

Farewell Italy, hello Croatia! Get your first taste in Opatija before arriving in Plitvice, home to the epic waterfalls you'll explore tomorrow. **(B, D)** Hotel: Big House Plitvička Jezera

#### DAY 9. PLITVICE LAKES - DUBROVNIK

Join a Local Guide for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience to learn about the UNESCO-listed Plitvice Lakes. After your visit, continue to the walled city of Dubrovnik. (**B**) Hotel: Villas Plat

#### DAY 10. DUBROVNIK SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

It's one iconic highlight after another in Dubrovnik on this morning's locally guided sightseeing tour, with courtyards and limestone streets throwing you back to the city's Golden Age. **(B)** 

#### DAY 11. DUBROVNIK - KOTOR - TIRANA

Explore Tirana's Skanderbeg Square, the Palace of Culture, Prime Ministry building, the Presidential office and the Pyramid Building. (**B**, **D**) Hotel: VH Eurostar

#### **DAY 12. TIRANA ORIENTATION**

It's one blockbuster sight after the next. Your orientation tour of Tirana will take you through the city's colourful architecture, a blend of Ottoman, Fascist and Soviet styles. **(B)** 

#### DAY 13. TIRANA - KALAMBAKA

Cross the scenic Plains of Thessaly to Kalambaka. This afternoon, join an optional tour of the gravity defying Meteora monasteries that cling impressively to immense rounded rock towers. **(B, D)** Hotel: Aeton Melathron

Take a spiritual journey through majestic Meteora, home to six restored monasteries and stunning frescoes.

#### DAY 14. KALAMBAKA - ATHENS

Welcome to Athens, the 'Cradle of Western Civilisation'. Lace up your walking shoes and pound the pavement in search of artistry, architecture and archaeological treasures. **(B)** Hotel: Novotel/Zafolia

#### DAYS 15 - 17. ATHENS

Consider joining a three-day Aegean Cruise with stops in Santorini and Mykonos. Or continue your exploration by land with Choice Experiences providing in-depth encounters with ancient history.

Travel back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC at Cape Sounion and see Byron's carvings at the Temple of Poseidon.

Cross the Corinth Canal to visit Mycenae and the theatre of Epidaurus. Stop at Nafplion, Greece's first capital.

#### DAY 18. ATHENS - ROME

Whether you're a foodie or just like to take in the local vibe, choose to tick off Rome's quintessential Italian piazzas and fountains with a Local Guide. **(B)** Hotel: Ergife Palace

Explore Rome's charming piazzas and fountains with a Local Guide. Bring a coin to toss in the Trevi Fountain!

#### DAY 19. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Choice Experience to the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums. Join a Local Guide in St. Peter's Square. See the Colosseum and the other ancient sites of Rome. **(B)** 

Experience La Dolce Vita in Rome: savour delectable Italian dishes and delight in mesmerising Roman music.

#### DAY 20. ROME - FLORENCE

In Florence, experience a Peruzzi Leatherwork Demonstration. The best way to sample all the local cuisine? Head into the Tuscan Hills for dinner on an unforgettable Choice Experience. (**B**, **D**) Hotel: I Gigli

Join a Local Guide to discover Florence's Renaissance heritage, including a stop to savour creamy Italian gelato.

# DAY 21. FLORENCE - PISA - MONTE CARLO - FRENCH RIVIERA

Don't resist peer pressure and snap a few strategic photos featuring you and the extraordinary Leaning Tower of Pisa. Head to the stylish shores of Monaco and the French Riviera. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis Cannes Mandelieu

#### DAY 22. FRENCH RIVIERA FREE TIME

Oh là là! A full free day on the French Riviera. Join a Choice Experience to Saint-Paulde-Vence home of the famed perfumery – Fragonard. **(B)** 

#### DAY 23. FRENCH RIVIERA - BARCELONA

The Mediterranean coastline stretches ahead. You'll take a scenic right and end up in the eclectic city of Barcelona. **(B, D)** Hotel: Novotel Sant Joan Despi

#### **DAY 24. BARCELONA FREE TIME**

Tour the lanes of the Gothic Quarter past the facades of Gaudí. Tailor your day with a visit to the Montserrat monastery to see the beloved Black Madonna. **(B)** 

See the fiery passion of flamenco at one of the best shows in Barcelona, with dinner included.

#### DAY 25. BARCELONA - PAMPLONA SIGHTSEEING

Wind through Catalonia's vineyards to Pamplona. Your Travel Director shows off Gaudí's La Sagrada Família and the Plaça de Catalunya. See it all from above from the top of Montjuïc. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis Styles Noain

#### DAY 26. PAMPLONA - BIARRITZ - BORDEAUX

Stop in Biarritz with free time to explore the city and view the impressive lighthouse before continuing to Bordeaux. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Centre Mériadeck

#### DAY 27. BORDEAUX - TOURS - PARIS

Wind your way through the French countryside to the city of Tours. Discover a fascinating medieval heart, reflected in its timber-framed houses and Renaissance mansions. **(B)** Hotel: Novotel Pont de Sèvres

Cruise the Seine and admire historic landmarks - the Grand Palais, Eiffel Tower and more!

#### DAY 28. PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Dive into Paris, capturing your picture by the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe and shopping on the Champs Élysées. Maybe join a Local Guide exploring Montmartre. Or, see the city from Montparnasse's Panoramic Observation Deck. **(B)** 

#### DAY 29. DEPART PARIS

All good things must come to an end. This morning, after breakfast, say farewell to your fellow travellers.

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#### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Rome: View the Colosseum and see the ancient sites with your Local Guide

**Pisa:** Visit the Square of Miracles

Florence: See the Duomo and Ponte Vecchio with a Local Guide

Verona: View the Roman Arena and Juliet's Balconv

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

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#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE ROME**

Buongiorno! Rome kicks off your epic Italian trilogy. After checking in to your hotel, spend the rest of the day relaxing or pound the pavements to discover why Rome so deserves its title, the 'Eternal City'. Later, you'll meet up with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a glimpse into what lies ahead. There's even time for a leisurely stroll to one of the city's thronging piazzas to people-watch or to join a Choice Experience dinner in a Roman trattoria. Embrace life lived the Italian way – to the fullest. Hotel: Raganelli

Unleash your inner Audrey: experience Italy with authentic cuisine, wine and live music at a local trattoria.

#### **DAY 2. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

With so much to see and do, you could explore Rome for an eternity without getting bored. Get to grips with the city's main attractions, joining a Local Guide. See St. Peter's Basilica before crossing the Tiber to view the mighty Colosseum and the countless other ancient sites which featured prominently in the days of the powerful Roman Empire. **(B)** 

Walk the 'Sacred Way', see where the Roman Senate once met, and where Mark Antony delivered his immortal speech.

Admire the Arch of Constantine and tread in the footsteps of gladiators and Roman soldiers.

OR

#### DAY 3. ROME - PISA - FLORENCE (PRATO)

A mesmerising journey through the rolling vineyards and olive groves of Tuscany awaits. Visit Pisa and its Square of Miracles, one of the most beautiful architectural complexes in the world. Yield to peer pressure and snap a few strategic photos featuring you and the extraordinary Leaning Tower of Pisa. You'll have some time for souvenir shopping before continuing to Florence. This evening, there's an opportunity to head into the Tuscan Hills for dinner on an unforgettable Choice Experience. **(B)** Hotel: I Gigli

Fulfil your Florentine dreams with a delightful dinner at a regional restaurant in the Tuscan Hills.

#### DAY 4. FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Now's your chance to experience it in all its glory with your Local Guide at your side. View the Baptistery, Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower and Ponte Vecchio before paying a visit to Piazza della Signoria and witnessing a demonstration revealing the centuries-old Florentine trade of leatherwork. Later on, why not visit San Gimignano as part of a Choice Experience? **(B, D)** 

Discover Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, with a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts.





Travel to San Gimignano's impressive hilltop and savour the creamiest authentic Italian gelato.

#### DAY 5. FLORENCE - VERONA - VENICE (MESTRE)

Journey across the dramatic Apennine Mountains to Verona, the home of

Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. View the vast Roman Arena, where concerts are still held several centuries after it was built to entertain the citizens of this fair city. Juliet's Balcony is a further highlight, revealing the tragic story of the Montague and Capulet family feud. Your journey continues to Venice, for the next two nights. Time on your own means an opportunity to head out to the islands in the Venice lagoon and explore one of the world's most romantic cities, watching the busy traffic on its canals over a crisp glass of Aperol

Spritz, or to embark on a Choice Experience taking a water taxi into Venice

and a gondola ride along its narrow waterways. Salute! **(B, D)** Hotel: LH Sirio Venice

Glide along the Grand Canal and narrow waterways in style with a private water taxi cruise and gondola ride.

#### **DAY 6. VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square, in the heart of Venice. All the main attractions are within walking distance of the Piazza San Marco so you can take snapshots of the Byzantine Basilica of St. Mark. Spend your time wandering the calle of Venice, then watch talented masters at work engaged in the same craft as their ancestors from centuries ago. Witness the beautiful glass creations that are characteristic of Venice, being made during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Consider a Choice Experience cruise across the lagoon to the colourful island of Burano. **(B)** 

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Climb through history at the monumental Palazzo Pisani to enjoy a roof with spectacular views.



Get lost in Venice's labyrinthine streets with a Local Guide who'll dish on the city's history.

#### **DAY 7. DEPART VENICE**

Brief and jam-packed, this memorable encounter with Italy's favourite cities has been brimming with culture, history and culinary delights. We hope you tossed a coin in the Trevi Fountain to secure your speedy return to Rome, but if you didn't, you'll have a heart full of fond memories that will stay with you forever. For now, it's arrivederci, but not farewell forever as you say goodbye to your Travel Director and newfound friends. **(B)** 

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Trip departure months

May - Dec



Trip code

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# Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Rome:** View the Colosseum, the ancient sites and see St. Peter's Basilica

Assisi: Visit St. Francis' town

Venice: Cruise to St. Mark's Square

Verona: View Juliet's Balcony

Italian Lakes: Visit Lake Como

Pisa: View the Leaning Tower

Florence: With your Local Guide, see the Baptistery, the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo and Giotto's Bell Tower

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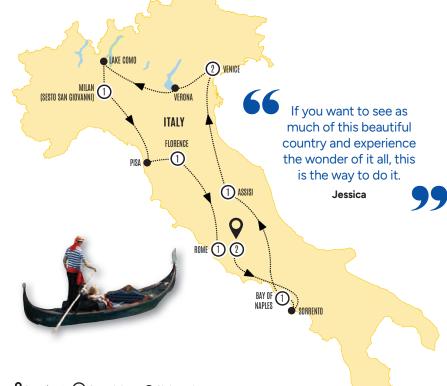
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The cities of Florence, Venice and Rome are masterful creations as your 10-day exploration of Italy will reveal. Embrace the energy of Italy and savour the lingering scents of lemons in Sorrento. Lose yourself in a love story in Verona, pay tribute to St. Francis of Assisi and snap a selfie of the leaning tower in Pisa.

#### DAY 1. ARRIVE ROME

The 'Eternal City' has captivated travellers for centuries and you'll not be disappointed as it prepares you for an exhilarating journey across Italy. Check in to your hotel, then get ready for your very own introduction to Rome. Later this evening, you'll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers followed by a Choice Experience dinner in a characteristic trattoria. Hotel: Ergife Palace Unleash your inner Audrey Hepburn experience Italy with authentic cuisine, wine and live music at a local trattoria.

#### **DAY 2. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

With so much to see and do, you could explore Rome for an eternity without getting bored. Join a Choice Experience to the Roman Forum or start your day the Italian way. Get to grips with the city's main attractions, joining a Local Guide. Cross the Tiber to view the mighty Colosseum and the countless other ancient sites which featured prominently in the days of the powerful Roman Empire. **(B)** 

Admire the Arch of Constantine and tread in the footsteps of gladiators and Roman soldiers.

Walk the 'Sacred Way', see where the Roman Senate once met, and where Mark Antony delivered his immortal speech.



Explore Rome's charming piazzas and fountains with a Local Guide. Bring a coin to toss in the Trevi Fountain!

#### DAY 3. ROME - SORRENTO - BAY OF NAPLES

The Bay of Naples beckons and our first stop is in the picture-perfect resort town of Sorrento. Pastel-hued residences cling impossibly to craggy cliffs that plunge into the deep blue waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Enjoy your time soaking up the sun-drenched views or consider a Choice Experience to the artists' paradise of Positano, followed by a scenic drive along the Amalfi coast. **(B)** Hotel: Europa

Cruise on the Amalfi Coast and take in Positano's rainbow-coloured homes and clear blue seas.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Tour a farm, learn about cheese making and feast on local delicacies whilst exploring Sorrentino's countryside.

#### DAY 4. BAY OF NAPLES - ASSISI

Enjoy the atmosphere as you explore the beautiful Bay of Naples during your free time this morning. Alternatively, choose to join a Choice Experience guided walking tour of Pompeii. Later, you'll journey past Cassino and see the monastery which featured as a backdrop for some of the fiercest battles of World War II. Then, head north to Assisi where an orientation reveals a medieval town that has changed very little since the time of St. Francis. **(B, D)** Hotel: Frate Sole

#### DAY 5. ASSISI -VENICE (MESTRE)

Your journey continues across the Apennines and through the Emilia-Romagna region, credited with being the origin of tortellini, mortadella and parmesan cheese. Before you know it, you'll have arrived in Venice. **(B, D)** Hotel: II Burchiello

Glide along the Grand Canal and narrow waterways in style with a private water taxi cruise and gondola ride.

#### **DAY 6. VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

Embark on a cruise by private launch to bustling St. Mark's Square in the heart of Venice. Admire the most famous of Venice's





417 bridges, the Bridge of Sighs, and enjoy views of the Doge's Palace and the Byzantine St. Mark's Basilica. Later, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, when the extraordinary talents of glassblowers take centre stage during a visit to their workshop. **(B)** 

Get lost in Venice's labyrinthine streets with a Local Guide who'll dish on the city's history.

Step aboard your private boat to discover multi-coloured houses and the fresh seafood of Burano.

#### DAY 7. VENICE - VERONA - LAKE COMO - MILAN (Sesto San Giovanni)

The plains of Veneto are all that stand between you and Verona, the stage for

Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. View the vast Roman Arena and Juliet's Balcony, from which a fictional Juliet once called for her Romeo. Arriving on the shores of Lake Como, you'll see why the scenic setting has been a summer retreat of the rich and famous for centuries. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. **(B, D)** Hotel: Grand Barone di Sassj

Hop on a luxurious cruise of Lake Como's stunning scenery, complete with elegant villas and dreamy gardens.

#### DAY 8. MILAN (SESTO SAN GIOVANNI) - PISA -Florence (prato)

Pisa's white marble facades gleam in the sunshine, but it is the famous Leaning Tower that gets most of the glory when you visit this 'Field of Miracles'. After a short drive from Pisa, you'll arrive at your hotel near Florence. This evening, consider joining an optional dinner in the Tuscan hills. **(B)** Hotel: Starhotels Vespucci

Fulfil your Florentine dreams with a delightful dinner at a regional restaurant in the Tuscan Hills.

#### **DAY 9. FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING - ROME**

Your Local Guide shares a superb commentary of the city's artistic and architectural heritage during a walking tour, which includes views of the Baptistery, the Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and Giotto's Bell Tower. Visit Piazza della Signoria and squeeze in some time for shopping before returning to Rome. **(B)** Hotel: Ergife Palace

Say farewell to Rome with an evening of unforgettable sights, entertainment, and dinner.

#### DAY 10. DEPART ROME

If Italy has become engraved in your heart as it did for celebrated poet Robert Browning, you'll have a hard time saying arrivederci. Bid your Travel Director and travel companions a fond farewell. **(B)** 

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# Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Rome: See the ancient sites

Assisi: Orientation tour and views of the Basilica of St. Francis

Venice: Cruise to St. Mark's Square

Verona: View Juliet's Balcony

Lugano: Visit this magnificent resort

Pisa: See the Leaning Tower

Florence: With your Local Guide, see the historic centre and visit Piazza della Signoria

Siena: Visit this medieval city

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Embrace excess as you travel the length and breadth of 'la bella Italia'. From the former capital of the world to the sun-kissed south, the birthplace of the Renaissance to the Bay of Naples – this grand 13-day exploration of Italy will reveal why Verdi proclaimed he would gladly exchange the entire universe for Italy. One day you may feel the same.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE ROME**

Take time to embrace the Italian passion for life on this adventure that starts and ends in the 'Eternal City' of Rome. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a glimpse of what's in store, then continue your independent exploration of Rome or join the group for a Choice Experience dinner featuring typical Italian cuisine with music. Hotel: Ergife Palace Unleash your inner Audrey: experience Italy with authentic cuisine, wine and live music at a local trattoria.

#### **DAY 2. ROME SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Your Local Guide will reveal the treasures and main attractions of Rome. Continue to Ancient Rome, then explore on your own or join a Choice Experience to discover the city's piazzas. **(B)** 

Explore Rome's charming piazzas and fountains with a Local Guide. Bring a coin to toss in the Trevi Fountain!

#### DAY 3. ROME - BAY OF NAPLES

This morning, consider joining a Choice Experience to the Vatican Museums. The Bay of Naples beckons and you'll head south past the Abbey of Monte Cassino. Perhaps, spend the afternoon on a Choice Experience drive along the Amalfi Coast. **(B, D)** Hotel: Europa

Walk the 'Sacred Way', see where the Roman Senate once met, and where Mark Antony delivered his immortal speech.

Cruise on the Amalfi Coast and take in Positano's rainbow-coloured homes and clear blue seas.

#### **DAY 4. SORRENTO EXCURSION**

Hug the craggy coast to Sorrento. Don't leave the town's historic harbour without sampling some local specialities. **(B)** 

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Tour a farm, learn about cheese making and feast on local delicacies whilst exploring Sorrentino's countryside.

#### DAY 5. BAY OF NAPLES - ASSISI

Enjoy a relaxing morning or choose a Choice Experience to see the excavations of Pompeii. Later, we journey to the heart of Italy to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis. **(B, D)** Hotel: Frate Sole

#### DAY 6. ASSISI - VENICE (ORIAGO)

Cross the dramatic Apennine Mountains, bound for Venice. You'll arrive just in time for an optional gondola ride and Grand Canal cruise, followed by dinner at your hotel. (**B**, **D**) Hotel: San Giuliano/II Burchiello

Glide along the Grand Canal and narrow waterways in style with a private water taxi cruise and gondola ride.

#### **DAY 7. VENICE ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

Cruise by private launch to St. Mark's Square, the gateway to the city. There's time on your own to explore before you visit a glassblowing workshop to see the talents of craftspersons at work at a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This afternoon, perhaps join a Choice Experience to the vibrant rainbow-coloured facades of Burano Island. **(B)** 

Get lost in Venice's labyrinthine streets with a Local Guide who'll dish on the city's history.

Step aboard your private boat to discover multi-coloured houses and the fresh seafood of Burano.

#### DAY 8. VENICE - VERONA - LUGANO - MILAN

Today, stop in Verona and view the balcony where a fictional Juliet called for her Romeo. Admire the Roman Arena, then cross the Swiss border to visit the pretty lakeside resort of





Lugano. Later, return to Italy where tonight you'll dine at your hotel. **(B, D)** Hotel: Grand Duca di Mantova/Grand Barone di Sassj

### DAY 9. FREE DAY OR EXPLORE THE TREASURES OF MILAN AND LAKE COMO

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You have the whole day free to relax. Perhaps lace up your walking shoes for

a stroll or people-watch with an Aperol Spritz in hand. Alternatively, consider a Choice Experience to Lake Como and to discover the Treasures of Milan. **(B)** 

Ciao Bella! Enjoy a luxurious cruise of Lake Como's stunning scenery, elegant villas and dreamy gardens.

Become chic and cultured with our tour around Milan's hotspots, from the La Scala to the Duomo and more.

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#### DAY 10. MILAN - PISA - FLORENCE (PRATO)

Snap a few strategic photos featuring you and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Then continue towards Florence, where you'll have an evening on your own. For a taste of Tuscany, consider joining a Choice Experience in the Tuscan Hills. (**B**) Hotel: President/Wall Art

Fulfil your Florentine dreams with a delightful dinner at a regional restaurant in the Tuscan Hills.

#### DAY 11. FLORENCE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Local Guide this morning for a walking tour through Florence's historic centre, including views of the Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower and the Baptistery. Visit Piazza della Signoria, then witness a leatherwork demonstration and browse the centuries-old trades of gold and leathercraft. **(B)** 

Admire the grand dome and art collection of Palazzo Vecchio as you learn about the Medici family.



Discover Michelangelo's masterpiece, David, with a visit to the Academy of Fine Arts.

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Travel to San Gimignano's impressive hilltop and savour the creamiest authentic Italian gelato.

#### DAY 12. FLORENCE - SIENA - ROME

Your visit to Siena will reveal the city's rich heritage, architecture and cuisine. Leaving Tuscany behind, return to Rome. Consider joining your new friends this evening for a Choice Experience dinner to end your holiday on a high note. **(B)** Hotel: Ergife Palace

#### DAY 13. DEPART ROME

Say a fond arrivederci to your travel companions and Travel Director. **(B)** 

### **READY TO GO?**

Trip departure months

Apr - Oct



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### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Paris: View the Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower

Monaco: Visit the Principality

Avignon: View the Palace of the Popes and the Pont d'Avignon

Loire Valley: Visit the Château de Chenonceau

Mont-Saint-Michel: View the abbey

Normandy: Hear about D-Day

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It won't take long for France to touch your heart, but in 13 days it will capture it outright. Surrender to the allure of the Loire Valley, the French Riviera and historic towns from Beaune to Bordeaux. Explore vineyard-clad landscapes, admire the medieval facades of Carcassonne and get your WWII history fix in Normandy.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE PARIS**

This is one capital city that doesn't hold back and doesn't expect you to either. You might like to get a head start on your sightseeing by joining a Choice Experience this evening, a Seine cruise and a scenic drive. Hotel: Mercure Paris Porte d'Orleans

Cruise the Seine and admire historic landmarks - the Grand Palais, Eiffel Tower and more!

#### **DAY 2. PARIS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Hit the grand boulevards on a city sightseeing tour conducted by your Travel Director in the heart of Paris, including the Arc de Triomphe and Champs-Élysées. Don't resist the urge to join an optional visit to Montmartre this afternoon, followed by an optional dinner and cabaret performance. **(B)**  Explore the winding streets, charming art galleries, and the lively Artists' Square of Montmartre with a Local Guide.

OR

Discover the filming location of 'The Da Vinci Code' at Saint-Sulpice Church, then stroll to the Latin Quarter.

#### DAY 3. PARIS - BEAUNE - LYON

Au revoir Paris. Our sights are set on medieval Beaune where the official raison d'être is the local wine. In Lyon, consider joining a Choice Experience that will deliver France's gastronomic capital on a plate. **(B)** Hotel: Chromatics

Drive along the Saône River and indulge in acclaimed French cuisine in Lyon, the country's gastronomic capital.

### DAY 4. LYON - AIX-EN-PROVENCE - MONACO - FRENCH RIVIERA

Follow the Rhône Valley south and enjoy some free time in the Provençal town of Aix-en-Provence, founded by the Romans over natural hot springs. The last leg of your journey stretches out to the shimmering Mediterranean coast, where the Principality of Monaco and the Côte d'Azur await. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Cannes Mandelieu

#### DAY 5. FRENCH Riviera free day

Rest and relaxation are the order of the day on the French Riviera, but when you're ready to pull yourself away from the sun-lounger, opt for a visit to the pretty hill-top town of Saint-Paul-de-Vence. **(B)** 

#### DAY 6. FRENCH RIVIERA - ARLES -Pont DU GARD - Avignon

Today we travel west to the Camargue centre of Arles, where Vincent Van Gogh found inspiration for so many of his paintings. Next, you'll view the magnificent Pont du Gard. Continue to the heart of Provence and the city of Avignon which features one of the world's most incredible religious architectural legacies. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Avignon Sud

Experience Van Gogh's artistic legacy in Arles as you visit locations that inspired masterpieces.

#### DAY 7. AVIGNON - CARCASSONNE - LOURDES

Up first today is an orientation tour of Carcassonne, a medieval town set behind fortified stone walls. Your next stop is the pilgrimage town of Lourdes. Explore the Basilica perched atop St. Bernadette's Grotto, then maybe join devoted pilgrims for the nightly torchlight procession. **(B)** Hotel: Mercure Imperial





#### DAY 8. LOURDES - BIARRITZ - BORDEAUX

Take your cue from the European royals who have been visiting Biarritz since the 1800s and find your new favourite spot on a wicker chair in the sun. You could choose a Choice Experience into the Basque country instead, before your journey continues to Bordeaux. (**B**) Hotel: Ibis Centre Mériadeck

Join a bougie Basque adventure in St. Jean de Luz! Discover its pirate past, eat macarons, shop and relax on the beach.

#### DAY 9. BORDEAUX - SAINT-ÉMILION - TOURS

Today's scenic drive takes you to the hilltop village of Saint-Émilion, an appealing stop for red wine lovers. This is château country and there's no better way to explore it than joining an optional wine tasting at a historic vineyard. Later arrive in the city of Tours. **(B, D)** Hotel: ibis Tours Centre Gare

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Travel through Bordeaux's stunning vineyards to a château estate for a guided tour and wine tasting.

#### DAY 10. LOIRE VALLEY AND CHÂTEAUX EXCURSION

Indulge your inner king or queen on a whimsical tour to the fairy-tale Chenonceau Château with a Local Guide. Continue to the royal town of Amboise where Leonardo da Vinci is said to be buried, then finish with a photo stop at the splendid Château de Chambord. **(B)** 

Experience a fairy tale come true on a guided tour through Tours' Old Town, then dine on Touraine cuisine.

#### DAY 11. TOURS - MONT SAINT-MICHEL - D-DAY Landing Beaches (omaha) - Deauville

Only the epic sight of a medieval town rising out of the sea could compete with the beauty of the Loire Valley and your visit to Mont Saint-Michel will certainly not disappoint. Continue to the iconic D-Day landing beaches and visit the American cemetery at Omaha Beach before arriving in Deauville. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Deauville Centre

#### DAY 12. DEAUVILLE - HONFLEUR - ROUEN - PARIS

You'll wish you had the talents of Monet during your brief visit to Honfleur - it's easy to see why this 'most ravishing spot in the world' was immortalised on canvas by many artists. Next, head to Rouen, then return to the French capital for a night on your own or an optional farewell dinner. **(B)** Hotel: Mercure Paris Porte d'Orleans

#### **DAY 13. DEPART PARIS**

And just like that, you've seen all the highlights of France. From Paris and beyond, you'll be finishing your trip this morning with a lifetime's supply of memories. Say a fond au revoir to your Travel Director and newfound friends. **(B)** 

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Trip departure months

Apr - Sep



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Trip code: FHIG

Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.





### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Dublin:** With your Local Guide, see St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christchurch Cathedral and Trinity College

Blarney: Kiss the Blarney Stone during your visit of Blarney Castle

**Ring of Kerry:** Admire remote beaches, pretty villages and a rugged coastline along one of Ireland's most scenic drives

**Cliffs of Moher:** View the stunning seascape from the cliffs

Limerick: See St. John's Castle and St. Mary's Cathedral

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Centuries of Irish culture are revealed on this adventure across the windswept valleys of Ireland, from Dublin to the coastal landscapes of Connemara. Kiss the Blarney Stone, witness Mother Nature's magic touch at the Cliffs of Moher and circle the Ring of Kerry. There's much to celebrate on this 9-day journey across the 'Emerald Isle'.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE DUBLIN - SIGHTSEEING**

Ireland's 'fair' capital kick-starts your exhilarating encounter with the 'Emerald Isle'. After check-in, don't resist the youthful energy of Dublin and take to its streets in search of its characteristic craic. You'll join your Local Guide later for a sightseeing tour which includes views of St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College. Tap into Dublin's effervescent spirit and head to Temple Bar or Grafton Street on your own this evening. There's a colourful pub on every corner, with happy locals and tourists spilling out on to the pavements. You could be one of them. Sláinte! Hotel: Travelodge Plus City Centre

#### DAY 2. DUBLIN - KILLARNEY

Today, embark on a journey through the picturesque County Cork and seek out the renowned 'gift of the gab' at Blarney Castle. Here, you'll have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone, known for bestowing eloquence upon those who dare to embrace it. Afterward, continue on to the charming town of Killarney, where you will settle in for the next two nights. **(B)** Hotel: Killarney

#### Experience music and dance to immerse yourself in Irish culture - an unforgettable night.

#### DAY 3. KILLARNEY - RING OF KERRY Scenic Drive

Ireland's soul-stirring Ring of Kerry takes centre stage today as we embark on a scenic drive past its mountains, lakes and lush green countryside – unquestionably one of the most scenic routes in Ireland. We'll see Daniel O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of Waterville, Moll's Gap and the Black Valley, whose remote location led to the area becoming the last in Ireland to receive electricity. Later, head to a local restaurant for dinner. **(B, D)** 

#### Hear of Ireland's history as you trot through Killarney National Park on a pony and trap.

# DAY 4. ADMIRE THE CLIFFS OF MOHER, THEN OFF TO LIMERICK

Today we journey to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher. These sheer cliffs plunge dramatically into the Atlantic Ocean, providing endless ocean views and wonderful photographic opportunities during your experience at this UNESCO-listed highlight along the Wild Atlantic Way. You'll be enchanted by its irresistible landscapes, and may delight in occasional wildlife sightings. Take an opportunity to explore the interactive visitor centre, which brings the whole experience to life from the perspective of the resident wildlife that find sanctuary here. Later, we arrive in Limerick for an orientation. (B) Hotel: Castle Oaks House

#### Party like it's 1399! Feast like a royal and laugh with a court jester at a castlehosted medieval banquet.

#### DAY 5. ON TO DONEGAL

Our journey takes us through Galway and the coastal landscapes of Connemara today before arriving to Westport for an orientation of its lovely Georgian Streets. Heading north, we arrive in Donegal, home to The Diamond, Donegal Castle, and one of Ireland's three fjords, Lough Swilly. This will be our home for the night. **(B)** Hotel: The Abbey

#### Go off-road in Ballyshannon with amazing views and quaint atmosphere over dinner.





#### **DAY 6. ONWARDS TO BELFAST**

En route to Belfast, stop in Londonderry for an optional locally guided tour of the Troubles. Visit the Giant's Causeway, treading in the legendary footsteps of Finn MacCool and marvel at the 40,000 interlocking basalt columns fading into the sea. This evening we will head to a local restaurant for dinner. **(B, D)** Hotel: Corr's Corner

#### **DAY 7. BELFAST ORIENTATION**

Join your Travel Director for an orientation tour of Belfast, where you will view the historic murals that vividly depict the city's turbulent past and struggles. Marvel at the grand City Hall, an iconic symbol of Belfast's civic pride and architectural heritage. After the tour, enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore the vibrant city at your own pace. Stroll through the bustling streets, perhaps visiting the Titanic Belfast museum, shopping in the city centre, or relaxing in one of the many charming cafés and restaurants. **(B)** 

Tour the city with a taxi driver who shares personal insights into growing up amidst the struggles and troubles that divided Belfast.

#### DAY 8. BELFAST - DUBLIN

Today it's time to return to Dublin where you'll put your silver tongue to good use during an evening optional dinner and Irish show that will have your toes tapping and taste buds craving another round of Irish coffee. It will be time well spent with new friends after a memorable holiday. **(B)** Hotel: Travelodge Plus City Centre MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Enjoy exquisite landscapes in one of the most beautiful private gardens in the world at Powerscourt.



Uncover the magic at a 6<sup>th</sup>-century monastic site in Glendalough in the stunning Garden of Ireland.



Get your toes tapping and taste buds tingling with a night of dining, comedy, song and dance in Dublin.



Discover Dublin's famed hospitality with an evening of food and drink in a locally loved gastropub.

#### **DAY 9. DEPART DUBLIN**

And just like that, your enchanting exploration of the 'Emerald Isle' has come to an end. You've seen ancient churches, castles and towering cliffs, had your fair share of the craic and seen beautiful landscapes that many only encounter in pictures. All that's left is to say a fond slán go fóill as you prepare for your return journey home. **(B)** 



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Apr - Sep



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# BRITAIN AND IRELAND DELIGHT

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Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

York: View York Minster and the Shambles

**Glasgow:** View Glasgow Cathedral and George Square on your orientation tour

Edinburgh: Sightseeing with your Local Guide to Princes Street, the Royal Mile and the Castle

**Dublin:** Sightseeing with your Local Guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College

> Waterford: Visit the Waterford Crystal Showroom

> > plus more

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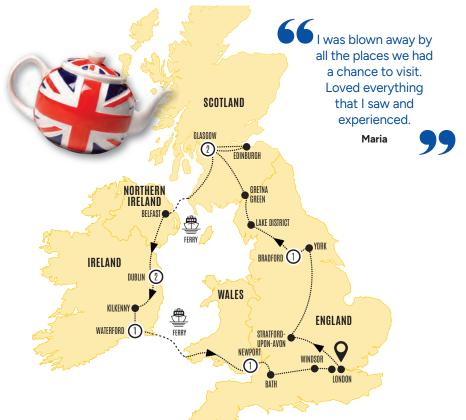
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The best of Britain and Ireland is served up on this 8-day adventure crisscrossing five countries. See landscapes that have inspired poetry, medieval monuments and stony fortresses that housed royals and soldiers. You'll wind your way through the Yorkshire Dales, wander down Edinburgh's Royal Mile and discover a bit of craic in Dublin, before Waterford crystal and a fairy-tale castle or two complete your journey.

#### DAY 1. LONDON - STRATFORD-UPON-AVON - YORK - BRADFORD

This morning, meet your Travel Director and fellow travel companions. Visit Stratford-upon-Avon, where you'll come face-to-face with the legacy of England's beloved bard before heading to York. Your Travel Director will take you for an orientation walk through its medieval streets to the sacred York Minster. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before you continue to your hotel in Bradford. **(D)** Hotel: Leonardo

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#### DAY 2. BRADFORD - LAKE DISTRICT - GRETNA GREEN - GLASGOW

You're in for a serene start to your morning as you wind your way through the Yorkshire Dales to England's Lake District. Board an optional cruise on Lake Windermere, then cross the Scottish border and stop in Gretna Green. Continue to Glasgow for an afternoon orientation including views of the cathedral, the River Clyde and George Square. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis City Centre

Cruise on Windermere to see neo-Gothic Wray Castle, lakeside wildlife and aweinspiring scenery.

#### **DAY 3. EDINBURGH EXCURSION**

A day spent exploring Scotland's exquisite capital will leave you in no doubt as to why it captured the hearts of Charles Dickens, Charlotte Bronte and even Queen Victoria. Your Local Guide will reveal all the highlights of 'Auld Reekie'. View the Royal Mile, the Palace of Holyroodhouse in the shadow of Arthur's Seat and Edinburgh Castle which watches over the city from Castle Rock. Exchange the medieval facades of the Old Town for grand Georgian-lined boulevards of the 18th-century New Town. You'll have some time to explore Edinburgh your way or consider joining one of two special Choice Experiences, visiting the mysterious Rosslyn Chapel or exploring what lies behind the impenetrable walls of Edinburgh Castle. (B)

Join our Local Guide in a Rosslyn Chapel adventure, unravelling mysteries and conspiracies!

Explore Edinburgh Castle to see the Honours of Scotland and the National War Museum of Scotland.

#### DAY 4. GLASGOW - BELFAST - DUBLIN

Your visit to Scotland culminates in a scenic drive along the Ayrshire coast. Pass Ailsa Craig, the figurative stepping stone from Scotland to Ireland, before boarding your short ferry crossing to Northern Ireland. See Belfast's City Hall, Queen's University and the dock where the ill-fated Titanic was built. Then head south to Dublin, where you could enjoy an optional dinner at one of its most popular gastropubs. **(B)** Hotel: Travelodge Plus City Centre/Dublin One

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Cruise on an electric canal boat on the river Liffy, whilst enjoying a lovely dinner with locally-sourced produce.

Discover Dublin's famed hospitality with an evening of food and drink in a locally loved gastropub.

#### **DAY 5. DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

You're in for a 'grand' time in the Irish capital this morning as your Local Guide shares all the highlights. See Trinity College and St. Patrick's





Cathedral, founded in the 12th century. Its 43-meter spire makes this the country's tallest church. See the stately Georgian Squares, then spend the rest of the day on your own. This evening, an optional dinner and Irish show will have your toes tapping and taste buds craving another round of Irish coffee. **(B)** 

Uncover the magic at a 6<sup>th</sup>-century monastic site in Glendalough in the stunning Garden of Ireland.

Get your toes tapping and taste buds tingling with a night of dining, comedy, song and dance in Dublin.

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#### DAY 6. DUBLIN - KILKENNY - WATERFORD

Continue through the splendid countryside bound for Kilkenny where you'll see its beautiful 12th-century castle, an enduring symbol of Norman occupation. Later you'll arrive in Waterford where a visit to the Waterford Crystal Showroom will reveal a wonderland of delicate crystal, from stemware to fine china. You're in for a riveting history lesson when you

join an Optional Experience for a walking tour with a Local Guide and visit one of the area's oldest pubs for a pint. Dinner tonight is at your hotel. **(B, D)** Hotel: Treacy's

Enjoy the craic! Sip local drafts, sing and dance to live fiddle, tin whistle and bodhrán drum music.

#### DAY 7. WATERFORD - NEWPORT

Cross St. George's Channel to Wales and its capital, where you'll view the Millennium Centre, the National Assembly and the historic castle at its heart. This evening could see you venture into the Welsh countryside for dinner at a 14<sup>th</sup>-century inn or enjoy a Choice Experience evening of Welsh music, culture and humour. Then continue to your hotel in Newport. **(B)** Hotel: Mercure Newport

Climb the Norman Keep for stunning views over the city on a private tour of Cardiff Castle.

#### DAY 8. NEWPORT - BATH - WINDSOR - LONDON

Cross the Severn Estuary into England and venture to Bath with its elegant Georgian

architecture. Head to Windsor to view the world's oldest and largest continuously inhabited castle. There's time for a quiet stroll along the banks of the river before arriving in London later. (**B**) Hotel: Holiday Inn Brentford Lock

### **READY TO GO?**

#### Trip departure months

Year-round



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### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Windsor: View the Royal Castle

Oxford: Explore the historic city

**Glasgow:** View Glasgow Cathedral and George Square on your orientation tour

Loch Lomond: See Britain's largest freshwater lake

Edinburgh: See the Royal Mile, Princes Street and the Castle

York: View York Minster and the Shambles

Stratford-upon-Avon: Visit the town of Shakespeare's birth

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Delve deeper into the history and heritage of Britain, from Windsor Castle and Stratford-upon-Avon to the bonnie birthplace of kilts and clans. Let centuries-old architecture inspire you, fall in love with the beauty of the Lake District and engage with the best of Britain when you visit Bath, York, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

#### DAY 1. LONDON - WINDSOR - OXFORD -BIRMINGHAM

This morning, meet your Travel Director and travel companions and head west for a memorable encounter with royalty and academia. Start with a stop in Windsor, home to the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world, then continue to the university city of Oxford. Explore its renowned colleges and historic architecture. Finally, journey onward to Birmingham for your overnight stay. **(D)** Hotel: Holiday Inn Birmingham M6

#### DAY 2. BIRMINGHAM - CHESTER - LIVERPOOL

The Romans left their magic touch on the pretty town of Chester. You'll view the city

walls that they built in the first century to defend their fortress and the black-and-white half-timbered buildings, famously known as 'The Rows'. Take some time to explore Chester your way or join a Choice Experience to Llangollen in North Wales. Home of the International Eisteddfod, Llangollen has a tiny population but punches well above its weight when it comes to serene scenery and an array of cafés, bars and restaurants. Our home for the night is the haunt of the 'Fab Four', with an evening at leisure to explore Liverpool's legendary nightlife. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis Albert Dock

#### Join your Local Guide to view the city's two cathedrals and visit the birthplace of The Beatles.

#### DAY 3. LIVERPOOL - LAKE DISTRICT - GRETNA GREEN - GLASGOW

Settle in for a scenic drive north to the Lake District. Here you'll see first-hand why the rugged and untamed beauty of the Lake District inspired William Wordsworth to wander 'lonely as a cloud' in his acclaimed piece of poetry, 'Daffodils'. There's no better way to embrace the area's heritage than to join a Choice Experience and chug between Haverthwaite and Lakeside in an old-world steam train followed by a cruise on Lake Windermere. Crossing the Scottish border, you'll stop at Gretna Green, where eloping couples would exchange their vows over the Blacksmith's anvil and be bound to each other forever. Resist the urge to tie the knot yourself and continue to the bold city of Glasgow, where you'll have an opportunity to join a Choice Experience for a night on the "toon". (B) Hotel: Ibis City Centre

Cruise on Windermere to see neo-Gothic Wray Castle, lakeside wildlife and aweinspiring scenery.

#### DAY 4. GLASGOW - SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

Kick-start your day with an introduction to Glasgow's industrial past and modern revival, which has given the city its characteristic gallus strut. Channel your inner Highlander next, embarking on a journey north to the banks of Loch Lomond, where a cruise to Rob Roy's cave could be on the cards if you join this Choice Experience. Later, the breathtakingly beautiful scenery of Glencoe, 'Glen of Weeping', will stir all your emotions remembering the brave clans people who fought relentlessly for their beliefs. Local shepherd Neil and his enthusiastic border collies are ready to welcome guests on their Highland sheep farm for a Choice Experience this afternoon. You can perfect your sheepshearing skills before settling into your Highland hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Laggan



Sail along the tranquil Loch Lomond and discover mystical landmarks with your Local Guide.

Meet Neil the Shepherd, his border collies, and feed the lambs in the Scottish Highlands.

#### DAY 5. SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS - ST. ANDREWS - Edinburgh

Robert Burns once wrote of his beloved hills of the Highlands. Your scenic drive through its mystical landscapes will leave you similarly inspired as you venture to picturesque Pitlochry on the banks of the Tummel. There's time to explore this salmon fishing centre on your own or join a Choice Experience to Blair Castle, home of the Duke of Atholl and Europe's last remaining private army. The fairways and greens of St. Andrews, the birthplace of golf, beckon and you'll have an opportunity to snap a selfie against the backdrop of the famous 18<sup>th</sup> green. **(B)** Hotel: Moxy Edinburgh Airport

Tour Blair Castle's grand halls and gardens for a glimpse into 750 years of Scottish history.

Meet a renowned piper and savour a three-course meal with live Ceilidh music and a haggis ceremony.

#### DAY 6. EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Tuck into a hearty Scottish breakfast with tattie scones and all the trimmings. Today you'll need some extra sustenance as there's much to see and do in Scotland's hilly capital. The Georgian New Town, Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle all wait to be viewed in the company of your Local Guide, so grab your

camera and prepare for a memorable sightseeing tour revealing all the highlights of Auld Reekie. You'll have plenty of time to explore on your own or consider joining a Choice Experience to Rosslyn Chapel or an in-depth tour of Edinburgh Castle. **(B)**  Join our Local Guide in a Rosslyn Chapel adventure, unravelling mysteries and conspiracies!



Explore Edinburgh Castle to see the Honours of Scotland and the National War Museum of Scotland.

#### DAY 7. EDINBURGH - YORK - BRADFORD

Cheerio the noo and wave goodbye to Scotland. It's time to venture south on your return journey through England to London, but not before you come face-to-face with Hadrian's first-century attempt to keep the 'barbarians' out of his Roman Empire. You'll not see an ancient Roman wall like it anywhere else on earth. Continue to the walled city of York, where an orientation tour will guide you through its narrow medieval streets to the 13th-century Gothic cathedral, York Minster, which dominates the city. You'll have some time to admire the structure's beautiful stained glass before an evening on your own, although York's alluring history may keep you on the edge of your seat. Delve into its tales of Romans, roses and ghosts. It's the stuff great books are made of. (B) Hotel: Leonardo

#### DAY 8. BRADFORD - STRATFORD-UPON-Avon - London

This morning, visit Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of the famous bard, William Shakespeare, who became England's most beloved playwright. Before heading back to London, take a final group photo to capture the memories and bid a warm farewell to your Travel Director and new friends. **(B)** Hotel: Copthorne at Chelsea FC

### **READY TO GO?**

**Trip departure months** 

Apr - Sep



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Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Stratford-upon-Avon: Visit the town of Shakespeare's birth

Edinburgh: See the Royal Mile, Princes Street and the Castle

Loch Ness: View the most famous loch of them all

Glasgow: View Glasgow Cathedral

Dublin: Sightseeing with your Local Guide

Cliffs of Moher: View the cliffs and visit the Atlantic Edge exhibition

Blarney: Visit Blarney Castle

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Go behind the scenes on an exploration of Great Britain and Ireland, from the haunt of Shakespeare to Edinburgh's medieval allure, the sweeping Cliffs of Moher to England's celebrated Lake District. Come face-to-face with the legacies of the Vikings, Romans and Normans, and keep a keen eye out for an elusive monster hidden in a famous loch.

#### DAY 1. LONDON - STRATFORD-UPON-AVON -York - Bradford

This morning, meet your Travel Director and travel companions before you set off from London. Wind your way to Stratford-upon-Avon and take the opportunity to explore the charming town where England's beloved bard was born. Continue to York and wander through its medieval streets to York Minster. Hotel: Leonardo

#### DAY 2. BRADFORD - EDINBURGH

All that lies between you and bonnie Scotland is Hadrian's Wall. Unlike the barbarians it sought to keep out, you'll have free reign not only to view it but to cross it bound for the 12th-century ruins of Jedburgh Abbey. See how this symbol of power and authority over 'The Debatable Lands' still impresses today. This evening, a Choice Experience could see you take in a traditional Ceilidh. **(B)** Hotel: Moxy Edinburgh Airport Meet a renowned piper and savour a three-course meal with live Ceilidh music and a haggis ceremony.

#### DAY 3. EDINBURGH SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Poets, writers, kings and queens have all found it impossible to resist Edinburgh's allure. From its medieval Old Town to the elegant Georgian facades across the Leith, you'll soon discover why it captured the hearts of so many famous people throughout the ages. Your Local Guide reveals all the colourful tales of 'Auld Reekie' as your sightseeing tour rolls past the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Royal Mile and Edinburgh Castle, perched atop Castle Rock. Explore the city your way during your free afternoon or consider joining one of two special Choice Experiences, discovering Rosslyn Chapel or exploring what lies behind the impenetrable walls of Edinburgh Castle. **(B)** 

#### DAY 4. EDINBURGH - ST. ANDREWS -Scottish Highlands

Your first stop today is St. Andrews. Later, join a Choice Experience to Blair Castle near Pitlochry and an exhilarating optional encounter with a shepherd and his sheep. (**B**, **D**) Hotel: Craiglynne

Tour Blair Castle's grand halls and gardens for a glimpse into 750 years of Scottish history.

Meet Neil the Shepherd, his border collies, and feed the lambs in the Scottish Highlands.

#### **DAY 5. SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS EXCURSION**

Keep a keen eye out for 'Nessie' before arriving in Inverness. Today's poignant highlight is a visit to Culloden, the site of the 1745 Jacobite Rising. Return to your hotel in the Highlands for dinner. **(B, D)** 

#### DAY 6. SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS - GLASGOW

Enjoy a scenic drive to Fort William and Loch Linnhe. Continue to Glencoe, then travel along the banks of Loch Lomond before arriving in Glasgow for an orientation and optional night out on the "toon". **(B)** Hotel: Ibis City Centre

#### Sail along the tranquil Loch Lomond and discover mystical landmarks with your Local Guide.

#### DAY 7. GLASGOW - GRETNA GREEN - LAKE DISTRICT - WREXHAM

Elope to Gretna Green, as many young couples once did. Continue south to Lake Windermere for an optional cruise and ride on a steam train. Enjoy dinner with your fellow travellers tonight. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ramada Plaza

Cruise on Windermere to see neo-Gothic Wray Castle, lakeside wildlife and awe-inspiring scenery.



#### DAY 8. WREXHAM - CHESTER - DUBLIN

See the legacy of Roman rule during this morning's visit to the ancient walled city of Chester. Cross to Ireland and its youthful capital, Dublin, in time for a Choice Experience at a local gastropub. **(B)** Hotel: Dublin One

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Cruise on an electric canal boat on the river Liffy, whilst enjoying a lovely dinner with locally-sourced produce.

Discover Dublin's famed hospitality with an evening of food and drink in a locally loved gastropub.

#### DAY 9. DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Embrace your playful side on this morning's sightseeing tour through Ireland's whimsical capital with a Local Guide. View St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle, and Trinity College, then perhaps join a Local Guide for an optional tour of a 6<sup>th</sup>-century monastery in Glendalough. Tonight, consider an optional dinner and Irish cabaret. **(B)** 

#### DAY 10. DUBLIN - BOYLE -Co. Donegal

Cross the 'Emerald Isle', passing lush green counties as you wind your way north. View the ruins of the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Boyle Abbey before continuing to Donegal, the gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way. This afternoon's visit to Belleek Pottery reveals over a century of porcelain artisanship. **(B, D)** Hotel: The Abbey

Cruise the River Shannon through beautiful countryside and stop at ancient sites along the riverbanks.

#### **DAY 11. COUNTY DONEGAL EXCURSION**

Your scenic drive through County Donegal will deliver a multitude of dramatic landscapes. **(B)** 

This evening, discover the beauty of the land on a scenic drive. Later, enjoy dinner in a local restaurant.

#### DAY 12. COUNTY DONEGAL - GALWAY - CLIFFS OF MOHER - SHANNON

After a brief visit to Galway, stop at the Cliffs of Moher and its interactive Cliffs Exhibition, before heading to your hotel in Shannon. (**B**, **D**) Hotel: Treacys Oakwood

#### DAY 13. SHANNON - DINGLE PENINSULA - CO. KERRY

A drive around the stunning Dingle Peninsula reveals a land of stone monuments, wild beaches and verdant pastures. Later arrive in Tralee in County Kerry. **(B)** Hotel: River Island

#### DAY 14. CO. KERRY - BLARNEY - WATERFORD

Kiss the Blarney Stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'. Visit the Waterford Crystal Showroom (when open) before an optional walking tour with a Local Guide followed by a drink in a pub. **(B)** Hotel: Treacy's



#### DAY 15. WATERFORD - CARDIFF

Board your return ferry to the United Kingdom and arrive in Wales later. Today, your orientation of Cardiff will take you past the Millennium Centre and National Assembly. Then perhaps join an optional tour of Cardiff Castle. Finish the day with an optional evening of Welsh music, culture and humour. **(B)** Hotel: Mercure Cardiff Holland House Hotel & Spa

Climb the Norman Keep for stunning views over the city on a private tour of Cardiff Castle.

#### DAY 16. CARDIFF - BATH - WINDSOR - LONDON

Venture to Bath, whose Roman Baths have given this ancient spa town its name. Visit Windsor and view the world's oldest and largest inhabited castle before returning to London. **(B)** Hotel: Novotel Brentford

### **READY TO GO?**

Trip departure months

Apr - Sep



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#### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Windsor: View the Royal Castle

Bath: Visit the Georgian spa town

Waterford: Visit the Waterford Crystal Showroom

Blarney: Kiss the Blarney Stone

Dublin: See St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christchurch Cathedral, the Georgian Squares and Trinity College with a Local Guide

Liverpool: Visit The Beatles' hometown

Edinburgh: With your Local Guide, see Princes Street, the Royal Mile and the Castle

**Stratford-upon-Avon:** Visit the town of Shakespeare and see Anne Hathaway's cottage

**Oxford:** View the Bodleian Library

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Travel through landscapes that inspired writers and poets like Shakespeare and Robert Burns. You'll cross England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales to visit medieval castles and kiss the Blarney Stone. Explore the picturesque Lake District, Dingle Peninsula and Cotswolds, and immerse yourself in vibrant capital cities.



#### DAYS 1 - 2. ARRIVE LONDON

Your journey across two mystical islands kicks off in London, followed by Windsor, Bath and Wales. Opt for the Choice Experience to Cardiff Castle, then drive past Carmarthen, the legendary birthplace of Merlin. See the 11<sup>th</sup>century castle in which King Henry VII was born, then board your ferry to Ireland.

#### DAYS 3 - 9. BLARNEY TO EDINBURGH

Visit the Waterford Crystal Showroom, then travel to Blarney Castle. Stop in Killarney for an optional jaunting car ride before reaching Tralee, famous for its Rose of Tralee Festival. Drive through the scenic Dingle Peninsula to Adare, then Limerick to see St. Mary's Cathedral and King John's Castle, before arriving in Shannon. Optionally visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. Drive through County Clare to Galway. Head to Dublin for a guided city tour, followed by free time or an optional visit to Glendalough. Cross the Irish Sea to Holyhead, then travel to Chester to explore its Roman heritage, followed by Liverpool. Enjoy an optional cruise on Lake Windermere, then cross into Scotland to visit Gretna Green, famous for elopements. Discover Edinburgh with a guided tour.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Enjoy exquisite landscapes in one of the most beautiful private gardens in the world at Powerscourt.

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Uncover the magic at a 6<sup>th</sup>-century monastic site in Glendalough in the stunning Garden of Ireland.

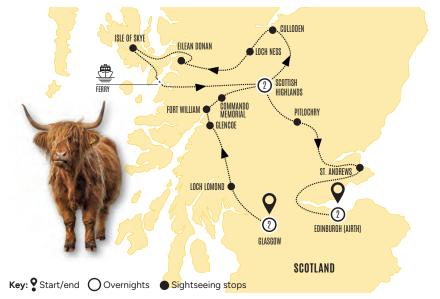
#### DAYS 10 - 12. YORK TO OXFORD AND DEPART LONDON

Journey south through 'The Debatable Lands' to the 12<sup>th</sup>-century ruins of Jedburgh Abbey, admire the Cheviot Hills at Carter Bar, view Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland National Park, cross the Tyne River at Newcastle, explore York's medieval heritage and Gothic Minster, stroll the Shambles and end in Bradford. Explore Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace and burial site of Shakespeare, with an option to visit Warwick Castle. Explore the picturesque Cotswolds, visit Sir Winston Churchill's burial place in Bladon, then tour Oxford's historic university landmarks before concluding your journey in London.

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Kick-start your adventure through Scotland in Glasgow, with stays in Edinburgh and the Highlands, as your journey takes you past lochs, glens and heather-clad purple peaks. You'll walk in the footsteps of brave clans, admire cliff-top castles and trace the legacy of Rob Roy, Bonnie Prince Charlie and an elusive Loch Ness Monster.



#### DAYS 1 - 2. ARRIVE GLASGOW

Madainn mhath! While your Gaelic may be a little rusty, your visit to Glasgow will be anything but. Kick-start your tour with a lesson in Glasgow's industrial past and modern revival that have given the city its characteristic gallus strut. Your orientation tour of the city will include views of Glasgow Cathedral and George Square.

#### DAY 3. GLASGOW - GLENCOE -Scottish Highlands

Channel your inner Highlander as you travel north. Choose to join a Choice Experience cruise on Loch Lomond and past Rob Roy's cave. Continue through the mountains that lie just beyond Glencoe to see the 'Glen of Weeping'. In Fort William, see the Commando Memorial and the peaks of Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain, then head to the heart of the Highlands.

Meet Neil the Shepherd, his border collies, and feed the lambs in the Scottish Highlands.

Sail along the tranquil Loch Lomond and discover mystical landmarks with your Local Guide.

#### DAY 4. CULLODEN - LOCH NESS - ISLE OF SKYE

See the battlefield of Culloden and pay tribute to the brave people who lost their lives in the Jacobite Uprising. Continue past Scotland's infamous Loch Ness, keeping an eye out for Nessie. Admire the rugged beauty of Eilean Donan Castle at the heart of three great sea lochs. Embark on a scenic drive across the Sleat Peninsula. Later, return to the mainland by ferry.

#### DAYS 5 - 7. SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS AND DEPART EDINBURGH

Venture to picturesque Pitlochry, on the banks of the Tummel. There's time to explore this salmon fishing centre on your own or perhaps join a Choice Experience to visit Blair Castle. Stop in St. Andrews before ending in Edinburgh for the last two days. Time your visit to coincide with the rousing Edinburgh Tattoo, with tickets included on certain departures.

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Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Glasgow:** View Glasgow Cathedral and George Square on your orientation tour

Loch Lomond: See the freshwater lake with the largest surface area in Britain

Fort William: See the Commando Memorial and Britain's highest mountain Ben Nevis and enjoy a scenic drive through Glencoe, the infamous 'Glen of Weeping'

**Highlands:** Explore Culloden battlefield, search for Nessie in the morning and see Eilean Donan Castle. Journey over the sea to Skye

**St. Andrews:** View the 18<sup>th</sup> green on St. Andrews Old Course

Edinburgh: Sightseeing with your Local Guide includes the famous Princes Street, the Royal Mile and views of the new Parliament Building as well as the Castle

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**Madrid:** See the Royal Palace, Cibeles Fountain and Retiro Park on a sightseeing tour with a Local Guide

**Toledo:** See the Synagogue and Cathedral with your Local Guide

Seville: See Plaza de España with your Local Guide

Valencia: See the City of Arts and Sciences

Barcelona: Sightseeing with your Local Guide includes views of Gaudí's La Sagrada Família

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We learned so much and had a blast! Thank you, Costsaver. We will be back. Sandi **COMPLIMENTARY MADRID** TRANSFER AVAILABLE **SPAIN** BARCELONA (2) MADRID (2) PEÑÍSCOL TOLEDO 🗭 VALENCIA (1) SEVILLE GUADIX (2)(1)GRANADA

Key: Start/end Overnights Sightseeing stops

Life in Spain is a fiesta and you're always invited. Your 9-day trip through Spain promises a mesmerising experience from Madrid to Seville and Granada to Valencia. See Gaudí's masterpieces in Barcelona, the medieval treasures of Toledo and the sweeping Andalusian plains.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE MADRID**

It won't take long for you to fall in love with Madrid. Once you've checked in to your hotel, you'll have some time to relax before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers who'll be joining you on this adventure. When the sun sets, head out onto the streets to watch this football-mad metropolis come to life. You could join your group for a Choice Experience walking tour of the city with a chance to indulge in the tapas at a local restaurant. Hotel: Occidental Castellana Norte

Explore Old Madrid with a Local Guide. See the grand Plaza Mayor before enjoying tapas in a famous bar.

#### **DAY 2. MADRID SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Gear up for a busy morning of sightseeing in Madrid. Your Local Guide will reveal all the secrets behind some of the city's most famous sights, kicking things off by heading up the Gran Vía through the heart of Madrid. See the Cibeles Fountain, the Gran Vía, Paseo de la Castellana and the Royal Palace. Then, enjoy a free afternoon or visit the UNESCO-listed Segovia, with its famous Roman aqueduct and fairy-tale Alcázar, during a Choice Experience. **(B)** 

Visit Segovia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the castle that inspired Disney, and see a Roman aqueduct.

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Discover hidden gems, enjoy an à la carte meal, then take an evening spin through stunning squares and fountains.

#### DAY 3. MADRID - TOLEDO - SEVILLE

Toledo's hilltop vantage point, ancient city walls and legacy of traditional sword-making will leave you in no doubt that it was a city worth fighting for. Take a sightseeing tour with your Local Guide by your side, with every street showing off yet another stunning sight with views of the synagogue, cathedral and grand plazas. You'll get to visit a steel workshop and discover the tradition of swordmaking which dates back to Roman times. Seville is your final destination today and you'll stay here for the next two nights. **(B, D)** Hotel: MA Congresos

#### DAY 4. SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

A place of grand monuments, beautiful weather and the home of the flamenco, it's no wonder Seville has been the royal family's favourite retreat for centuries. Your Local Guide will reveal some of the city's most iconic sites, including Maria Luisa Park, constructed for the Ibero-American exposition in 1929. A free evening in Seville would not be complete without a fiery flamenco performance and our Choice Experience will take you to the best show in town. **(B)** 

Promenade Alcázar's gardens, evoking the Water Gardens of Dorne from Game of Thrones. Continue to Plaza America.

Enjoy an evening of Andalusian rhythm and cuisine at the best show in town with dinner included.

#### **DAY 5. SEVILLE - GRANADA**

Travel back to a time when the Moors ruled the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, their last stronghold before being banished to North Africa. Their Arab influences remain to this day in the Moorish architecture and tetería tea houses of Granada. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city's narrow, cobbled streets on your own or consider a Choice Experience to visit to the Albaicín Quarter, the city's oldest neighbourhood. **(B, D)** Hotel: Macia Condor

Tour the Albaicín and see the Catholic Monarchs' tombs centred amidst treasures of the Royal Chapel.







Experience the emotive Zambra dances of Granada's famous gitano people in a historic cave setting.

#### DAY 6. GRANADA - GUADIX - Valencia

Capture the curious cave dwellings of Guadix on camera before continuing to the modern metropolis of Valencia. Embark on an orientation tour to view the Art Nouveau train station Estación del Norte, the Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the Mercado de

Colon. Then stop to view the other-worldly City of Arts and Sciences, a futuristic urban recreation centre for culture and science. **(B)** Hotel: NH Las Ciencias

Discover Valencia's past and present through paella - your must-try Spanish delight.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Indulge in a horchata tasting as you wander Valencia's medieval streets with your Local Guide.

#### DAY 7. VALENCIA - PEÑÍSCOLA - BARCELONA Sightseeing

Your journey continues north to Peñíscola, where you'll view the towering Templar castle used as a palace by the Spanish Pope, immortalised in the Hollywood classic, El Cid. Continue to Barcelona, where your Local Guide will reveal the city's key highlights including views of the exterior of Gaudí's La Sagrada Família and the Passeig de Gràcia. This evening you will also enjoy a dinner with new friends. **(B, D)** Hotel: Hesperia Sant Just

#### **DAY 8. BARCELONA FREE DAY**

This is your chance to get fully acquainted with Barcelona. You'll have the free day on your own or consider an opportunity to visit the monastery in the mountains of Montserrat to see the Black Madonna. After a day of sightseeing, maybe become a cava connoisseur at one of the bars overlooking the Mediterranean or enjoy an evening drive with panoramic views from Montjuïc. **(B)** 

Embark on a fairy-tale journey to the jagged peaks of Montserrat and its Benedictine Monastery.

#### **DAY 9. DEPART BARCELONA**

So long Spain! Your grand adventure through imperial cities and golden and green landscapes may have come to an end, but you'll keep its fiery passion burning long after the departure. It's time to bid your compañeros a fond farewell. **(B)** 

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**Trip departure months** 

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### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Barcelona: See La Sagrada Família and La Rambla with a Local Guide

**Gibraltar:** See the famous Rock of Gibraltar

Seville: See Plaza de España with your Local Guide

Lisbon: View Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries

Fátima: See the celebrated Shrine

Madrid: See the Royal Palace, Cibeles Fountain and Retiro Park with a Local Guide

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#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE BARCELONA**

Bienvenido a España! Check in to your Barcelona hotel, then take some time to recharge siesta-style before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a glimpse of what lies ahead. **(D)** Hotel: Novotel Sant Joan Despi

#### **DAY 2. BARCELONA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Capture the sights and sounds of Passeig de Gràcia and see the exterior of La Sagrada Família as you tour the city with a Local Guide. Consider a Choice Experience to Montserrat with its hidden monastery. **(B)** 

Embark on a fairy-tale journey to the jagged peaks of Montserrat and its Benedictine Monastery.

#### DAY 3. BARCELONA - PEÑÍSCOLA - VALENCIA

Your first stop today is in Peñíscola to see the imposing 13<sup>th</sup>-century Templar Castle. Continue

to Valencia, for views of the Towers of Serrano and Quart, and the futuristic 'City of Arts and Sciences', recessed in the Turia riverbed. **(B)** Hotel: NH Las Ciencias

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Indulge in a horchata tasting as you wander Valencia's medieval streets with your Local Guide.

Discover Valencia's past and present through paella - your must-try Spanish delight.

#### DAY 4. VALENCIA - GUADIX - GRANADA

Head to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada and view an underground world of the curious cave dwellings of Guadix. Continue across the Mora Pass to Granada, the last stronghold of the Moors in Spain. **(B, D)** Hotel: Macia Condor

#### DAY 5. GRANADA - COSTA DEL SOL

Embrace the laid-back spirit of your Spanish hosts and spend your free morning exploring Granada and its Moorish influences on your own. Consider a Choice Experience to the Albaicín Quarter before heading to the Costa del Sol. This evening, maybe join a Choice Experience to the hilltop village of Mijas followed by a delicious Mediterranean seafood meal. **(B)** Hotel: Moon Dreams Calabahia

Tour the Albaicín and see the Catholic Monarchs' tombs centred amidst treasures of the Royal Chapel.

Discover hidden gems in the hilltop village of Mijas and enjoy a Mediterranean dinner at a seaside restaurant.

#### DAY 6. COSTA DEL SOL - GIBRALTAR - SEVILLE

Explore a slice of Britain when you cross the border into Gibraltar. See the Barbary apes and visit the cave of St. Michael at the Rock of Gibraltar on a Choice Experience. Continue to Seville, where you'll have an opportunity to see an optional flamenco show. **(B, D)** Hotel: MA Congresos

Take a wild ride on a private minibus to the legendary Rock of Gibraltar and see if you can spot Africa in the distance.

#### DAY 7. SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

A Local Guide is on hand today to reveal Seville's special allure as you see the world's largest Gothic Cathedral and its Giralda Bell Tower. Perhaps, join a Choice Experience to the Alcázar. Later, spend some time exploring the city's Old Quarter on your own. **(B)** 

Promenade Alcázar's gardens, evoking the Water Gardens of Dorne from Game of Thrones. Continue to Plaza America.







Feast on mouth-watering tapas specialities as you dine like a local in the charming old quarter of Seville.

#### DAY 8. SEVILLE - LISBON

Journey through the golden and green plains of the Alentejo to Lisbon. Tonight consider joining your Travel Director for a poignant Choice Experience including an authentic fado performance. **(B)** Hotel: Ramada by Wyndham

Experience the true essence of Portugal through Fado music and dinner in a historic venue.

#### DAY 9. LISBON SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Head to the banks of the Tagus River this morning, joining a Local Guide for an included sightseeing tour. Later, you could choose to visit the beach playgrounds of Estoril and Cascais, as well as Sintra, on a Choice Experience of the iconic Golden Triangle. **(B)** 

Tour the Estoril Coast, Cascais fishing village and Sintra's Royal Palaces with a Local Guide.

Explore Lisbon's food scene with a ferry ride across the Tagus River for seafood and fish specialities at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 10. LISBON - FÁTIMA - SALAMANCA

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Rub shoulders with visiting pilgrims who have made the journey to the Catholic pilgrimage centre of Fátima. There's time to explore the Basilica and Sanctuary before crossing the Spanish border bound for Salamanca. Spend your evening at leisure. **(B, D)** Hotel: Bardo Recoletos Coco

#### DAY 11. SALAMANCA - MADRID SIGHTSEEING

Arriving in Madrid, you'll embark on a sightseeing tour with a Local Guide to view the Cibeles Fountain, Gran Vía and Paseo de la Castellana. Admire views of the Royal Palace and El Retiro Park, followed by a free evening to savour Madrid's vibrant nightlife – resist the urge to set an early curfew and perhaps join an optional dinner. **(B)** Hotel: Luze Castellana

Discover Madrid's hidden gems, enjoy an à la carte meal, then take an evening spin through stunning squares and fountains.

#### DAY 12. MADRID FREE DAY

There's every excuse to rise with the Madrileños and enjoy a leisurely start to your morning. You'll have a full free day to discover the city. Perhaps take an opportunity to join a Choice Experience to the medieval city of Toledo. **(B)** 

Visit Toledo to learn about the city's rich cultural heritage and admire Damascene metalwork traditions.

#### **DAY 13. DEPART MADRID**

It's time to say a final hasta la vista to new friends and your Travel Director. **(B)** 

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#### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

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

**Tomar:** View the legacy left in Tomar by the Knights Templar

Fátima: See the celebrated Shrine

**Coimbra:** View one of Europe's oldest universities

**Porto:** Explore the treasures in Porto's medieval Ribeira Quarter with a Local Guide

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#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE LISBON**

Pastel and azulejo-clad facades line Lisbon's narrow streets which ramble across and over its seven hills from St. George Castle to the Tagus River. Gaze over the Portuguese capital's terracotta rooftops, soaking up its smalltown atmosphere before meeting your Travel Director and companheiros for a glimpse of what lies ahead. Tonight you'll join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner and sample some of the local favourites that you'll encounter throughout your journey across Portugal. (D) Hotel: VIP Executive Zurique

#### DAY 2. LISBON SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Explore the Age of the Discoveries and Portugal's role as a global maritime power many centuries ago when you join a Local Guide for a sightseeing tour. See the Hieronymite Monastery and the medieval quarter before taking in views of the Belém Tower. Take the rest of the day to explore on your own. Maybe join a Choice Experience to visit Portugal's Golden Triangle of Cascais, Estoril and Sintra to see some of the country's most extravagant palaces. This evening, perhaps join an optional traditional Portuguese dinner amidst the heart-wrenching, melancholic sounds of the fado. (B)

Tour the Estoril Coast, Cascais fishing CHOOSE village and Sintra's Royal Palaces with a Local Guide.

Experience the true essence of Portugal through Fado music and dinner in a historic venue.

#### **DAY 3. LISBON FREE DAY**

Que bom! A full free day in Lisboa to explore the enchanting Portuguese capital your way. The secret to living a long life lies in eating a big breakfast, but as you'll come

to discover in Lisbon that may extend to a big lunch and dinner too. Spend the day indulging in a culinary adventure on your own or choose an optional visit to the fishing village of Nazaré, set on a wide bay overlooking the Atlantic. This Choice Experience also includes a visit to Óbidos where you'll have time to explore the medieval walled city with its whitewashed houses and cobblestone lanes. Aside from its obvious charm and history that pre-dates the founding of Portugal, Óbidos is also home to the delightfully decadent Ginja cherry liqueur served up in tiny chocolate cups. (B)

Explore Lisbon's food scene with a ferry ride across the Tagus River for seafood and fish specialities at a local restaurant.

Explore the walled town of Óbidos, relax in seaside Nazaré, and strop at Fátima's famous sanctuary.





#### DAY 4. LISBON - TOMAR - FÁTIMA

Leave Lisbon behind, bound for the Templar city of Tomar for an orientation tour with your Travel Director, a beautiful reminder of Portuguese Renaissance. Continue to Fátima, a site of a celebrated religious miracle where three young shepherds are said to have seen an apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1917. Explore the Basilica and Sanctuary on your own before dinner at your hotel with your travel companions. (B, D) Hotel: Sao Jose

Visit the Monastery of Batalha. Admire Gothic architecture and visit the tomb of the Treaty of Windsor founders.

#### DAY 5. FÁTIMA - COIMBRA - PORTO

Travel to Coimbra to explore the city your way before continuing to Porto. Arrive in time for a sightseeing tour with a Local Guide of the city's UNESCO-listed medieval Ribeira Quarter, the port and the remarkable bridges that span the Douro River. With an evening to do as you wish, you may be tempted to head to the water's edge and one of the city's Port wine cellars. (B) Hotel: Gaia Residence

Enjoy a food walking tour where you will get to eat and drink your way through the cobbled streets of Porto.

#### **DAY 6. PORTO FREE DAY**

Savour a full day to go back in time and explore Porto's historic centre with its beautiful Baroque facades. You could choose instead to join a Choice Experience to Braga, Portugal's religious capital. A Local Guide will reveal insights into Braga's historic centre and you'll have an opportunity to

see Europe's largest and most magnificent sculpted Baroque staircase. This evening, an optional cruise along the Douro, followed by a dinner of local specialities, is a fitting way to end your journey through Portugal. Watch the city light up as you enjoy a night cap and the fresh river breeze. (B)

Explore Braga, Portugal's capital of Baroque, and take a water-powered funicular to the **UNESCO-listed Bom Jesus sanctuary.** 

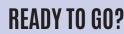


Sip on port as you cruise the Douro **River before a traditional meal in Porto's Ribeira Quarter.** 

#### **DAY 7. DEPART PORTO**

You've explored Portugal's illustrious past, savoured Mediterranean flavours that will linger long after you leave and made lasting new friendships. All that's left is to wish your travel companions a boa viagem and até à próxima. (B)





#### **Trip departure months**

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### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Madrid: See the Royal Palace, Cibeles Fountain and Retiro Park on a sightseeing tour with a Local Guide

Marrakesh: Visit Dar El Bacha and Djemaa el-Fna Square during your sightseeing tour

**Seville:** Sightseeing with your Local Guide includes views of the Cathedral, Plaza de España and Giralda Tower

**Lisbon:** View Belém Tower and the Monument to the Discoveries on your sightseeing tour with your Local Guide

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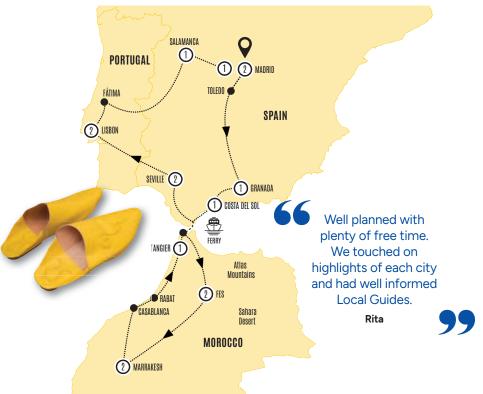
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The scents of spice and the warm embrace of the sun-kissed Mediterranean are never far when you embark on this uplifting voyage through Spain, Morocco and Portugal. Explore the bustling cities of Madrid and Marrakesh, cross the Strait of Gibraltar and feast your eyes on the colourful facades of Seville. From there, Portugal and its capital, Lisbon, await.

#### DAY 1. ARRIVE MADRID

Elegant Madrid kick-starts your exciting journey across Spain, Morocco and Portugal. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and relax. If you'd prefer to skip the siesta, take to the city's golden streets for a glimpse of what this metropolis has in store. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travel compañeros in the evening. Hotel: Auditorium

#### **DAY 2. MADRID SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Join your Local Guide this morning for a sightseeing tour to view the Cibeles Fountain, the Gran Vía and Paseo de la Castellana. Admire the Royal Palace, then enjoy some time to explore the city further. **(B)** 

Visit Segovia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the castle that inspired Disney, and see a Roman aqueduct.

#### DAY 3. MADRID - TOLEDO - GRANADA

Travel through La Mancha. View the Toledo's skyline, then join your Local Guide for a walking tour. Visit a steel workshop to see the famous Damascene handicraft before continuing to Granada. Tonight perhaps join a Choice Experience to watch a traditional gitano performance. **(B, D)** Hotel: Macia Condor

Experience the emotive Zambra dances of Granada's famous gitano people in a historic cave setting.

#### DAY 4. GRANADA - COSTA DEL SOL

Take to Granada's narrow cobbled streets for an independent exploration of the city. Delve into its Arab history and culture during a Choice Experience visit to the Albaicín Quarter, then continue south to the sun-kissed Andalusian holiday retreat of Costa Del Sol. **(B)** Hotel: Moon Dreams Calabahia

#### Discover hidden gems in the hilltop village of Mijas and enjoy a Mediterranean dinner at a seaside restaurant.

#### DAY 5. COSTA DEL SOL - FES

Take in a scenic coastal drive before boarding the ferry to North Africa. A different world awaits you in Morocco as you travel past the Rif Mountains to Fes. **(B, D)** Hotel: Across

#### DAY 6. FES SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Local Guide for a sightseeing tour through the cultural and spiritual centre of Morocco. With the rest of your day free, perhaps join a Choice Experience this evening - an Arabian dinner in a traditional riad with music. **(B)** 

Discover the unique dwellings of Bhalil village, carved from rock for optimal local climate. Visit a traditional tile factory.



Enjoy live music and a belly dancing performance as you dine on Arabian food in a traditional Riad.

#### DAY 7. FES - MARRAKESH

Today, travel to the city of Marrakesh. Perhaps join a Choice Experience

evening of authentic Berber cuisine and entertainment. **(B)** Hotel: Almas

#### DAY 8. MARRAKESH Sightseeing And Free time

Dive right into the heady, hectic pace of Marrakesh with your Local Guide. Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of the city and a visit to Dar El Bacha. Maybe join a Choice Experience to a Berber village. **(B)** 

Share traditional tea and stories with a local Berber family during a visit to the Ourika Valley.





#### DAY 9. MARRAKESH - CASABLANCA -Rabat - Tangier

Today, travel to Casablanca, the setting of Humphrey Bogart's most indelible moments on screen. Continue to the capital city, Rabat, where you see the Mohammed V Mausoleum and Royal Palace. **(B, D)** Hotel: Andalucia Golf Tangier

#### DAY 10. TANGIER - SEVILLE

Return to Spain, crossing the Strait of Gibraltar and heading north to Seville. **(B, D)** Hotel: MA Congresos

#### DAY 11. SEVILLE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Local Guide for a sightseeing tour of the Plaza de España, Maria Luisa Park and Seville's Old Quarter where you'll have an opportunity to view the spectacular Cathedral of Seville and the Giralda bell tower. After having the rest of the day to explore on your own, consider a foot-tapping Choice Experience at a flamenco show. **(B)** 

#### DAY 12. SEVILLE - LISBON

Travel to Portugal, passing through the rolling golden and green plains of the Alentejo. If you're tempted to take to the city's hilly cobblestone streets this evening, join your Travel Director for a Choice Experience fado performance. (B) Hotel: VIP Executive Zurique

Experience the true essence of Portugal through Fado music and dinner in a historic venue.

#### DAY 13. LISBON SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Local Guide for a sightseeing tour including views of Belém Tower, the

Monument to the Discoveries and the Hieronymite Monastery. (B)

Tour the Estoril Coast, Cascais fishing village and Sintra's Royal Palaces with a Local Guide.

#### DAY 14. LISBON - FÁTIMA - SALAMANCA

Travel to Fátima where you'll see visiting pilgrims who have come to pray and seek divine guidance. Continue to Salamanca, joining your Travel Director for a brief orientation of the city. **(B)** Hotel: Bardo Recoletos Coco

#### DAY 15. SALAMANCA - MADRID

Enjoy a final dinner in Madrid tonight, concluding your epic adventure through Spain, Morocco and Portugal. **(B, D)** Hotel: Auditorium

#### DAY 16. DEPART MADRID

As the curtain closes on your mesmerising journey through Spain, Morocco and Portugal, bid your Travel Director and newfound friends a fond farewell. **(B)** 

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#### **Trip departure months**

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Munich: Orientation includes the Marienplatz

**Prague:** Walking tour with a Local Guide includes views of Prague Castle and the Old Town Square

**Budapest:** Visit Castle Hill to admire Neo-Baroque architecture and fairytale turrets with a Local Guide

Vienna: See the Opera House, Hofburg and Imperial Boulevards with your Local Guide

Salzburg: View sites from 'The Sound of Music' with a Local Guide

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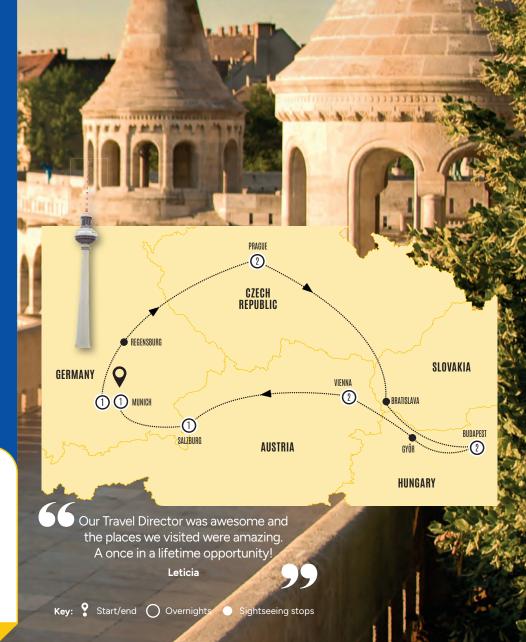
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#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE MUNICH**

Welcome to Munich, Germany's beer capital! Start with an orientation tour in Marienplatz, then choose to enjoy the evening in a traditional Biergarten. Hotel: Leonardo City South

#### DAY 2. MUNICH - REGENSBURG - PRAGUE

Your first stop today is in the UNESCO-listed town of Regensburg with its beautifully preserved medieval centre. Cross into the Czech Republic to the capital, Prague, the 'City of a Hundred Spires'. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Praha Mala Strana

Join a Local Guide to enjoy an introduction to Prague's city sights from the comfort of your private tram.

#### **DAY 3. PRAGUE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Delve into Prague's history with a Local Guide on a sightseeing tour where we will see Prague Castle, visit St. Vitus Cathedral and walk the Old Town Square. There's time later to explore the city on your own, returning to the Square to watch the Astronomical Clock's hourly Walk of the Apostles or choose to embark on a Choice Experience lunch cruise along the Vltava. **(B)** 

Take in the sites and relax on a Vltava River cruise, with unbeatable views and a lunch of local specialities.

Top your day off with great food and music, with an evening out in one of our favourite local restaurants.

#### DAY 4. PRAGUE - BRATISLAVA - BUDAPEST

Journey through Moravia to Bratislava for a brief stop before reaching Budapest. Spend an evening at leisure in the city or join a Danube dinner cruise. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis Castle Hill

Delight in Hungarian delicacies and views on a Danube cruise as Budapest's skyline is illuminated.

#### DAY 5. BUDAPEST SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Join a Local Guide as you visit Castle Hill. Consider joining a Choice Experience tour to the medieval market town of Szentendre for a traditional goulash with time to shop for authentic handicrafts. Tonight, revel in colourful Romani folklore and cuisine on an evening Choice Experience. **(B)** 

Visit scenic Szentendre for a goulash cooking demonstration and a chance to browse traditional Hungarian handicrafts.

Indulge in Hungarian cuisine whilst musicians serenade you with tales of Romani folklore in a local restaurant.

#### DAY 6. BUDAPEST - GYŐR - VIENNA

Choose to visit the Hungarian Parliament, then travel to Vienna via Győr. Your next stop is the Austrian capital, where art, architecture and music hit all the right notes for an inspiring evening. **(B)** Hotel: Senator





Tour the Hungarian Parliament, Europe's most ornate state parliament and Gothic Revival masterpiece.

Vienna's got the goods - history, culture and food. Treat yourself to a dinner with traditional Viennese music!

#### **DAY 7. VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Vienna has held on to her regal roots as you'll come to discover when you meet a Local Guide for a sightseeing tour around the city. An array of Choice Experiences in Vienna ensure you get to know the city your way. Choose to join a guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace or consider a Choice Experience evening of Mozart and Strauss music. **(B)** 

Tour the stunning Palace of Schönbrunn with a Local Guide to experience its rich history and beauty.

Get your Mozart and Strauss fix with a Viennese dinner and classical concert with complimentary bubbles or juice.

#### **DAY 8. VIENNA - SALZBURG**

See Melk Abbey and Lake Mondsee en route to Salzburg. Explore Salzburg and view sites from 'The Sound of Music' with a Local Guide. (**B**, **D**) Hotel: B&B Salzburg Nord

#### DAY 9. SALZBURG - MUNICH

Choice Experience morning tours to Berchtesgaden or the Eagle's Nest are

followed by a return to Munich. After a short drive to Munich, you'll enjoy a final dinner together with your travelling companions. **(B, D)** Hotel: Leonardo City South

Join your Local Guide for a breathtaking tour of Salzburg's lake district, including "The Sound of Music" filming locations.



Take an exhilarating journey through Berchtesgaden National Park and up to the Eagle's Nest for stunning views.



Explore Berchtesgaden's historic sites and ascend Höhenringstrasse for the breathtaking views of the Bavarian Alps.

#### DAY 10. DEPART MUNICH

Spend your final moments in Munich reminiscing over a journey filled with Europe's imperial capitals, and their incredible history, culture and nature. Say a fond pfiat di to your new friends and prepare for your onward journey home. **(B)** 

### **READY TO GO?**

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### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Warsaw: View the Old Town, St. John's Cathedral and the Royal Palace with a Local Guide

Auschwitz: Visit the poignant former concentration camp

Kraków: Join a Local Guide to see the cathedral and Royal Castle on Wawel Hill

**Budapest:** Visit Castle Hill and admire the sites from above with a Local Guide

Prague: Walking tour with a Local Guide

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The historic cultural hubs and colourful folklore of Bohemia take centre stage on this 15day encounter with Germany, Poland, Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic. You'll witness the triumph of the human spirit, explore the medieval history of enchanting towns, and uncover myths and legends of this multicultural crossroads.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE FRANKFURT**

At its heart, Frankfurt's high-powered business hub communes with a warm medieval centre. This afternoon, your Travel Director will lead an orientation tour around the city's dynamic financial centre and Römerberg. Hotel: Leonardo Frankfurt City South

#### DAY 2. FRANKFURT - BERLIN

Journey across the North German Plain to the dynamic and energetic capital that is Berlin. Consider joining a Choice Experience. **(B)** Hotel: InterCity Ostbahnhof.

#### **DAY 3. BERLIN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Your Local Guide will bring Berlin's tumultuous history to life this morning as you view the Reichstag building, German State Opera House, the Tiergarten, Unter den Linden and Brandenburg Gate. **(B)** 

Learn about Checkpoint Charlie, the Berlin Wall and the Holocaust Memorial on a guided tour.

Drive to Berlin's royal hunting grounds and dine in a charming chalet. Savour German cuisine, history and architecture!

#### DAY 4. BERLIN - POZNAŃ - WARSAW

Visit Poznań, one of the oldest cities in Poland. View its colourful market square and town hall, then head to Poland's modern metropolis of Warsaw. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Warsaw Centrum

Unleash the magic of Warsaw's soul with a private concert by a celebrated Polish pianist.

#### **DAY 5. WARSAW SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

This morning, perhaps enjoy a Choice Experience guided visit to the baroque Wilanów Palace, then dive into Warsaw's turbulent past with a Local Guide. **(B)** 

Explore King Sobieski III's 17<sup>th</sup>-century Wilanów Palace on a guided tour and marvel at the royal collection.

#### DAY 6. WARSAW -Auschwitz - Kraków

Today we travel south towards the former Royal Capital of Krakow. We pay our respects to the survivors and victims of the Holocaust by visiting the memorial site of the former concentration camp at Auschwitz. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Stare Miasto

#### DAY 7. KRAKÓW SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Your Local Guide will share the legend of the city's origins and royal history. Perhaps join an optional visit to the UNESCO-listed 14<sup>th</sup>-century salt mines. **(B)** 

Explore the subterranean chambers and salt sculptures of the UNESCO-listed Wieliczka Salt Mine.

Enjoy the sounds of traditional Polka music and dances, whilst savouring a delicious dinner of Polish specialities and beverages.

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#### DAY 8. KRAKÓW - BUDAPEST

Head south through Poland, then travel through the pastoral heart of Slovakia bound for Hungary. Your final destination today is Budapest. Begin your exploration of this





'Pearl of the Danube' on the water with an optional private dinner cruise. **(B)** Hotel: Ibis Styles City

Delight in Hungarian delicacies and views on a Danube cruise as Budapest's skyline is illuminated.

#### DAY 9. BUDAPEST SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Like all great capitals, Budapest's story begins with a legend, which your Local Guide will share as you see Castle Hill. This afternoon, perhaps join a Choice Experience to the medieval town of Szentendre. **(B)** 

#### DAY 10. BUDAPEST - GYŐR - VIENNA

Maybe marvel at the exquisite interior of the Hungarian Parliament. Stop in Győr on our way to Vienna. **(B, D)** Hotel: Ibis Wien Mariahilf

Tour the Hungarian Parliament, Europe's most ornate state parliament and Gothic Revival masterpiece.

#### DAY 11. VIENNA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Your Local Guide will reveal all the sights of this imperial city. This evening, consider a Choice Experience to Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens. **(B)** 

Tour the stunning Palace of Schönbrunn with a Local Guide to experience its rich history and beauty.



Vienna's got the goods - history, culture and food. Treat yourself to a dinner with traditional Viennese music!

#### DAY 12. VIENNA - BRNO - PRAGUE

Head north to the Czech Republic. You'll stop in the medieval town of Brno, arriving

in Prague later today. Consider joining an evening introduction to this fairy-tale city. **(B, D)** Hotel: Superior Prague

#### **DAY 13. PRAGUE SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Join your Local Guide for a sightseeing tour where you see Prague Castle, the Cathedral of St. Vitus and the Old Town Square. Consider joining a Choice Experience cruise with lunch on the Vltava River, and later top off your day with a Choice Experience featuring dinner and music at a favourite local restaurant. **(B)** 

#### DAY 14. PRAGUE - ROTHENBURG - FRANKFURT

Take a step back in time during your stop in Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Continue to Frankfurt, where tonight you'll enjoy a farewell dinner. **(B, D)** Hotel: Leonardo Frankfurt City South

#### **DAY 15. DEPART FRANKFURT**

Great empires created the enchanting land which you've explored over the past 15 days. **(B)** 

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Trip departure months

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### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Copenhagen:** View the Little Mermaid, Nyhavn and Royal Amalienborg Palace

**Oslo:** View the medieval fortress Akershus, the City Hall and the Royal Palace

Bergen: See Haakon's Hall and the bustling fish market

Sognefjord: View the 'King' of the fjords

**Stockholm:** View the medieval Storkyrkan, the City Hall, Riddarholm Church and the Royal Palace

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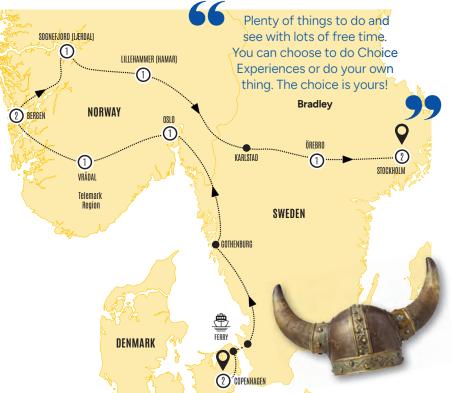
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The land of the Vikings, deep fjords and long summer nights – Norway, Denmark and Sweden deliver the arresting beauty and captivating history you would expect from Scandinavia. Your 12-day adventure across 'the North' reveals centuries of trading heritage and natural splendour of the 'King' and 'Queen' of the fjords.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE COPENHAGEN**

You're in for a whole lot of hygge when you hit the colourful, character-filled streets of Copenhagen, kick-starting your journey across Scandinavia. This cool capital manages to mix fairy tale with function as you'll come to discover. Spend your day soaking up the atmosphere in 17<sup>th</sup>-century Nyhavn or rubbing shoulders with the fun-loving locals in Tivoli Gardens, Europe's second oldest amusement park. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at your hotel. **(D)** Hotel: Comwell Portside

#### DAY 2. COPENHAGEN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Discover why Copenhagen earns its status as one of the world's most liveable cities – a place where work and play are perfectly balanced. Your Local Guide will take you on a sightseeing tour to the heart of the city, through lively streets, squares and along canals, revealing many of the city's highlights, from the Royal Amalienborg Palace to Carlsberg Glyptotek. Snap a selfie with Copenhagen's demure Little Mermaid then spend the rest of the day exploring Copenhagen your way or join a Choice Experience to the Danish Riviera past ancient fishing villages to the 17th-century Frederiksborg Castle. This evening, join a Choice Experience visit to the village of Dragør with its tiny thatched cottages. (B)

Explore Copenhagen's fairy tale village of Dragør. Sample Danish delicacies amid tiny houses and charming harbour.

#### DAY 3. COPENHAGEN - OSLO

The next leg of your journey is filled with eye-catching landscapes that demand to be captured on camera. Your scenic drive from Denmark to Norway will see you cross the Øresund by ferry, then skirt the Swedish coastline north past glittering blue bays and lush pine and spruce forests. Continue your journey past Gothenburg bound for Oslo, the Norwegian capital. Norway wears its pioneering past with subtlety. This city could claim great Viking victories. Instead, you'll encounter a modest, waterfront Oslo, where contemporary meets comfortable and the Norwegian philosophy of friluftsliv is palpable in its lush parks, flower-lined boulevards and bustling waterways. (B) Hotel: Thon Oslofjord

#### DAY 4. OSLO SIGHTSEEING - VRÅDAL

Your Local Guide will reveal all the highlights of Oslo this morning, including the medieval Akershus fortress, the City Hall and the Royal Palace. Visit the bronze, granite and cast iron fantasy-land left behind by Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland in Frogner Park, home to the world's largest sculpture exhibition by a single artist. Later, take the chance to explore Oslo at leisure before we travel to Norway's Telemark region, renowned for its distinctive skiing technique. Tonight, join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Straand

Join us at the Fram ship as we learn about its icy journeys, also visit the world renowned Kon-Tiki raft.

#### DAY 5. VRÅDAL - BERGEN

Witness Mother Nature's magic touch on Norway as you wind your way through spectacular mountains and past Hardangerfjord, the 'Queen of the Fjords', to Bergen. The city's Hanseatic heritage is only second to the spectacular natural landscape that surrounds this enchanting coastal city, which is famously fringed by seven hills and seven fjords. The former capital of Norway has been a trading centre since the 13thcentury as you will come to discover on your orientation tour of the city's highlights, including the fish market and the 13<sup>th</sup>-century Haakon's Hall, a former Royal residence. (B) Hotel: Moxy Bergen

#### DAY 6. BERGEN SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Nowhere is Norway's seafaring heritage more apparent than in Bergen, which was once the cod capital of the world and a lively port for traders seeking to spread its salty delights across Europe. You'll have some time to explore the harbour and the colourful wooden warehouses of UNESCO-listed Bryggen, the centre of Bergen's Hanseatic trade for centuries. Consider joining a Choice Experience to take a funicular ride up Mount Fløyen for wonderful views over Bergen and the surrounding countryside. You could also choose to delve into Norway's World War Il history during a visit to the lost village of Telavåg, whose ties to the resistance saw it destroyed by German forces. (B)

Visit the English-style garden of Gamlehaugen Castle and enjoy a delicious dinner of Norwegian specialities.

#### DAY 7. BERGEN - SOGNEFJORD (LÆRDAL)

Norway's fjord country takes centre stage today as you head to the 'King of the Fjords', Sognefjord. You'll have a scenic drive before arriving at the world's longest and deepest fjord. You'll have a rare opportunity as part of a Choice Experience to journey on the worldfamous Flåm Railway. After, for nature lovers, there's a Choice Experience to board a cruise on the UNESCO-listed Nærøyfjord, whose stunning landscape has inspired painters for centuries. Tonight, join your travel companions for dinner at your hotel. (B, D) Hotel: Lærdal

Take the iconic Flåm Railway as you wind through the breathtaking Flåm valley to the mountaintop station of Myrdal.

Experience the beauty of Nærøyfjord, a UNESCO-listed fjord, and cruise by mountain peaks and spectacular scenery.

#### DAY 8. SOGNEFJORD (LÆRDAL) -LILLEHAMMER (HAMAR)

Enjoy a scenic drive through the mountains to Lillehammer, in the heart of Norway. You'll discover what's great about the great outdoors as you see how this Norwegian ski jumping centre turned Winter Olympics hub has become popular amongst adrenaline junkies. (B) Hotel: Thon Partner Victoria Hamar

Discover Lillehammer's heritage at the Maihaugen open-air museum, then visit the Olympic ski jumping arena.

#### DAY 9. LILLEHAMMER (HAMAR) -KARLSTAD - ÖREBRO

Travel through Norway's lush forest landscapes, through the cottage countryside of Sweden bound for Lake Vänern, to visit Karlstad, surrounded by forests, fields and lakes. Take a deep breath and embrace the simplicity of your surroundings before continuing to the lively university town of Örebro, where you'll stay tonight. View the 13<sup>th</sup>-century castle on the banks of the Svartån River during your orientation. (B) Hotel: Scandic Örebro Vast

Join a Local Guide in Wadkoping and the Skybar for traditional Swedish fika and an aerial view over Örebro.

#### DAY 10. ÖREBRO - STOCKHOLM

Continue to stylish Stockholm, which locals refer to as 'beauty on water'. The beautiful blue jostles for your attention amidst lush green parks and a modern city where style and substance coexist effortlessly. Get your bearings and explore Stockholm your way or take a cruise across the harbour and the beautiful Djurgården canal on our Choice Experience which continues on to explore the huge public art gallery that is the Stockholm metro. (B) Hotel: Comfort Solna

Stroll through the magical Gamla Stan. Bask in the golden buildings and devour Swedish cuisine. Cheers!

#### DAY 11. STOCKHOLM SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Let this elegant city capture your heart as you explore this morning with a Local Guide. View the medieval Storkyrkan, the Swedish Parliament and the Royal Palace. A Choice Experience could see you visit Stockholm's City Hall and delve into the story of the Vasa, a 17<sup>th</sup>-century warship that sank on her maiden voyage. In the afternoon, get your cameras ready for a 'pano' worthy of framing when you head to Sodermalm on a Choice Experience which includes a visit to the world's first Ice Bar. Say skål in glasses made of pure river ice, then join your fellow travellers later for dinner to celebrate the end of your Scandinavian adventure. (B, D)

**CHOOSE** Explore Sandviken and 'The Cool Capital' with a Local Guide before a trip by funicular railway for stunning views.



Check off your Stockholm bucket-list at City Hall, famous for Nobel Prize celebrations, and the Vasa Ship museum.

#### DAY 12. DEPART STOCKHOLM

Your epic journey worthy of a Viking voyage has sadly come to an end. Say a fond farväl to new friends and close the curtain on a holiday filled with Scandinavian style, the majesty of Mother Nature and a whole lot of lek as you prepare to return home. (B)

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Dubrovnik: See the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries

**Kotor:** Orientation around the Old Town with your Travel Director

Budva: Orientation around the Old Town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with your Travel Director

Sarajevo: See the Old Town with your Local Guide

Mostar: See the iconic historic bridge, Stari Most, a symbol of unity and resilience, and visit the bustling Bazaar with your Local Guide

**Split:** With your Local Guide, see the grand Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

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Journey from medieval ruins to ancient Roman sights on this 9-day tour, featuring historic Dubrovnik and Split. You'll wander through multicultural cities, hear moving stories of war and discover the stunning architecture.



**Key:** Start/end Overnights Sightseeing stops

#### DAYS 1 - 3. ARRIVE DUBROVNIK -Kotor - Budva

Arrive in Dubrovnik to see 'paradise on earth' (if George Bernard Shaw is to be believed). Explore the coastal city with a Local Guide. Admire the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and city walls. There's no better way to enjoy this shimmering coastline than embarking on a Choice Experience sunset dinner cruise to a secluded bay. Continue your exploration through the spectacular scenery of Montenegro to the Old Town of Kotor before arriving in Budva.

#### DAYS 4 - 5. SARAJEVO

Travel from Budva to Sarajevo to see centuries of religious history reflected in the beautiful synagogues, mosques and churches. Discover the city with a Local Guide. Visit the Old Town, view the largest mosque in the Balkans, see the Eternal Flame and the Sarajevo Roses that stand as a stark reminder of the turmoil endured decades ago. Uncover Sarajevo's Siege survival: experience the Tunnel of Hope and hear personal accounts from a Local Guide.

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Immerse yourself in Sarajevo with dinner at a local's home, enjoying traditional cuisine and connection.

#### DAYS 6 - 9. MOSTAR - DEPART SPLIT

Head to Mostar for an exploration of this multicultural city that witnessed an impressive resurrection after the Bosnian War. Choose to join a Choice Experience visit to Blagaj, famous for its natural spring and one of the most mystical cultural and historical villages in the country. Then sit back, relax and watch the stunning Adriatic coastline go by as you pass old fishing villages and modern resorts bound for Split, where you can take a Choice Experience boat trip to one of the glittering Dalmatian islands. The allure of the Balkans will linger long after you've said goodbye to your travel companions.

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#### DAYS 1 - 2. ARRIVE ATHENS - DELPHI

Your journey begins in Athens. Come face-toface with the Acropolis, the city's impressive ancient backdrop. A Local Guide will join you for a sightseeing tour of the ancient citadel, including the Parthenon, dedicated to the goddess Athena. View the Panathinaiko Olympic Stadium, the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, stopping at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Follow the road taken by the ancient Greeks who sought the wisdom of the Oracle, arriving in Delphi.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Meet passionate beekeeper Nikiforos at his honey farm for a taste of his special thyme honey.

#### DAYS 3 - 4. DELPHI - KALAMBAKA - ATHENS

Walk the Sacred Way to the Temple of Apollo. Your Local Guide will reveal the ancient site's captivating history and some of the Oracle's prophecies. A scenic drive takes you to Thermopylae, notably the site of the heroic defence by King Leonidas and his brave Spartans against the invading Persians. Join an evening Choice Experience to indulge in tasty traditional cuisine, including dancing and drinks.

#### DAYS 5 - 8. 3-NIGHT CRUISE - DEPART ATHENS

Board your three-night cruise through the Aegean. Stop at Mykonos and ramble through the narrow streets of Chora. Choose to join a Choice Experience countryside tour to several of the island's beaches and historic sites. Your next stop is Patmos. See the Grotto of the Apocalypse first-hand when you join a Choice Experience tour with time in medieval Hora to stretch your sea legs. Alternatively, drive deep into the beautiful countryside and experience the true flavour of Cretan lifestyle. The dramatic volcanic landscape of Santorini is your final destination today. Disembark your ship in Athens.

Travel back to the Minoan era. Discover the great Palace of Knossos, built by ancient geniuses over 2,000 years ago.

Drive through Crete's countryside, visit Stironas, taste wine and raki, enjoy Cretan meze and traditional dancing.

### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Athens: Visit the Acropolis and view the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch

Mykonos: Spend the evening exploring this lively island

Kusadasi: Visit the open air archaeological wonder of ancient Ephesus

Crete: Spend time in the port town of Heraklion

Santorini: Enjoy the cliff top town of Fira

**Delphi:** Visit the Temple of Apollo with a Local Guide

Meteora: Visit one of the iconic rock monasteries with a Local Guide

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### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Athens: Sightseeing tour with a Local Guide includes a visit to the magnificent Acropolis and views of the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch

Santorini: Enjoy an orientation of the town of Fira with the views over the caldera with your Travel Director

Mykonos: Orientation of the port and Mykonos town includes a walk along the narrow cobbled streets with your Travel Director

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Say opa! to a Greek adventure which kicks off in Athens and explores two glittering island gems in the Aegean. Discover the treasures of the ancient world before spending a glorious week getting lost in the labyrinthine lanes of Santorini and Mykonos. You'll combine your love for history with laid-back island life.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE ATHENS**

Let it sink in – the fact that you're standing in what was once the centre of the western world, where the likes of Socrates, Aristotle and Plato offered their wisdom and insights which have stood the test of time. Your launch pad to a Greek island adventure begins in the capital. There's plenty of time to relax on the islands, so lace up your walking shoes and discover the city your way. Later, join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a glimpse into what lies ahead. Hotel: Dorian Inn/Zafolia

#### **DAY 2. ATHENS SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

The Acropolis looms large over Athens and today you'll get up close and personal with this ancient citadel. Your Local Guide reveals its extraordinary history that spans thousands of years as you view the archaeological remains of temples, theatres and the mighty Parthenon, considered the most important building to survive Classical Greece. You'll view the Panathinaiko Olympic Stadium, the Temple of Zeus and Hadrian's Arch, stopping in Syntagma Square to admire the curiously clad Evzone guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The rest of the day is yours to explore Athens on your terms, but with ancient history on your mind you may wish to embark on a Choice Experience to see the 5<sup>th</sup>-century BC Temple of Poseidon at Sounion. Or why not visit a turtle sanctuary on our MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. This evening, if the sizzle of street food hasn't already captured your attention, you may wish to join your fellow travellers for an optional traditional dinner at a favourite city taverna. (B)

Travel back to the 5<sup>th</sup>-century BC at Cape Sounion and see Byron's carvings at the Temple of Poseidon.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Meet the care team at The Glyfada Sea Turtle Rescue Centre (Archelon) helping injured turtles.

Enjoy Meze-style dining in the Psiri area before touring the illuminated Acropolis for a quintessential Greek experience.

#### DAY 3. ATHENS - SANTORINI

Don't resist the urge to slow it all down as you leave the busy cityscape behind and catch a high-speed ferry to Santorini. The spectacular volcanic eruption in 1646 BC had quite the magic touch on its dramatic landscape. After checking in and an orientation tour, you'll have some time on your own. **(B)** Hotel: New Haroula/Kamari Beach

#### **DAY 4. SANTORINI FREE TIME**

Don't waste a second of your time lazing on the sun-soaked beaches of Santorini when you can ascend to its highest point for stunning views instead. This Choice Experience will reveal the iconic landscapes of the Cyclades you've only seen in photographs – the gleaming whitewashed buildings, cerulean blue domes and tumbling

cerise bougainvillea. An alternative Choice Experience could see you board a caïque fishing boat to the volcano instead, soaking in its warm thermal waters and healing mud against the backdrop of Santorini's enchanting cliff-top villages. This evening, there's no better place to bid farewell to another beautiful island day than in Oia. Stroll through its marble streets to our favourite sunset spot to capture the Instagram shot of the trip. **(B)** 

Board a wooden "caique" to Nea Kameni volcano for swimming, climbing or relaxing before enjoying dinner.

#### **DAY 5. SANTORINI FREE TIME**

Indulge in another full day to explore Santorini your way. You could choose one of several Choice Experiences to fill the day or stroll

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 villages and beaches on your own. Why not make the most of your final evening in Santorini, sampling the local culinary delights with uninterrupted views of the Aegean Sea?
 your final Seek out sunset al with new There's always time for one last ouzo. (B)

 DAY 6. SANTORINI - MYKONOS Bound for the island playground of Mykonos. All that stands between you and the sunkissed shores of the Cyclades is a short high DAY 9. M

through Fira's narrow streets shopping for

Incredible views of the Caldera are never

last-minute souvenirs, clothing and jewellery.

far as you explore the island's ancient paths,

kissed shores of the Cyclades is a short highspeed ferry ride. After transferring to your hotel and a short orientation tour, Mykonos is yours for the taking so don't hold back and seek out your favourite island spots for the rest of your stay. Whitewashed houses line the narrow streets and life is rather idyllic behind the colourful wooden shutters that shield the locals from the warm Mediterranean sun. **(B)** Hotel: Dimele/Alkistis

#### DAY 7. MYKONOS FREE TIME

Snap your fingers and you'll be on the other side of the island. Well, almost. You could choose to spend your day exploring tiny Mykonos your way or join your fellow travellers for an optional Island tour driving through arid landscapes to some of its most celebrated beaches. Before you dip

your toes into the water, you'll visit Ano Mera village whose 16<sup>th</sup>-century monastery is dedicated to the protectress of Mykonos. Then continue to the beautiful Blue Flag beach of Kalafatis. **(B)** 

Pack your swimsuit! Visit traditional Ano Mera and take a dip at Kalafatis Beach. Cycladic landscapes await.

#### DAY 8. MYKONOS FREE TIME

Grab your front-row seat to the goings-on in Mykonos's old port as you sit perched on one of the brightly painted wooden balconies characteristic of Little Venice. There's time today to wander through the shopping streets of Chora village and see the 16<sup>th</sup>-century windmills of Kato Mili that look out over the bay. For history lovers, there's no better way to spend your day than joining an optional visit to nearby Delos, the legendary birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister Artemis. On this captivating exploration of what was once the most important site in ancient Greece, you'll see many artefacts that have been collected in the ruins of this sacred site. After a day of sightseeing, you'll want to make the most of your final evening in this island playground. Seek out a taverna with beautiful views of the sunset and toast to another day in paradise with new friends. **(B)** 

Take a boat ride to Delos, the mythical birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. Explore the temple ruins, sanctuary and more.

#### DAY 9. MYKONOS - ATHENS

Leaving island life behind, it's time to return to Athens for a final exhilarating encounter with the vibrant Greek capital. Transfer to your Athens hotel, then spend the evening in the narrow lanes of Plaka following your nose past its 19<sup>th</sup>-century facades to find the best souvlaki in town. A lively evening lies ahead if you've yet to have your fill of good times with good friends. Keep your toes tapping to the street music that fills the air and find a taverna with your name on it. **(B)** Hotel: Dorian Inn/Zafolia

Eat, dance and mingle like a local in Athens! Sumptuous Greek food, music

and fun at a traditional taverna.

#### DAY 10. DEPART ATHENS

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Your journey through Athens and the Greek islands reveals why Ancient Greece was the chosen land for gods and goddesses, philosophers, poets and famous personalities. As you prepare for your return journey and long after you arrive home, you'll remember the generous spirit, postcard-perfect scenery and legacy of the ancients that are among the many gifts that Greece has given you. Say farewell to your new friends at the end of your holiday. **(B)** 

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**Cairo:** See the treasures of Tutankhamun, the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx

Aswan: Sail on the Nile in a traditional felucca

Kom-Ombo: Visit Kom-Ombo Temple dedicated to two gods

Luxor: Explore the imposing Karnak Temple Complex

Valley of the Kings: See the Memnon Colossi and visit the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut

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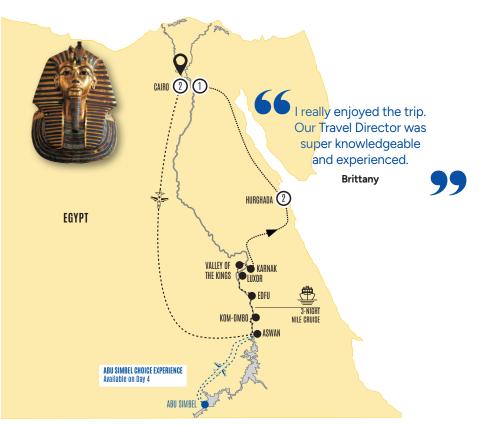
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Great Pharaohs, Gods and Goddesses once walked these ancient lands and you will too when you embark on this mesmerising journey from Cairo to Aswan, to the temples of Luxor and the seaside splendour of Hurghada. Get lost in the legends of ancient civilisations, the stories of great tributes to the powerful men and women who once ruled.

#### **DAY 1. ARRIVE CAIRO**

Welcome to Egypt! Hold on to your hats as you embark on a whirlwind journey into antiquity, beginning in colourful Cairo. You'll want to keep your camera handy when you become more than a curious bystander while out and about exploring the largest metropolis on the African continent. Perhaps spend your first day delving into the treasures of ancient history your way. Hotel: Cairo Pyramids

#### **DAY 2. CAIRO SIGHTSEEING**

See the treasures of Tutankhamun this morning during a guided tour of the Egyptian Museum, home of the world's greatest collection of ancient Egyptian art. Meet the skilled artisans at a local weaving school, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience and learn about the traditional weaving methods on wooden looms, using silk, cotton, and natural dyes. Proceed to the Pyramids of Giza, where you'll see the Pyramid of Cheops, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and the proudly posing Sphinx, before returning to Cairo this evening for some time on your own or a Choice Experience Nile cruise with belly dancing and dinner. **(B)** 

Enjoy riverside views and a belly dancing show over dinner as you cruise down the Nile aboard a luxurious ship.

Are you brave for chilling Pharaoh tales? Witness the Great Pyramid and Sphinx illuminated under the stars.

#### DAY 3. CAIRO - ASWAN - NILE CRUISE

Let the dust settle in Cairo as you board your morning flight to Aswan. You'll arrive just in time for a visit to the High Dam and admire the Temple of Isis in Philae built to honour the goddess of love, before boarding your cruise. This afternoon, take to the Nile on a traditional felucca, watching as the wind whips up its elegant white cotton sails as you sail around the Botanical Gardens on Kitchener's Island. **(B, L, D)** Hotel: Nile Cruise

Experience ancient Egypt's Goddesses and a Nile flood tale at a Roman-style theatre on Philae Island.

With a Local Guide, travel by boat around the islands of the first cataract, watching for native birds and other wildlife.

#### DAY 4. NILE CRUISE: ASWAN - KOM-Ombo - Edfu

Catch the gaze of Ramses II if you join a Choice Experience to the imposing temples of Abu Simbel, his ancient southern seat of power. Set sail for Kom-Ombo, arriving this afternoon to visit Kom-Ombo Temple where two gods of Horus the Elder and Sobek are worshipped in tandem. Your cruise continues overnight to Edfu. **(B, L, D)** 

Treat yourself to this 4-hour experience, including a flight to Abu Simbel, home to the Temple of Ramses II.

#### DAY 5. NILE CRUISE: EDFU - LUXOR

Ancient Thebes beckons and you'll continue your Nile cruise to Luxor where this afternoon we visit the Luxor Museum, one of the best displays of antiquities in Egypt. Go back in time and see an astounding collection of archaeological treasures, including items from Tutankhamun's tomb and remnants from the New Kingdom. **(B, L, D)** 

Listen to voices of ancient Kings, Queens and Gods as they share stories about the places you'll see in the Temple.





### DAY 6. DISEMBARK - LUXOR - VALLEY OF THE KINGS - HURGHADA

Your Nile cruise has come to an end, but there's still plenty more to see in the Valley of the Kings, the final resting place of Egypt's Pharaohs. Visit the mortuary temple of Queen Hatshepsut, then see the seated Memnon Colossi before stopping in Karnak. Later, you'll head to the Red Sea coastline and stop at Hurghada where tonight you'll enjoy dinner at your hotel. **(B, D)** Hotel: Pharaoh

Azur Resort

#### DAY 7. HURGHADA FREE DAY

What a treat! A full free day to soak up the sun-kissed splendour of Hurghada on your own. You could choose to shelve the sightseeing and relax at your resort guilt-free or embark on a snorkelling tour getting up close and personal to the resident dolphins. However you decide to spend your day, start and end it slowly – isn't that what beach

holidays are for? Tonight, dinner is served at your hotel. **(B, D)** 

Drive through sand dunes of the Sahara to a local village to savour a barbecue dinner and Bedouin tea.

Board the beautiful pirate twin-mast sailing boat and enjoy a seafood dinner served with live band entertainment.



Discover the vibrant reef and colourful sea life of the Red Sea on a semisubmarine cruise in Hurghada.



Head out for a snorkelling trip to Orange bay Island where you'll swim in the crystal waters and see beautiful coral reefs.

#### DAY 8. HURGHADA - CAIRO

What could be better than waking up to the sounds of the seaside in Egypt? That's exactly what you'll be doing this morning and there's no need to hurry as you'll have time for a leisurely breakfast before taking your transfer to Cairo. Your Travel Director will be more than happy to give you some options to celebrate a wonderful last night in Egypt. **(B)** Hotel: Radisson Blu Heliopolis

#### **DAY 9. DEPART CAIRO**

Your journey back in time to a land of powerful pharaohs has come to an end. It's been a memorable walk down ancient paths that have fascinated explorers for centuries. For now, all that remains is to say farewell to your travel companions before returning home, filled with fond memories of the treasures you've encountered. **(B)** 

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Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Istanbul: See Hagia Sophia and Blue Mosque. Visit the Grand Bazaar

> Ankara: Visit the Museum of Anatolian Civilisation and Ataturk's Mausoleum

**Cappadocia:** Visit Pasabagi and the Red Valley and marvel at the underground city of Saratli

Konya: Visit the Mevlana Museum, home of the Whirling Dervishes

Pamukkale: See the Cotton Castle springs and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis

**Troy:** Visit the ruins of the ancient city and see the Wooden Horse

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East meets West on this Turkish extravaganza, revealing the Byzantine and Ottoman past of Istanbul, fairy-tale landscapes of Cappadocia and some of the world's most revered ancient cities. Explore the colourful lanes of the Grand Bazaar, watch the dizzying dance of the Whirling Dervishes and descend into an underground fortress.



#### DAYS 1 - 3. ARRIVE ISTANBUL - ANKARA

Discover Istanbul, a historic meeting point between East and West. See Hagia Sophia, the Hippodrome and Blue Mosque, then explore your way with Choice Experiences.

Explore the opulent Topkapi Palace, home of Ottoman sultans. Then, hit the Grand Bazaar for unique finds.

#### DAY 4. ANKARA - CAPPADOCIA

Visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, the founder and father of the Turkish Republic, then continue to the whimsical landscapes of Cappadocia and visit the underground city of Saratli.

#### DAY 5. CAPPADOCIA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Journey to Pasabagi and Red Valley, and visit a regional rug production centre. A Choice Experience in Göreme reveals how Christians once worshipped in the many rock churches that remain to this day. This evening, dinner is served at your hotel.

Enjoy a hypnotic Whirling Dervishes performance and learn about the history and the symbolism of the dance.

#### DAYS 6 - 8. CAPPADOCIA - KONYA - PAMUKKALE - Hierapolis - Izmir

Stop in Konya and visit the famous mausoleum where the Sufi philosopher Mevlana is buried. Continue to the cotton fortress of Pamukkale, then travel to Hierapolis. Head west to the Aegean coastline, arriving in Izmir.

Uncover history in the ancient city of Ephesus and visit the House of the Virgin Mary before a delicious lunch.



Relax with stunning seaside views, seafood dishes and meze at one of Izmir's top-rated restaurants.

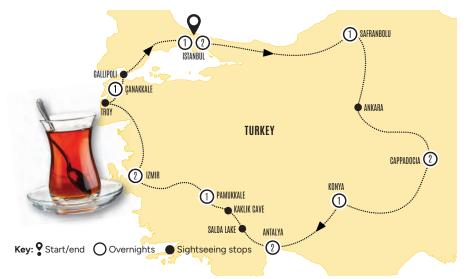
#### DAYS 9 - 11. IZMIR - TROY - ÇANAKKALE -Gallipoli - Depart Istanbul

Visit Troy and see a replica of the wooden Trojan Horse. Overnight in Çanakkale, then continue to Gallipoli, where significant World War I battles were fought with heavy losses on both sides. You'll visit Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair, paying tribute to the brave soldiers who lost their lives in this relentless conflict. Return to Istanbul, where your tour comes to an end.

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East meets West on this 14-day journey across the fairy-tale landscapes and ancient landmarks of Turkey. From the lavish palaces of Ottoman sultans to Roman ruins along the Turquoise coast, you'll delve into the diversity and colourful multicultural experience that Turkey serves up in spades.



#### DAYS 1 - 3. ARRIVE ISTANBUL - SAFRANBOLU

The 'Pearl of the Orient' reveals hidden treasures as you explore Istanbul. Visit the Byzantine Hippodrome and see the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia. Choose to join a Choice Experience visit to Topkapi Palace and the Grand Bazaar, then continue your journey to UNESCO-listed Safranbolu.

#### DAYS 4 - 7. SAFRANBOLU - ANKARA - CAPPADOCIA -Konya - Antalya

Travel to the Turkish capital, Ankara, and visit the Mausoleum of Atatürk. Continue to the whimsical landscapes of Cappadocia, famed for troglodyte cave dwellings, and consider joining a Choice Experience to see the famed Whirling Dervishes. As you travel to Konya, learn about the art of pottery making and visit the underground city of Saratli. Delve into history as you visit the Mevlana Museum and embark on a sightseeing tour when you arrive in Antalya.

Foodie alert! Try the legendary Turkish kebab and excite your tastebuds as you sample a variety of traditional meze. Witness Sema during a Whirling Dervish dance ceremony, followed by a dinner of typical Turkish flavours.

#### DAYS 8 - 11. ANTALYA - PAMUKKALE - IZMIR

Travel to the cotton fortress of Pamukkale, then see the ruins of the ancient Roman health spa of Hierapolis. Continue west to the Aegean coastline and relax in scenic Izmir.

Visit the world's best-preserved ancient theatre in Aspendos, and explore the Roman aqueduct and Ottoman bridge.

#### DAYS 12 - 14. IZMIR - TROY - ÇANAKKALE -Gallipoli - Depart Istanbul

In Izmir, choose to join a Choice Experience visit at the ruins of Ephesus, one of the most important cities in the ancient Mediterranean world. Visit Troy and see the famous Trojan Horse before arriving in Çanakkale. Travel to Gallipoli and Anzac Cove to commemorate the brave soldiers who served and died in the intense battles fought here. Visit Lone Pine Cemetery and Chunuk Bair before returning to Istanbul, where your Turkish discovery comes to an end.

# **ESSENTIALS BY US**



Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Istanbul: See Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque

Ankara: Visit Ataturk's Mausoleum

**Cappadocia:** Visit Pasabagi and the Red Valley and marvel at the underground city of Saratli

Konya: Visit the Mevlana Museum, home of the Whirling Dervishes

Antalya: See the Roman harbour

Pamukkale: See the Cotton Castle springs and the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis

Troy: Visit the ruins of the ancient city

**Gallipoli:** See Anzac Cove, Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair Cemeteries

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Essentials by Us: Rise early for a safari in search of the Big 5, exploring the fynbos landscape for lions, buffalo, weavers, and dung beetles. Included on Wonders of the Western Cape (p. 76-77).



### **ESSENTIALS BY US**

Country Days Meals

### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Cape Town:** City orientation tour includes Bo-Kaap and the Castle of Good Hope. Visit Table Mountain via Aerial Cableway

Mabula Game Reserve: Included safari vehicle game drives, in search of lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo that make up the magnificent Big 5

Johannesburg: Orientation tour of Johannesburg

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Key: Start/end Overnights Sightseeing stops

Take in the contrasts of Cape Town and Table Mountain before heading out on safari. You'll get your fill of adventure as you explore in search of the Big 5 and feast on traditional meals during this Icons of Southern Africa trip.

### **DAY 1. ARRIVE CAPE TOWN**

Nothing can quite prepare you for what awaits in Cape Town! Table Mountain, endless beaches and big city scenes, all this and much more are ready to welcome you today. Explore the heart of the city and get a first-hand feel of this cosmopolitan buzz, before starting the trip off right, with your Travel Director and your fellow travellers, where excitement will be riding high. **(D)** Hotel: SunSquare Cape Town Gardens

### **DAY 2. CAPE TOWN ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

You'll waste no time exploring what locals call the "Mother City". Your Travel Director will paint a vivid picture of the area on an essential morning orientation tour, from the colourful facades in Bo-Kaap to the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Castle of Good Hope. Then comes today's main event, Table Mountain via the iconic aerial cableway, for 360-degree views stretching down to the City Bowl, Atlantic Seaboard and beyond. Tailor your afternoon with options that are just as iconic as the sights: a relaxed e-bike ride along the beach and a sunset beach braai (barbecue), or a djembe drumming session that wraps up with a traditional African feast. **(B)** 

Pedal through Cape Town's gorgeous scenery on an e-bike, marvel at stunning views and enjoy a sunset beach braai.

Enjoy a djembe drumming session and hand washing ceremony before feasting on a 14-dish menu of African cuisine.

### **DAY 3. CAPE TOWN FREE DAY**

Today is about taking in Cape Town and its surroundings your way, and you'll have options galore. Wine lovers could choose to sip their way through the day in the Cape Winelands via the Franschhoek Wine Tram. Car fanatics could feel the thrills at the Franschhoek Motor Museum, re-fuelling with wine tastings and a picnic lunch. If your perfect day is in the great outdoors, lace your boots up for a guided hike up Table Mountain, or take it up a notch on a thrilling mountain-bike ride. **(B)** 

Visit the rolling vineyards of Franschhoek onboard the vintage style Wine Tram and taste samples of your favourite wines.



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Join your Local Guide guide on a hike up the iconic Table Mountain, with spectacular views of the Atlantic.

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Get your adrenaline pumping and soak up panoramic views on a guided mountain e-biking tour on Table Mountain.

### DAY 4. CAPE TOWN - JOHANNESBURG - MABULA GAME RESERVE

Farewell Cape Town, it's been a dream. But as they say, all good things must come to an end. We've got exciting news though, as another adventure in the form of a safari, awaits today! Board your included flight and say a quick hello to Johannesburg before hopping straight to it as you make tracks to Mabula Game Reserve, home to the main event. Set against the picturesque backdrop of the UNESECO-listed Waterberg Mountains, the fantasy of coming to Africa will really set in. Wild, open and magical, in your 4x4 vehicle, you'll end the thrill to your first game drive with a relaxing sundowner. Your Driver will find the perfect spot to watch one of Africa's beautiful sunsets over the bushveld with a drink in hand. (B, L, D) Hotel: Safari Plains Game Lodge





### DAY 5. MABULA GAME RESERVE SAFARI GAME DRIVES

You'll be rising early today as we go in search of the lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo that make up the magnificent Big 5, and there's no better way to do it than with our Local Guide leading the charge. Feel like a true explorer as you navigate the dusty tracks in pursuit of spotting animals in both the vegetation and sparse open spaces while learning all about the area from your Local Guide's expert knowledge. Whether you spot the Big 5 or not, there's no doubt you'll enjoy this truly magical experience. So take a moment to put your camera down and soak up the sights, sounds and smells of Africa. **(B, L, D)** 

#### **DAY 6. MABULA GAME RESERVE - JOHANNESBURG**

We'll bid a fond farewell to the bushveld, tucking into a tasty breakfast, and just like that, it's time to head back to civilisation for your next city stop, Johannesburg. Johannesburg is hard to resist, and we'll get our bearings

first with an orientation of its sights and sounds with your Travel Director. With an afternoon to explore your way, take the opportunity to get a history fix at Soweto, delving into the infamous past of South Africa's oldest township and once home to two Nobel Peace Prize winners. For a slice of adventure, consider donning a helmet to explore the

Sterkfontein Caves and wander the Maropeng Visitor Centre, where humanity's origin story comes to life through interactive exhibits. However you choose to explore this afternoon, you'll be sure to have taken away a piece of why people fall in love with the energy and spirit of this vibrant city. **(B)** Hotel: Protea Balalaika Explore Soweto, one of South Africa's most historic townships and learn about the anti-apartheid resistance.



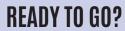
Step back in time at Maropeng Museum. Learn about human evolution and the history of animal extinction.

### **DAY 7. DEPART JOHANNESBURG**

Your trip around southern Africa's icons comes to an end today. Say 'totsiens' (until we see each other again) as you prepare to return home. **(B)** 

### **NOT DONE YET?**

Choose to extend your trip with the Victoria Falls add-on. This trip extension travels from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls for a 3-night stay at the A'Zambezi River Lodge. One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World takes centre stage as you explore Victoria Falls with a Local Guide. Learn about this natural marvel and enjoy free time to relax and take in this beautiful region. Flights to and from Johannesburg are included. Visit costsavertour.com to learn more.



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Country Days Meals

### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Cape Town:** City orientation tour includes Bo-Kaap and the Castle of Good Hope. Visit Table Mountain via Aerial Cableway

Hermanus: Visit the whale watching capital of South Africa

**Cape Agulhas:** Visit the southernmost tip of Africa where the Indian Ocean and Atlantic Oceans meet

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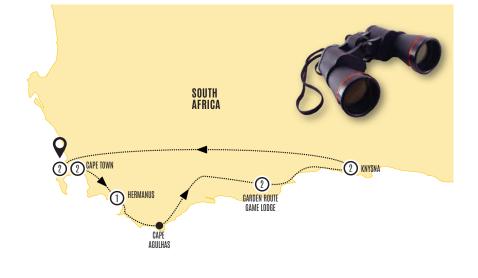
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No, you're not dreaming, the incredible beauty of the Western Cape is part of its charm. From the eclectic streets of Cape Town to the wild nature of Cape Agulhas and the Garden Route Game Reserve, you'll be living out your dream as you dive in to the culture, landscapes and lifestyle of this region.

### **DAY 1. ARRIVE CAPE TOWN**

Aweh (hey), Cape Town! South African surprises lie in store for the next few days. Connect with the energy of the cosmopolitan Cape capital before joining your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a dinner and trip briefing. **(D)** Hotel: Protea Fire and Ice

### **DAY 2. CAPE TOWN ORIENTATION AND FREE TIME**

Ready for an exhilarating day, Cape Town style? Kick things off by exploring the suburb of Bo-Kaap, where rainbow-hued houses and facades turn the streets into works of art. Get your first dose of nature during a visit to the Company Gardens, before taking a spin around the 17<sup>th</sup>century Castle of Good Hope. Then, leave the city below to catch a ride up Table Mountain, where the local furry residents (hyraxes) are the only things that may steal your attention from the view. Later, check out the golden beaches of the area on an optional e-bike ride, followed by a sunset beach braai (barbecue). For the musically-inclined, consider jamming your way through a djembe drumming session, followed by a delicious and traditional African feast. **(B)** 

Pedal through Cape Town's gorgeous scenery on an e-bike, marvel at stunning views and enjoy a sunset beach braai.



Enjoy a djembe drumming session and hand washing ceremony before feasting on a 14-dish menu of African cuisine.

### **DAY 3. CAPE TOWN - HERMANUS**

Put away your camera and just enjoy the ride as you wind your way along one of South Africa's most awe-inspiring drives from Cape Town to Hermanus. The Hottentots Holland mountains plunge dramatically into the Atlantic for most of the route, so you'll want to simply stare out over the epic scenery. Arrive in Hermanus and enjoy lunch with stunning views of the ocean. Then, hit the water on a Choice Experience Walker Bay or unleash your inner wine connoisseur on a visit to a renowned vineyard in the aptly named Hemelen-Aarde (Heaven-and-Earth) Valley. (B, L) Hotel: Windsor

**Explore South Africa's Western Cape** coastline by kayak to marvel at the cliffs and sea life.

Learn about the Hemel-en-Aarde estate's history during a guided walk through the vineyards.

### **DAY 4. HERMANUS - GARDEN ROUTE GAME RESERVE**

Before heading into the wild, expect to be wowed by the swirling waters of the southernmost tip of Africa, Cape Agulhas, where the Indian Ocean collides with the Atlantic. Then, get your game face on for your safari adventure at the Garden Route Game Reserve, keeping your eyes peeled for the wonders of the African bushveld—glimpses of impala, zebra and giraffe are highly likely. (B, D) Hotel: Garden Route Game Lodge

### **DAY 5. GARDEN ROUTE GAME RESERVE** SAFARI DRIVES

The one thought on everyone's minds today: will you spot the Big 5? Rise with the Cape turtle doves and let their songs kickstart another magnificent day in South Africa. We'll get out into the bush early to avoid the heat of the day, so after grabbing a cup of coffee, don your safari hat for a morning adventure through the fynbos-clad landscape in search of wildlife. You may be lucky enough to spot lions lazing in the shade of a tree, buffalo weavers stripping the trees to craft their nests or perhaps even a lonely dung beetle rolling his 'treasure' uphill. Return to camp for a hearty

breakfast and afternoon siesta to recharge, before grabbing your binoculars for another safari late this afternoon. (B, D)

After your game drive, learn the tricks of the trade by joining the optional Safari Game Walk with a Local Guide.

### DAY 6. GARDEN ROUTE GAME RESERVE - KNYSNA

You don't need green fingers to enjoy South Africa's lush Garden Route. Take a quick side trip to Victoria Bay and stretch your legs or soak in its refreshing salty waters. Your next stop is Knysna, pronounced 'Naaisnah' (the 'k' is silent), which sits sheltered on the edge of a lagoon. With the rest of the day to do as you choose, perhaps join a guided walk through flora-dense forests in nearby Wilderness. Or,





kick back until a Choice Experience sunset dinner cruise on board a traditional paddle steamer. (B) Hotel: Protea Knysna Quays

#### Cruise the Knysna Lagoon aboard the only paddle-driven vessel in South Africa at sunset enjoying a fine dining experience.

#### DAY 7. KNYSNA FREE DAY

You'll be grateful for an extra day to explore Knysna your way today. There's plenty to do in this pretty town and its surrounds, but we'd recommend ioining our boat ride across the Knysna Lagoon, to Featherbed Nature Reserve. Once here, buckle up and enjoy a 4x4 ride along the western headland, stopping along the way to appreciate the contrast of the bright blue sea.

sandy beaches and lush green headlands. If a slower pace is more your vibe, take a stroll down Sedgefield beach with a Local Guide to learn about the Strandlopers, who once roamed these beaches to gather food. (B, D)

Harvest mussels on the beach at Sedgefield with a storytelling guide who brings to life stories of the Strandlopers.

### DAY 8. KNYSNA - CAPE TOWN

End your epic journey in South Africa's Fairest Cape with our return to Cape Town. Stop in Swellendam, the third-oldest town in South Africa, to admire its famed Cape Dutch architecture: whitewashed walls, thatched roofs, and the characteristic gable which makes them unmistakably Dutch in heritage. Back in Cape Town, spend the evening your way by relaxing in the hotel or heading out for dinner in the city. (B) Hotel: Protea Fire and Ice

### **DAY 9. CAPE TOWN FREE DAY**

Get your final fix of Cape Town with a full day to spend your way. If you want to relax, consider kicking back at a craft beer tasting before tucking into a beach braai (barbecue) at Blaauwberg Nature Reserve. Keen to fit in one last adventure? Explore the rugged Cape Peninsula coastline, passing Boulders Beach to check out the colony of African Jackass penguins. (B)

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Dive into adventure on an ocean Safari from Gansbaai with a marine biologist while supporting marine conservation efforts.



Say cheers to Cape Town's growing craft beer scene and sample the city's finest brews over a traditional beach braai.

### DAY 10. DEPART CAPE TOWN

The time has come to say totsiens (until we see each other again) as you enjoy a final breakfast and prepare to return home after your adventure to South Africa's fairest Cape. Don't be surprised if you start planning your next trip to Africa while heading to Cape Town International Airport for your flight. (B)

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF KENYA #CSHIGHLIGHTSOFKENYA

From the bright lights of Nairobi to the vast plains of the Maasai Mara, this trip is a tantalising whirlwind of wildlife, culture and natural beauty. Enjoy five game drives, make sure to spot rare birdlife and keep a look out for the Big 5 as you take in the unparalleled journey - Highlights of Kenya.

### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Amboseli National Park: Full day game drive within the National Park in search of elephants, leopards, cheetahs and lions

Lake Elementaita: Visit this bird watchers paradise that's part of the UNESCO-listed Kenya Lake System

Maasai Mara: Full day game drive and afternoon game drive within the National Reserve

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### **DAY 1. ARRIVE NAIROBI**

Receive a warm karibu (welcome) to Kenya as you touch down at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Adventure-ready from the beginning, we'll pick you up at the airport in 4x4 vehicles and make sure you're settled at your hotel. The rest of today is all about going pole-pole (slow). Ease into holiday mode before meeting up with your Driver Guide and fellow travellers for a briefing, followed by a traditional dinner. **(D)** Hotel: Boma Inn

### **DAY 2. NAIROBI FREE DAY**

Today is all about taking in the delights of Nairobi your way, with three Choice Experiences to enjoy during the day. Culture vultures will enjoy the chance to embark on a Nairobi city tour and hear the unique tales of how the young elephants were rescued. In the evening, you'll also have the chance to sample authentic Kenyan cuisine with a visit to the famous Carnivore Restaurant. **(B)** 

Take in the bustle of Nairobi, seeing the vibrant City Market, Parliament Buildings and the National Museum and Snake Park.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Visit baby elephants at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Orphanage in the Nairobi National Park.

At the lively Carnivore Restaurant, sample delicacies like ostrich and crocodile roasted on traditional Maasai swords.

#### DAY 3. NAIROBI - AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

Swapping concrete jungles for iconic views of mighty Mount Kilimanjaro and the home of the legendary Maasai, today you'll travel to Amboseli National Park. Settle in to your accommodations nestled among Amboseli's vast plains before heading out on a safari adventure later this afternoon. Surrounded by scenes that feel like a real-life film set, the fantasy of coming to Africa will really set in, and it will be all eyes peeled during your first encounters with Kenya's epic wildlife. **(B, L, D)** Hotel: Sentrim Amboseli Camp

After a day of safari game drives, there's nothing better than a sunset over the Amboseli landscape, drink in hand.

### DAY 4. AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK FULL DAY SAFARI GAME DRIVE

In Africa, the early bird gets the best wildlife sightings. Rise before the sun to head out on a morning safari through Amboseli National Park with your Driver Guide in search of leopards, cheetahs and lions. As the sun rises, you'll get to sit back and enjoy the ride while watching large herds of African elephants roaming through the park's "salty dust" and high grasses. Enjoy a quick picnic lunch with the snow-capped peaks of



Mount Kilimanjaro in the background to make the most of the afternoon safari. Ride back to your lodge as the sun goes down for a delicious dinner and an evening swapping stories of all the animals you spotted. **(B. L. D)** 

### DAY 5. AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK - LAKE Elementaita

Another day, another blockbuster. The utterly serene UNESCO-listed Lake Elementaita is guaranteed to capture your imagination today, not least because of the multitude of bird species that inhabit this area - some of which can only be found here. See if you can spot the lake's Great White pelicans, greater and lesser flamingos, yellow-billed stork, or African spoonbill from the camp grounds. If you're a self-proclaimed twitcher or bird enthusiast, welcome to utopia. **(B, L, D)** Hotel: Elementaita Sentrim Lodge

### DAY 6. LAKE ELEMENTAITA - MAASAI MARA

Why not start the day your way, with a lazy breakfast and a cup of steaming coffee while admiring the view? We'll wave goodbye to Lake Elementaita and cast our eyes on the vast expanse of the Maasai Mara National Reserve. **(B, L, D)** Hotel: Mara Sopa Lodge

#### DAY 7. MAASAI MARA FULL DAY SAFARI Game Drive

The Maasai Mara-just saying the name sends shivers down our spines, and today it's all yours to explore. Accompanied by your Driver Guide, your mission today (should you choose to accept it), is to spot the Big 5. Keeping energy levels high, you'll tuck into a picnic lunch while out in the wild, before continuing the safari adventure into the afternoon. If you're visiting between June to October, you may even get a chance to witness the Great Migration, where vast herds of wildebeest make their annual journey across the plains. Keen to learn more about the culture and people of this ancient land? Our afternoon Choice Experience will give you the chance to visit a Maasai village to learn about local life and traditional customs. **(B, L, D)** 

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Visit a mud-thatched homestead in a traditional Maasai village in Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve.

### DAY 8. MAASAI MARA - DEPART NAIROBI

The words of 'Out of Africa' author Karen Blixen will feel especially poignant as you say a final farewell to the Maasai Mara this morning. "If there were one more thing I could do, it would be to go on safari again." Well, never say never, we say! You'll return to Nairobi in a haze of wildlife and happy memories for a quiet afternoon at your hotel ahead of your evening flight. If you can already tell you'll want another day to explore cosmopolitan Nairobi and grab some final gifts, consider staying overnight and flying out the following evening. **(B)** 

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### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Tokyo:** Visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Observatory, Sensoji Buddhist Temple and Meiji Jingu Shinto Shrine

- Mt Fuji: Drive up to the 5<sup>th</sup> Station for panoramic views
- Hakone: View Mt. Fuji and Lake Ashi from the Komagatake Ropeway
- **Kyoto:** Visit Kinkaku-ji Temple and Heian-jingu Shrine

**Hiroshima:** Visit Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima island, and the Peace Memorial Park and Museum

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Experience the many contrasts of Japan, from the modern metropolis of Tokyo to the spectacular beauty of Mt. Fuji and Kyoto with its stunning temples and colourful Geisha district. From travelling by bullet train and seeing the cherry blossoms bloom in the springtime, you'll gain an understanding of what makes Japan such an unmissable travel destination.

### **DAY 1. ARRIVE TOKYO**

Welcome to dazzling, futuristic Tokyo, Japan's incredible capital city. One of the most culturally rich cities on earth, Tokyo is a place where every day is a new adventure and no two neighborhoods are the same. This evening, meet up with your Travel Director and fellow travellers for your first taste of Japanese cuisine. **(D)** Hotel: Shinjuku Washington

#### **DAY 2. TOKYO SIGHTSEEING**

Today's sightseeing tour will kick off 243 m above ground at the Tokyo Metropolitan Observatory. Step inside a forested inner-city oasis at the Meiji Jingu Shinto Shrine, then visit Asakusa for a glimpse of Old Tokyo. Browse the craft shops along Nakamise Street and visit the Sensoji Buddhist Temple, which has been rebuilt countless times since it was founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. This afternoon and evening, it's all about tailoring your trip your way. Perhaps take advantage of our optional visit to the Tokyo National Museum or choose to dine local-style with dinner at a traditional izakaya (Japanese pub). **(B)** 

Visit the Tokyo National Museum collection of Buddhist sculptures, samurai swords, and kimonos.

#### DAY 3. MT. FUJI AND HAKONE SIGHTSEEING

You may have seen glimpses of its snowcapped peaks but today you'll get up close to iconic Mt. Fuji. Driving up to the 5<sup>th</sup> Station (weather permitting), catch your breath as you take it all in from 2299 m above sea level. Then, travel along the Komagatake Ropeway for incredible views of Lake Ashi. Driving back through Hakone, enjoy the incomparable mountain views before heading back to the city for your last night in Tokyo. **(B)** 

#### DAY 4. TOKYO - KYOTO

You'll board the bullet train this morning and travel towards Kyoto at speeds of up to 320 km per hour. Starting your sightseeing tour at the Golden Pavilion of Kinkaku-ji, you'll then visit the stunning Heian-jingu Shrine together with its 24 m high torii gate. From here, it will be on to a traditional handicraft centre to browse the Japanese crafts, then dinner tonight will be at a local restaurant. **(B, D)** Hotel: Kyoto Tower Annex

#### DAY 5. KYOTO FREE DAY

Today is yours to explore your way, and in beautiful Kyoto there is no shortage of choices. Maybe start your day at the lush green Ginkakuji Shrine, or head over to the Gion district to catch a glimpse of a geisha. This morning, opt to join our optional trip to Nara to learn about the art of bokusho (ink making), then head on to Todaji Temple and Nara Park, an area taken over by hundreds of free-roaming deer. Keen to see a Kyoto icon? Join our optional trip to the Fushimi Inari Shrine, where thousands of orange vermilion torii gates stretch up the thickly wooded mountain. **(B)** 

Visit Kiyomizu Temple and the Fushimi Inari Shrine, famed for its orange torii gates leading up into the mountains.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Visit a family-run traditional tea farm to learn about the cultural significance of tea and enjoy a tasting.

### DAY 6. KYOTO - KURASHIKI - HIROSHIMA

Your first stop today will be Kurashiki, where you'll meet up with a Local Guide for a tour around the black and white warehouses of the historic Bikan Quarter before heading on to Hiroshima. Respectfully remembering its catastrophic past while looking to the future with optimism, Hiroshima today is a thriving cosmopolitan city with a lot to offer. Tonight, tuck in to okonomiyaki, a type of Japanese





savoury pancake and a Hiroshima speciality. **(B, D)** Hotel: Hiroshima Tokyu Rei/Oriental

### **DAY 7. HIROSHIMA SIGHTSEEING**

Today's Hiroshima sightseeing tour will begin with a ferry ride across the beautiful Seto Inland Sea, bound for the island of Miyajima. Considered one of Japan's most scenic spots, this is where you'll visit the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Itsukushima Shrine and see the famous

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orange torii gate, which appears to be floating above the sea. Heading back to Hiroshima, it will be on to the quiet, leafy space of the Peace Memorial Park. Dotted with memorials and tranquil spaces for reflection, visit the cenotaph displaying the names of all those who lost their lives in the

catastrophe before heading on to the Memorial Museum. Here, exhibits of ragged clothes, a melted lunchbox and a watch frozen in time at

8.15 a.m. all bring home the horror of a day that changed history forever. Your tour will end at the UNESCO-listed Peace Memorial, the only building in the city to survive the bomb. This afternoon, perhaps opt to join our 'Secrets of Hiroshima' Choice Experience. **(B)** 

Dine on oysters, sashimi, miso soup and rice followed by a visit to Shukkeien Japanese Garden and Hiroshima Castle.

#### DAY 8. HIROSHIMA - HIMEJI

Heading on from Hiroshima, this morning you'll journey on to Himeji. After some free time for lunch, you'll meet up with a Local Guide this afternoon to visit the UNESCO-listed, 400-yearold Himeji Castle. Known as the White Heron Castle, this site is widely considered Japan's most spectacular castle and looking up at its vast size, beauty, and immaculate gardens, it won't be hard to see why. **(B, D)** Hotel: Nikko Himeji

#### DAY 9. HIMEJI - OSAKA

Start as you mean to go on today with a visit to a sake brewery accompanied by a Local Guide. Learn about the history and brewing process of Japan's national drink before heading on to Osaka, a spirited and liberal city. With an afternoon free, perhaps take advantage of our optional trip to the Umeda Sky Building and Osaka Castle. This evening, to see out your trip in style, perhaps opt to join our foodie-inspired trip to Namba for a final feast of local delights. **(B)** Hotel: Hankyu Respire Osaka

Admire panoramic views from Umeda Sky Building's Floating Garden Observatory, then visit Osaka Castle.



At a local restaurant, enjoy a dinner of traditional Osaka cuisine such as okomomiyaki, takoyaki, and kushikatsu.

#### DAY 10. DEPART OSAKA

Culturally satisfied, today your trip will come to an end. We hope you're leaving with big smiles, courtesy of Japan's faultless hospitality. Say 'sayonara' to your fellow travellers. **(B)** 

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### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Hanoi: Visit Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda and Ho Chi Minh's Stilt House

Halong Bay: Cruise Halong Bay and enjoy a Tai Chi session

> Hoi An: View the Japanese Covered Bridge

Ho Chi Minh City: Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels

Siem Reap: Visit Angkor Wat and Angkor Thom

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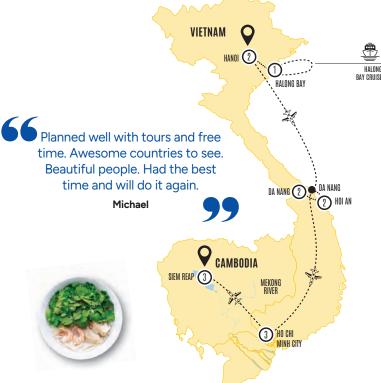
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Dive into the ultimate adventure filled with ancient temples, bustling cities and breathtaking natural wonders. From the pristine beaches of Vietnam to the majestic Angkor Wat in Siem Reap, every day is packed with excitement and discovery for stories to last a lifetime.

### DAY 1. ARRIVE HANOI

Lively, welcoming and fun, Hanoi is a city that's constantly on the move. Arriving today, make your own way to your hotel. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow guests for your first taste of Vietnam's cuisine at dinner. **(D)** Hotel: Le Jardin

### **DAY 2. HANOI SIGHTSEEING**

Start this morning's sightseeing tour at Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, where you'll learn about Vietnam's revolutionary former leader before heading on to visit his traditional stilt house. Next up will be the lotus blossom-shaped One Pillar Pagoda, before continuing on to the French built Hoa Lo Prison. Foodies, this afternoon you could opt to join a locally led walking tour to sample some of Hanoi's best bites. **(B)** 

Explore Hanoi's Old Quarter with a local foodie tasting Pho Ga (chicken noodle soup), com cake and egg coffee.

### DAY 3. HANOI - HALONG BAY

Swapping concrete jungles for shimmering seas, today you'll head to the soaring limestone pillars of iconic Halong Bay. Boarding your traditional junk boat, you'll set sail for Bai Tu Long Bay. Dropping anchor at Thien Canh Son Cave, admire the stalactites hanging from the cave ceiling before returning to the boat for an onboard cooking demonstration and a fragrant dinner feast. (**B**, **L**, **D**) Hotel: La Regina Classic

### DAY 4. HALONG BAY - HANOI - DANANG - HOI AN

Start off today with an on-deck Tai Chi session. Take in the beauty of the boats and the serene culture of the community who live and work on the water. Head back to Hanoi to catch your flight to Danang, then transfer to the historic, laid-back, and beautiful Hoi An. (**B**, **D**) Hotel: Ahoy Hoi An Resort & Spa

### DAY 5. HOI AN SIGHTSEEING

Start off today with a sightseeing tour of Hoi An, visiting the pretty 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, the Assembly Hall of the Chaozhou Chinese Congregation, and the colourful market. With an afternoon to tailor your trip your way, you could choose to cycle around Hoi An's delightful countryside, or perfect your Vietnamese cookery skills by joining an optional cooking class led by a local chef. **(B)** 

Bike along inland trails to discover the craft of wooden river boats and Vietnamese basket boats.



Roam Hoi An's central market before attending a hands-on cooking class at the Red Bridge Cooking School.

### **DAY 6. CHAM ISLANDS**

The Cham Islands, 15km off the coast of Hoi An, consist of seven small islands famed for their beaches and rich marine environment including 135 coral species. Take a private speedboat ride to explore these magical Islands. Visit a traditional fishing village, where boats take shelter in bad weather, and Ong Ngu Temple, dedicated to whales and whale sharks once abundant around the islands. Snorkel off Xep Beach before making a final stop at Chong Beach, a true oasis with white sand, swaying palm trees and a simple local restaurant where you will enjoy a seafood lunch. Cruise back to Hoi An and then transfer to Danang. **(B, L)** Hotel: Cicilia Danang

### DAY 7. DANANG

This morning, you have the choice to drive 2.5 hours from Danang city through the Hai Van tunnel to Hue, which served as an imperial capital to the Nguyen Lords from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. **(B)** 

Visit Hue, the imperial capital to the Nguyen Lords from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> century and retains its royal charm.



### DAY 8. DANANG - HO CHI MINH CITY

Catch your flight to the bright lights of Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon. It is a place that throbs with life and boasts one of the best street food scenes in the world. Settle into your hotel, then this evening head out with your fellow guests for a tasty local dinner. **(B, D)** Hotel: Bay Ho Chi Minh

### DAY 9. HO CHI MINH CITY SIGHTSEEING

The Cu Chi Tunnels are first up this morning, where you'll visit a small portion of the 250 km network of underground tunnels built by Vietnamese fighters in 1948. Heading back to the city, your guided sightseeing tour will then tick off some of the most famous sights including the Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, and the Independence Palace. Later, experience the local street coffee culture while having a basic Vietnamese language lesson. **(B)** 

### DAY 10. HO CHI MINH CITY FREE DAY

There are plenty of possibilities for explorers today. History fans should make a bee line for the War Remnants Museum, while a visit to the Jade Emperor Pagoda would reward you with one of the most atmospheric temples in the city. Looking to swap city scenes for lush rice paddies? Perhaps choose to join our Choice Experience full-day trip to the Mekong Delta. **(B)** 

Uncover Saigon's former secret weapons chamber, then admire French Colonial architecture while sipping iced coffee.

### DAY 11. HO CHI MINH CITY - SIEM REAP

It's a happy hello to Cambodia this morning as you catch a flight to Siem Reap, the gateway town to the ancient city of Angkor Wat. After checking in to your hotel, make a bee line for the historic Old Market to browse for textiles, paintings and sculptures

before indulging on some delicious Khmer cuisine for dinner. **(B, D)** Hotel: Steung Siem Reap

### DAY 12. SIEM REAP SIGHTSEEING

Few travel experiences on earth can match the first time you lay eyes on Angkor Wat. Learn about the great Khmer Empire as you explore the intricately carved hallways. Then, head on to the walled city of Angkor Thom to explore the Bayon Temple and the Terrace of the Elephants. Perhaps take advantage of a Choice Experience visiting the Ta Prohm Temple, best known as the filming location for 'Tomb Raider'. Alternatively, treat yourself to a lazy afternoon by the hotel pool. **(B)** 

Visit Ta Prohm, one of the temples of Angkor, a UNESCO-listed site, which was used in the film 'Tomb Raider'.



Enjoy a purpose-driven circus where disadvantaged youth learn the trade and amaze you with a cultural show.

### DAY 13. SIEM REAP FREE DAY

With the day yours to explore your way, perhaps head back to the markets for some last-minute shopping, sample the delicious street food, or get to know Siem Reap's artistic side on an optional tour of the town's best galleries. Tonight, perhaps celebrate your final night by joining our optional dinner and Apsara dance show. **(B)** 

Cruise Tonle Sap Lake to discover the floating villages, wildlife and how communities live and work on the lake.



Traditional Apsara dancers and musicians bring ancient Kh mer culture to life while you enjoy Khmer cuisine.

### **DAY 14. DEPART SIEM REAP**

Today your adventure will finally come to an end after breakfast. **(B)** 

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**Tegallalang:** View the stunning emerald green rice terraces

**Ubud:** Visit Puri Saren Agung, a former royal palace

Lake Bratan: Visit the Ulun Danu temple on the shores of the lake

**Tabanan:** Visit Taman Ayun and Bali's most photographed temple, Tanah Lot

Uluwatu: View Pura Luhur Uluwatu Temple and watch a Kecak dance performance

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### DAY 1. ARRIVE BALI - UBUD

'Om Swastiastu' and welcome to beautiful Bali, the Island of the Gods. A place that evokes an image of paradise in name alone, Bali is every beach-loving, culture-seeking traveller's idea of perfection. Touching down today, head to your hotel in the cultural hub of Ubud. Surrounded by lush green rice paddies and a haven for yoga enthusiasts, artists and foodies alike, Ubud is something special. Settle into your hotel this afternoon, then meet up with your Travel Director and fellow travellers this evening to get a glimpse of what's to come, and get to know each other better over dinner. **(D)** Hotel: Radha Phala Ubud

### **DAY 2. BALI SIGHTSEEING**

Today will be packed with adventure, so be sure to fuel up at breakfast. We'll kick things off with a visit to Mas Village and a traditional wood carving workshop, before continuing on to explore the lush green terraces of Tegallalang, one of the most defining views of Bali. Up next, a visit to a coffee plantation to learn how our favourite morning beverage is made (with samples, of course), before we move on for a lunch with a difference. What's the difference? Well, when was the last time you tucked into a traditional Balinese meal with

a view of a sacred volcano mountain in the background? Still not done with the day, we'll make our way back to Ubud for a visit to 'Puri Saren Agung', or Ubud Palace, the former official residence of the royal family of Ubud. Finally, we'll finish the epic first day of your Bali tour with a trip to Ubud Market, where there's time to shop for locally made art and handicrafts. **(B, L)** 

### DAY 3. UBUD FREE DAY

Yesterday was a busy one, so today you have the chance to slow down and explore Ubud your way today. With your free time, you could choose to visit the famous Monkey Forest, where over 700 long-tailed grey macaques roam free amongst the temple ruins. Alternatively, you could take part in one of our Choice Experiences to embrace the true spirit of Ubud. In the morning, perhaps join our cooking class to learn the secrets of traditional Balinese food, or in the afternoon get to know your inner yogi with a spiritual yoga experience, where all levels are welcome. **(B)** 

Go on a culinary adventure to discover the secrets of authentic Balinese cooking using fresh herbs and spices.

Join a half-day yoga experience, tailored for both yoga lovers and those who would like to learn where to start.

### DAY 4. UBUD - SANUR

Beach bliss awaits you in Sanur later today, but not before an action-packed day of sightseeing. The serene 17<sup>th</sup>-century Ulun Danu temple will be our first stop, where a temple



dedicated to the Goddess of the Waters is built on the small islands of Lake Bratan. From here you'll continue on to Mengwi and the temple of Taman Ayun. Built in 1634, the temple is surrounded by a wide moat and has a series of courtyards which feature a number of Meru (multi-tiered shrines). Still not templed out, your final visit of the day will be to Bali's most photographed temple, Tanah Lot. Perched precariously on a wave whipped rock, this 16<sup>th</sup>-century icon is still a major crowd pleaser. Feeling culturally satisfied, you'll then end the day to the gentle sound of the waves, in laid-back Sanur. **(B, L)** Hotel: Prime Plaza

### DAY 5. SANUR



Is there any better feeling than waking up knowing that the ocean is just a stone's throw away? And even better – this morning is entirely free for you to do as much, or as little, as you like. Take a dip in the sea, top up your tan, or maybe consider joining a Choice Experience touring Bali's capital city, Denpasar,

travelling in style in a vintage VW Kombi. This afternoon we'll be heading to Uluwatu, a gorgeous stretch of headland that's also home to the Pura Luhur Uluwatu temple, perched high above the sea. This evening, you'll be treated to a traditional Balinese Kecak dance performance, before a dinner of fresh seafood is served right on Jimbaran beach. **(B, D)** 

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Visit the CTC for Marine Conservation to learn about the Coral Triangle's biodiversity and marine protection efforts.

All aboard your vintage VW Open Rooftop vehicle on an adventure in Denpasar seeing the market, museum, and more.

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### **DAY 6. SANUR FREE DAY**

Another incredible day in Sanur stretches before you this morning, with plenty of Choice Experiences to tailor it your way. Sea lovers won't be able to resist our optional full-day catamaran and snorkelling cruise to the neighbouring island of Nusa Lembongan, whilst those who want to learn more about local life could choose to join our Balinese daily life Choice Experience. A market visit, a trek through the lush rice fields, and a visit to an ancient fertility temple are all on the agenda here, offering a unique glimpse into Bali's beautiful culture. This afternoon, take advantage of Sanur's gorgeous seaside location and relax on the beach. This evening, why not see out your trip in style with a final optional dinner. **(B)** 

Journey to the island of Nusa Lembongan where you can snorkel, enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch and tour a local village.



Learn about local life in Bali by visiting a bustling market, rice fields, an ancient temple and enjoying 'Bali Coffee'



Dine at Tandjung Sari, a beachfront retreat and boutique resort, once the private home of its founder, Wija Wawo-Runtu.

### DAY 7. DEPART BALI

And just like that, your magical week in Bali has come to an end. You've explored stunning temples, devoured Nasi Goreng, been the recipient of a thousand warm smiles and made wonderful new friends, and you'll be leaving today feeling satisfied and nostalgic. We'll look forward to seeing you again someday soon. **(B)** 



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Apr - Dec



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#### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Bangkok: Visit Wat Pho, the Grand Palace and observe local life along the canals during a khlong tour

Kanchanaburi: Visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre, the War Cemetery, the infamous Death Railway and the Bridge on the River Kwai

> Sukhothai: Visit Sukhothai Historical Park

Chiang Rai: Visit Wat Rong Khun the White Temple

Mae Kachan: Feel refreshed in the natural hot springs

**Chiang Mai:** Visit the Night Market and the temples of Wat Phra Singh and Wat Chedi Luang

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Diving into Thailand's rich history and fascinating culture, experience the contrasts between the bright lights, glittering skyscrapers and vibrant street markets of Bangkok and the lush green landscapes and peaceful rural life of northern Thailand.



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#### **DAYS1-3. ARRIVE BANGKOK**

Your trip begins in Thailand's bustling capital, Bangkok. Visit the iconic, Wat Pho, home of the Reclining Buddha. Enjoy a private boat ride and glide through the city's zigzagging khlongs (canals).

Visit Bang Pa-In Palace and Ayutthaya Historic Park, then indulge in a buffet lunch cruise back to Bangkok.



Explore Bangkok's "green lung," Bang Krachao, on a bike tour through lush landscapes and city skyline views.

#### DAY 4. BANGKOK - KANCHANABURI

Travel to Kanchanaburi town, where you'll jump into the action with a visit to the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre and the War Cemetery. Capture gorgeous views on a train ride across wooden viaducts, then visit the famous Bridge over the River Kwai.

#### DAYS 5 - 7. KANCHANABURI - SUKHOTHAI

Explore Kanchanaburi your way with a Choice Experience visit to Hellfire Pass. Continue north

to Sukhothai and visit the UNESCO-listed Sukhothai Historical Park, home to centuries-old temples and palace ruins. Consider developing your culinary skills at a Choice Experience cooking class.

#### DAYS 8 - 10. CHIANG RAI - CHIANG MAI

The dramatic mountain beauty of Chiang Rai awaits you. You'll make a stop at Kwan Phayao Lake, the largest freshwater lake in the North, and Wat Rong Khun before arriving in Chiang Rai. Experience the region your way with a Choice Experience to the heart of the Golden Triangle. Depart Chiang Rai and enjoy a refreshing stop at the Mae Kachan Hot Springs before arriving in Chiang Mai.

### DAYS 11 - 12. CHIANG MAI - DEPART CHIANG MAI

Discover Chiang Mai your way and consider a visit to Hmong Nong Hoi Village and Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden. Choose the Khantoke dinner and show with traditional costumes, music and dancing. Say farewell to Thailand and your fellow travellers as you trip comes to an end.



Your adventure kicks off in the hustle and bustle of Bangkok: you'll see ancient temples and neon lights in this blend of old and new, visit the beach resort of Hua Hin. You'll travel to the gorgeous tea plantations of Malaysia, ending up in the city of Kuala Lumpur, which mixes so many Eastern cultures in one city.



### DAYS 1 - 3. ARRIVE BANGKOK

Welcome to Thailand, and "sawadee ka/ krub" as the locals say! Begin your adventure in vibrant Bangkok. See the Grand Palace, explore Chinatown and visit the renowned Wat Traimit. Choose to visit Jim Thompson's House or Wat Arun.

### DAYS 4 - 8. HUA HIN - BANGKOK - PENANG

Cruise Damnoen Saduak, Thailand's most famous floating market. Then, head to Hua Hin, a favourite getaway for Thai royals. Return to Bangkok for your flight to Penang. Discover Penang's creative scene at Batik Handicraft Centre and explore your way.

**Explore the iconic Kek Lok Si Temple** and ride the funicular up Penang Hill, reaching 833 metres above sea level.

### DAYS 9 - 13. PENANG - CAMERON HIGHLANDS -**DEPART KUALA LUMPUR**

Journey to Kuala Kangsar to see the golden domes of Masjid Ubudiah before reaching Cameron Highlands to visit Malaysia's largest tea station and a Butterfly Farm. Continue to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital, and spend your last day your way before saying "báai baai" to your newfound friends.

Explore Malacca's history on a city tour then light up your taste buds with a traditional Peranakan Nyonya lunch.

Toast to the end of your incredible trip through Thailand and Malaysia with a dinner of local specialities.

### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Bangkok: Visit the Grand Palace, Chinatown and the Temple of the Golden Buddha

Phetchaburi: Visit Phra Nakhon Khiri Palace and Tham Khao Luang Cave

Penang: Visit Snake Temple, the Chinese clan house Khoo Kongsi and see Georgetown's amazing street art

> Kuala Kangsar: Visit Ubudiah Mosque

Cameron Highlands: Visit Malaysia's largest tea station, a butterfly farm, local market and strawberry farm

Kuala Lumpur: Visit the Petronas Twin Towers, view the King's Palace, the Sultan Abdul Samad Building and Royal Selangor Club

plus more

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#### Trip departure months

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**Beijing:** Visit the Great Wall of China at Juyongguan, Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City

Xi'an: Visit the Terracotta Warriors

Yangtze River Cruise: Sail through the Three Gorges; the narrow Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge and Xiling Gorge

Shilin: Visit the iconic Stone Forest

Kunming: Visit the Dragon Gate and Hua Ting Temple located in the city's Western Hills

**Shanghai:** Visit the Bund, a Silk Factory Outlet and Nanjing Road

plus more



A showcase of China's wonders: visit the majestic Great Wall, marvel at the Terracotta Warriors and journey down the Yangtze River and its Three Gorges on this Iconic China trip. This trip will tick all your travel boxes and then some, unlocking the journey you've been waiting for.



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banquet of specialities including 'Beijing Kao Ya' (Peking Duck).

### DAY 4. BEIJING - XI'AN

Enjoy a free morning in Beijing and consider a Choice Experience visit to the UNESCO-listed Temple of Heaven. Fly to the historical city of Xi'an and explore the Muslin Quarter at your leisure.

DAYS 1 - 3. ARRIVE BEIJING AND THE GREAT WALL

Settle into Beijing and join your Travel Director

UNESCO-listed Forbidden City. Travel to the

join a Choice Experience dinner featuring a

Great Wall of China at Juyongguan, and perhaps

for a visit to Tiananmen Square and the

Admire the Temple of Heaven's magnificent architecture and symbolic layout, where emperors prayed for good harvests.

### OR

Visit the 798 Art District, where historic buildings, unique architecture and vibrant art paint a colourful cultural scene.

### DAYS 5 - 6. XI'AN SIGHTSEEING

Visit the Terracotta Army and learn about their historical significance. Then catch a flight to Chongqing to board your river cruise.

### **DAYS 7 - 8. YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE**

On your epic river cruise, visit Shibaozhai, a wooden pagoda perched atop a cliff. Sail through the Three Gorges region, passing Fengdu's 'Ghost City', squeeze through the narrow Qutang Gorge and then board a motorboat to visit Goddess Stream in the Wu Gorge. Continue to the final gorge, Xiling.

### DAYS 9 - 12. DISEMBARK, TRAVEL TO AND DEPART SHANGHAI

Disembark at the port and travel to Shanghai. Enjoy a guided tour of The Bund, the city's iconic waterfront, visit a Silk Factory Outlet, and explore Nanjing Road, Shanghai's premium shopping district. Choose to see a daring acrobatics show. Say 'zàijiàn' (goodbye) and depart Shanghai after breakfast.



Discover why India is something special, from Delhi's vibrant streets and the romance of the Taj Mahal to the Jaipur's Pink City and Jodhpur's Blue City. Wander through fragrant markets, majestic palaces and UNESCO-listed sites. See Mumbai's Dabbawallas (tiffin carriers) and the villages and lakes surrounding Udaipur. This is India done your way.



### DAYS1-3. ARRIVE DELHI - AGRA

Welcome to Delhi, where ancient meets modern. Visit Jama Masjid before hopping onboard a cycle rickshaw to weave through the streets of Old Delhi. Head to Agra and consider a Choice Experience visit to Agra Fort, one of India's finest Mughal forts. Visit the UNESCO-listed Taj Mahal, a grand mausoleum built in 1632 as a Love "Poem in Marble", a tribute to Shah Jahan's beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal.

### DAYS 4 - 6. JAIPUR - JODHPUR

Consider an early morning Choice Experience to see the dazzling Taj Mahal at sunrise. Head to Jaipur to see Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Winds, before ascending to Amber Fort by jeep. Continue to Maharaja's City Palace, the former Royal residence. Choose to join a Choice Experience at a local market or explore the Pink City on your own, then venture to the hilltop city of Jodhpur, the "Blue City."

### DAYS 7 - 9. UDAIPUR

Stop at Ranakpur on your way to Udaipur. Get ready for the must-see sights of Udaipur on your

city tour, then explore your way with a Choice Experience Bhil tribe village trek. Or choose to cruise Lake Pichola, followed by a visit to the Monsoon palace, then dinner by the lake. After Udaipur, it's time to jet off to Mumbai.

### DAY 10. MUMBAI

Discover the Hollywood of India your way with two blockbuster Choice Experiences to consider. End your tour with a delicious dinner of local specialities.

Get ready for the rock-cut temple carvings on Gharapuri, better known as Elephanta Island, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of Bollywood, see live filming, explore sets and join a dance performance.

### DAY 11. DEPART MUMBAI

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After breakfast, say farewell to your fellow travellers and depart on your own.

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Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

**Delhi:** Visit Jama Mosque, Raj Ghat, Humayun's Tomb and see the Red Fort

Agra: Visit the magnificent Taj Mahal

Jaipur: Visit the Amber Fort and the Maharaja's City Palace and view the Palace of Winds

Ranakpur: Visit Ranakpur complex, one of India's largest and most important Jain temples

Udaipur: Visit City Palace, Jagdish Temple and Sahelion Ki Bari, the Garden of the Maidens. View Fatehsagar Lake

Mumbai: See Dhobi Ghat, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, formerly known as Victoria Terminus Station. Visit Mani Bhavan, Gandhi's former residence

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#### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Sydney: See Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge on a city sights tour. Walk the cobblestone streets and view colonial buildings of the Rocks District. Discover the sand and surf culture at Bondi Beach, see the famous Bondi Lifesavers and stroll along the coastal walk for stunning ocean views

Uluru: Visit UNESCO World Heritage Site Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, explore the base of Uluru, walk to the Mutitjulu Waterhole, view ancient Aboriginal rock art and hear traditional **First Nations stories** 

Cairns: Orientation tour along the Cairns Esplanade, take a swim in the saltwater lagoon and visit the night markets

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### DAYS 1 - 3. ARRIVE SYDNEY

Discover the sights of the harbour city. Make the most of your stay with Choice Experiences like the Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb or embrace the beach lifestyle with a surfing lesson at Bondi Beach or a cruise on Sydney Harbour.

### DAYS 4 - 5. SYDNEY - ULURU

Jet off to Uluru. Walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole and get up close to Aboriginal rock art before a classic sundowner at an Uluru sunset. Explore your way with Choice Experiences like a scenic flight over Uluru or view Kata Tjuta at sunset. Sydney-Ayers Rock flight included

Embark on a 10.5 kilometre guided walk around the base of Uluru, immersing in its sacred sites and natural wonders.

### DAYS 6 - 7. ULURU - CAIRNS

Wind down and fly to Cairns, where you're surrounded by ancient rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef, the perfect place for adventure. Breathe in the fresh air on an orientation tour along the beachfront

boardwalk. How about a swim? Ayers Rock-Cairns flight included.

### DAYS 8 - 9. CAIRNS YOUR WAY

You're spoiled for Choice Experiences. Join a boutique food and wine experience tasting some of the best of the Atherton Tablelands. Or, get up close (safely) to crocodiles at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures.

Ride on the Kuranda Scenic Railway to the 'village in the rainforest' and return on the Skyrail Rainforest Cableway.



Cruise to the Great Barrier Reef and pull on your snorkelling gear to be blown away by this underwater oasis.

### **DAY 10. DEPART CAIRNS**

It's been a grand journey of bucket list experiences. But all good things must come to an end - even down under. After breakfast, say a fond farewell to your travel mates.

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Nowhere takes your breath away quite like New Zealand. Step into the Hobbiton Movie Set, sip fine wines in Queenstown and see newly hatched chicks at the National Kiwi Hatchery. Whether you go high on adventure on a jet-boat ride on the Shotover River or sit back on a scenic flight over Mt. Cook, Costsaver takes you to the New Zealand you've always dreamed of.



### DAYS 1 - 2. ARRIVE AUCKLAND

Discover the City of Sails. Make your way around the waterfront from central city out to Mission Bay and stop at Bastion Point for stunning views of Auckland. Explore your way with Choice Experiences.

Set sail on the heritage scow, Ted Ashby, for a cruise on Auckland Harbour. See the skyline, Sky Tower and Harbour Bridge.

Discover 'Kiwi culture' and the All Blacks through an immersive journey, including a Haka experience and interactive zones.

### DAYS 3 - 4. AUCKLAND - ROTORUA

Set off for Rotorua. You're sure to enjoy a guided tour of the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa. Unforgettable encounters continue Choice Experiences abound. Consider a tour of the Hobbiton Movie Set.

### DAYS 5 - 7. ROTORUA - AUCKLAND -Queenstown

Return by coach to Auckland to fly to Queenstown. Explore the adventure capital with a selection of Choice Experiences, like a Boutique Wine Tour or a jet-boat ride. On your final day in Queenstown, movie buffs can choose a scenic tour to The Lord of the Rings filming locations. Auckland-Queenstown flight included.

Experience the stunning beauty of Milford Sound on a Scenic Cruise, witnessing dramatic cliffs, waterfalls and wildlife.

Take a high-speed catamaran across Lake Wakatipu for a BBQ dinner at Walter Peak Station.

### DAYS 8 - 9. QUEENSTOWN - TEKAPO - DEPART Christchurch

Set your sights on Christchurch via Tekapo. Get your cameras ready for views across the waters of Lake Tekapo framed by rugged hills and snow-capped mountains. Take your pick of Choice Experiences like soaring over New Zealand's highest peak or viewing the amazing constellations at the International Dark Sky Reserve. Say farewell to your new-found friends on arrival in Christchurch.

## **ESSENTIALS BY US**



### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Auckland: Sightseeing tour of the waterfront out to Mission Bay, Bastion Point and the Michael Joseph Savage memorial

Rotorua: A guided tour of the National Kiwi Hatchery Aotearoa, the leader in kiwi husbandry

**Queenstown:** Orientation tour

Cromwell: Taste the delicious stone fruit at a stall belonging to a local orchard

Lake Tekapo: See the Church of the Good Shepherd, the rugged hills, snow capped mountains and the bronze statue of a collie dog

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Work your way through New York's food carts or cruise the Thousand Islands in Canada. Stroll across the Golden Gate Bridge, take a chopper over the Grand Canyon or speed through the bayous of New Orleans on an airboat. Cruise Jasper National Park in a Harley or go on a bear photo safari in Whistler. Make each day your own. Plan and dream now, and book your Choice Experiences on trip. See what Costsaver guests are loving right now @costsavertours



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Tailored by You: Embark on an exhilarating whitewater rafting adventure on Green River. Navigate through bouncy waters on a lively ride that will demand teamwork and paddle power. Choice Experience on Panoramic Canadian Rockies (p. 101).

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# CANYON COUNTRY SHOWCASE #CSCANYONCOUNTRY

The American southwest features some of the most stunning landscapes. Your journey through the Canyonlands takes you from Las Vegas onto Route 66 to the Grand Canyon, offroading in Monument Valley, chasing hoodoos in Bryce Canyon, and awe-inspiring cliffs of Zion National Park.

### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Grand Canyon: Experience this stunning UNESCO-listed Site

Monument Valley: Explore the famed valley with a Navajo Local Guide

Horseshoe Bend: Visit one of the most photographed areas on the Colorado River

Bryce Canyon National Park: Stare in awe at the multicoloured hoodoos

Zion National Park: Revel in one of the most scenic canyons

plus more

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# **USA AND GANAD**

### **DAY 1. ARRIVE LAS VEGAS**

The entertainment capital of the world, Las Vegas is famed for its glittering casinos, all-you-can-eat buffets and shotgun weddings ordained by none other than Elvis himself! Take a walk through the downtown Fremont District, or head to The Strip, where the city's finest hotels and casinos can be found. Hotel: Golden Nugget & Casino

### DAY 2. LAS VEGAS - FLAGSTAFF

Kick off your first full day visiting Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. Learn about the park's 250-million-year-old geological history at the Visitor Centre before embarking on the Scenic Loop Drive. Get your kicks on Route 66 as you head east on this iconic highway, stopping off at Seligman and Kingman on the way for a taste of all things Americana, before finishing today in friendly Flagstaff. Hotel: Days by Wyndham Flagstaff

### DAY 3. GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING

Arrive at Grand Canyon National Park, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At an astonishing 445 km long, 29 km wide and 1.6 km deep, the Grand Canyon is the second most visited national park in the USA. You will have the afternoon to discover the best of the Grand Canyon starting at the Visitor Centre. Perhaps take a stroll to Mather Point to take in views of the South Rim. For those seeking a bit more adventure, take the 3.2 km hike to the Yavapai Geology Museum to learn about the canyon's unique geological history. Explore this 2-million-year-old feat of nature or better yet, treat yourself to a Choice Experience that could see you flying in a helicopter or aircraft over the North and South rims.

Experience the grandeur of the Grand Canyon South Rim on a 45-minute aerial tour offering unobstructed views.

Experience the Grand Canyon's best views on a thrilling 40-minute helicopter sightseeing adventure.

OR

The Grand Canyon opens up before you on a memorable 25-minute helicopter experience over its northern rim.

### DAY 4. FLAGSTAFF - MONUMENT VALLEY - PAGE

This morning, enjoy an iconic breakfast at Charly's Pub & Grill. Located in the historic Weatherford Hotel in downtown Flagstaff, Charly's Pub has been part of Flagstaff since the early 1900s. Continue to Wupatki National Monument, a landscape dotted with over 2,700 pueblo ruins built by the ancestors of the Hopi, Zuni and Navajo people. After a stop at Cameron Trading Post, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience exploring Monument Valley in an open-air vehicle with a Navajo Local Guide. Immortalized as the setting for countless movies and TV shows, Monument Valley is an emblem of the Wild





West, with its rusty red spindles and grand buttes. **(B)** Hotel: Super 8 by Wyndham Page/ Lake Powell

### **DAY 5. PAGE - BRYCE CANYON**

Wake in Page with the chance to join an optional helicopter flight that combines remarkable views of Horseshoe Bend from the air with an exclusive Tower Butte landing. Perhaps enjoy a lunch and cultural heritage performance at Red Heritage, before you set your course for Horseshoe Bend, a horseshoe-shaped sandstone cliff formed over 5 million years ago. The 2.4 km round-trip walk to the overlook will bring to you to the top of the 305-metre-deep canyon offering you dramatic views of the Colorado River and sweeping canyon vistas. Hotel: Bryce View Lodge

Explore Rattlesnake and Owl Slot Canyons with a Navajo Local Guide keeping an eye out for resident owls.

Combine remarkable views of Horseshoe Bend from the air with an exclusive Tower Butte landing.

#### DAY 6. BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK Sightseeing

Venture into Bryce Canyon National Park, where repeated freezes and thaws of the park's landscape over millions of years have created fascinating formations. Stand in amazement in front of the multicoulored 'hoodoos' and vast amphitheatres, then take a stroll along one of the many juniper-lined trails to the viewpoints hugging the rim of the Paunsaugunt Plateau. **(B)**  Saddle-up for a horseback ride through Bryce Canyon's Amphitheatre and Bristlecone Pine Ridge.



Giddy up and get ready for an evening of old-fashioned fun, music and great cowboy food at Ebenezer's.

### DAY 7. BRYCE CANYON - ZION NATIONAL PARK -Depart las vegas

Travelling back to Vegas, you'll make one final stop at Zion National Park. Marvel at the soaring red and white cliffs and

vast canyons that stand in stark contrast to the soft wildflower meadows and hanging gardens that can also be found here, as a result of the park's lower elevation compared to others. Continue along the Virgin River Gorge for your

final drive, reflecting on the incredible sights and experiences you've witnessed over the past seven days. Your trip ends at Harry Reid International Airport, arriving at approximately 5.00 p.m. or at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino for those extending their stay in Sin City. **(B, L)** 

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#### Trip departure months

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### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



#### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Banff: View stunning hoodoos and waterfalls in this UNESCO World Heritage Site

Lake Louise: Admire soaring mountain peaks, majestic Victoria Glacier and the glistening waters of the lake

Icefields Parkway: Enjoy a stunning drive down the Icefields Parkway with jaw-dropping vistas at every turn

**Columbia Icefield:** Take a ride in a massive Ice Explorer to Athabasca Glacier

Victoria: Embark on an introductory sightseeing tour of the city and visit beautiful Butchart Gardens

> Vancouver: See Gastown, Chinatown, Stanley Park and Prospect Point

> > plus more

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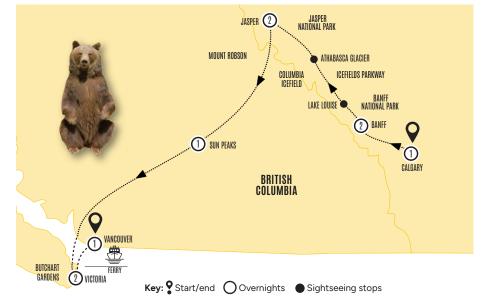
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A range of Choice Experiences from food tours and rafting to a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Plant Medicine Walk in the Banff boreal forest with a First Nations Local Guide. The rugged snow-capped peaks and glacier-fed emerald green lakes are in a league all of their own.



### DAY 1. ARRIVE CALGARY

Welcome to Calgary and discover the city your way.

### DAYS 2 - 3. BANFF NATIONAL PARK AND FREE TIME

Enjoy iconic breakfast in Heritage Park Historical Village and an overview of Gasoline Alley Museum. Then hit the road towards Lake Louise and Banff. Explore Banff National Park or take advantage of our Choice Experiences.

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Ride the Banff Gondola to Sulphur Mountain for panoramic views of six mountain ranges, and enjoy a mouth-watering dinner.

#### **DAYS 4 - 5. JASPER NATIONAL PARK**

In the Columbia Icefield, ride the Ice Explorer across the Athabasca Glacier. Visit Athabasca Falls before continuing to Jasper where you can choose to see the live theatre performance "From Jasper With Love", a gentle float trip on the Athabasca River (seasonal) or explore Maligne Lake by boat (seasonal). Join a guided scenic nature hike, feel the thrill of a Harley Davidson sidecar ride, or enjoy a three-course dinner followed by a 2-hour twilight wildlife tour and interpretive "Horns and Antlers" talk at Becker's Chalets.

### **DAY 6. JASPER - SUN PEAKS**

Journeying through Jasper National Park, you'll see Mount Robson, the most prominent mountain in the North American Rockies, and visit the Mount Robson Visitor Centre. Today's drive will finish up in Sun Peaks.

### DAYS 7 - 8. VICTORIA

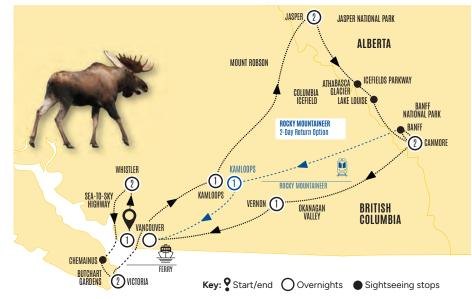
Drive to the coast and board a ferry to Vancouver Island. Continue to Victoria for a sightseeing tour of the city along the waterfront district and into the downtown area. Head to the world-famous Butchart Gardens and explore Victoria your way. Consider choosing a seaplane flight or a whale watching excursion.

### DAYS 9 - 10. DEPART VANCOUVER

Arrive by ferry in Vancouver and explore the city highlights, including Gastown, Chinatown and Stanley Park. Depart at leisure as your adventure comes to an end.



Kicking off and wrapping up in Vancouver, this journey travels to the heart of the Canadian Rockies' splendour. Get your outdoor fix by cruising the ethereal Maligne Lake (seasonal) and riding an Ice Explorer across a glacier. Plus, gear up for a day in UNESCOlisted Banff — a true haven for nature enthusiasts.



### DAYS 1 - 2. ARRIVE VANCOUVER - WHISTLER

Welcome to Vancouver and explore its highlights before travelling along the Sea-to-Sky Highway en route to Whistler.

### DAYS 3 - 5. WHISTLER - VICTORIA

Discover Whistler at leisure. Consider our Choice Experiences, like bear watching with a local photographer, whitewater rafting, or zip lining. Enjoy an iconic breakfast at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre during a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. Take the ferry from Horseshoe to Vancouver Island, then head to Victoria. Visit the Butchart Gardens, explore the city your way and opt for a whale watching cruise.

### DAYS 6 - 8. VICTORIA - KAMLOOPS - JASPER

Head to Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal and board the ferry to Vancouver. From there, drive to Kamloops and marvel at Mount Robson en route to Jasper. Explore the UNESCO-listed Jasper National Park. Opt for a boat cruise on Maligne Lake, a guided nature hike or a Jasper raft tour.

### DAYS 9 - 10. ICEFIELDS PARKWAY - CANMORE

Kick off your adventure along the Icefields Parkway and ride the Ice Explorer for an up-close encounter with the Athabasca Glacier. Journey from Jasper to Banff National Park, visiting Lake Louise. Enjoy a Choice Experience helicopter flight (weather permitting). Explore Banff on a scenic sightseeing tour along Tunnel Mountain Drive. Choose a Plant Medicine Walk or an e-bike food tour in Canmore.

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Pedal into Canmore's culinary scene on an e-bike tour, taste local cuisine, and enjoy VIP behind-the-scenes foodie experience.

### DAYS 11 - 12. VERNON - DEPART VANCOUVER

Cross the Continental Divide at Kicking Horse Pass, stop at Larch Hills Winery for a tour and tasting before arriving in Vernon. Drive along the Fraser River Valley to Vancouver, where your trip ends. Drop-off is at 3.30 p.m. at Vancouver International Airport.

### NOT DONE YET?

Choose to extend your trip with a 2-day Rocky Mountaineer option. Go online for a day-by-day itinerary, meals and more.

# ESSENTIALS BY US



Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Vancouver: Explore Gastown, Stanley Park and Chinatown

Whistler: Travel along the iconic Sea-to-Sky Highway, one of the world's most scenic drives. Enjoy an Iconic Breakfast at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre

Victoria: Embark on an introductory sightseeing tour of the city and visit Butchart Gardens

**Columbia Icefield:** Take a ride in a massive Ice Explorer to Athabasca Glacier

Lake Louise: Admire the majestic mountains and Victoria Glacier

Banff: View stunning hoodoos and waterfalls at this UNESCO World Heritage Site

Salmon Arm: Enjoy a guided tour and tasting at Larch Hills Winery

plus more

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**Trip departure months** 

Apr - Sep



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### **ESSENTIALS BY US**

Country Days Meals

### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Boston: Learn Boston's rich history while touring the city and a part of the Red-Brick Freedom Trail

**Plymouth:** Visit the Plimoth Patuxet Museum where a 17<sup>th</sup>-century colony comes to life

**Hyannis:** Indulge in an iconic breakfast for a taste of classic American dishes

Provincetown: Visit Cape Cod National Seashore's pristine sandy beaches

Montpelier: Visit a local sugar house for a 100% pure maple syrup experience

plus more

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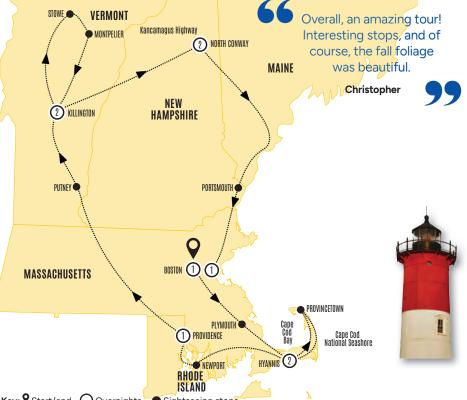
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Key: Start/end Overnights Sightseeing stops

If the idea of New England brings images of picture perfect villages, sleepy fishing towns, vast swathes of golden beaches and presidential summer homes into your mind's eye, this trip will not disappoint. Starting in historic Boston you'll visit lovely Cape Cod, stunning Stowe and sea swept Maine, all adorned in vibrant fall foliage.

### **DAY 1. ARRIVE BOSTON**

The Red Sox and Celtics, the Freedom Trail and cream pie, America's oldest city, 'Beantown' extends a warm welcome. Meet your Travel Director this afternoon; you could head down to the Seaport District to discover just how seriously Boston takes its reputation as a seafood capital. Local specialities include 'sacred cod', fresh lobster and creamy chowder, each cooked fresh, steaming and delicious. Hotel: Holiday Inn Boston Bunker Hill

### DAY 2. BOSTON - PLYMOUTH - HYANNIS

Follow the cobblestones of the Freedom Trail, ticking off historical sites like Quincy Market, the State Capitol and Boston Harbour. Leave Boston behind on your New England tour, travelling to 'America's Hometown' of Plymouth. Later, wind back the clock with a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience visiting the Plimoth Patuxet Museums, a meticulously recreated version of the original 17<sup>th</sup>-century Plymouth Colony. You'll even see a full-scale reproduction of the Mayflower II, one of the many hundreds of ships that made the transatlantic crossing to the Americas in the 1600s. Next up: Hyannis, via the former fishing villages and wealth town of Cape Cod. Hotel: Riviera Beach Resort

### DAY 3. CAPE COD AND Provincetown excursion

Hello, foodies! Fuel up with American classics during an iconic breakfast at Hearth 'n Kettle, a traditional New England Diner serving locals since 1973. Then wind your way through some of the oldest villages in America via Old King's Highway past beaches, sand dunes, salt marshes and nature trails. At the very tip of the Cape sits artsy Provincetown, a place of pilgrimage for writers and artists packed with galleries, craft shops and cafes. Cap off the day with a Choice Experience sailing through the Hyannis Harbour. You'll have the chance to learn about the history of Hyannis and local area landmarks including Great Island, the Kennedy Memorial, St. Andrewsby-the-Sea, Squaw Island, Point Gammon Light and the historic Kennedy Compound in Hyannis Port. (B)

Take a 4x4 SUV to get the best view of the sweeping sand dunes along Cape Cod's coastline.

Cruise the landmark-lined harbour of Hyannis hearing all the tales and lore from your knowledgeable guides.

### **DAY 4. HYANNIS - PROVIDENCE**

This morning, you'll visit North America's largest cranberry grower, A.D. Makepeace Company, and explore its 169-year history in the cranberry industry. Then cross the Cape Cod Canal travelling to Rhode Island on your New England tour. You will get a unique glimpse into the cranberry farming business, learning all about the cultivation and harvesting of cranberries. If you are lucky, you will also witness the iconic flooded bogs and vibrant red cranberries being prepared for fall harvest. In Newport, take in the dazzling mansions dotted along the coastline dubbed Newport's 10-mile Ocean Scenic Drive. You'll have the chance to see the collection of mansions built by New York's wealthiest families on our Choice Experience visiting the Breakers Mansion, a summer "cottage" of the Vanderbilt's, before continuing to Providence, home of Brown University. Hotel: Graduate Providence

#### No visit to Newport is complete without seeing the city's magnificent collection of mansions, and a visit to The Breakers.

### **DAY 5. PROVIDENCE - KILLINGTON**

Love a good dose of history and nature? You'll love your drive on the Historic Mohawk Trail to the Bridge of Flowers, where you'll see how green-fingered volunteers and gardeners keep the bridge's foliage and flowers flourishing





throughout the season. Thirsty yet? Wet your whistle at Putney Mountain Winery, a 100% solar-powered winery specialising in the production of fruit wines. Learn about its history, the wine-making process, and their efforts to be a sustainable winemaker

before indulging in a guided tasting. You'll even have the opportunity to watch the wine-making process through two large observation windows. Bottom's up! Hotel: Killington Mountain Lodge

### **DAY 6. VERMONT'S GREEN MOUNTAINS**

Green peaks and green valleys, travel past the appropriately named Green Mountains to Vermont's capital, Montpelier. Meander through the charming streets and past the state's gold-domed capital building

before pulling up at Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks. Go local tasting 'sugar on snow' where maple treats are made using freshly fallen snow. Grab your camera for a quick stop in Stowe before pulling into Killington to round out the day of your New England tour. **(B)** 

### DAY 7. KILLINGTON - NORTH CONWAY

New Englanders know a thing or two about incredible scenery, and you'll be right there with them today crossing from Vermont's Green Mountains to New Hampshire's White Mountains. Keep your camera handy as you travel along the Franconia Notch Mountain pass and "The Kanc", a historic National Scenic Byway, leading the way to home for the next two nights, North Conway. **(B)** Hotel: Fox Ridge Resort

### DAY 8. NORTH CONWAY SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Red, burnt orange and yellow leaves stretch out in every direction as you head into the

White Mountains. Tick off the tallest peak in the Northeast, Mount Washington, on your way through Crawford Notch State Park, and pull up at Silver Cascade Falls, which twists, turns and cascades 1,219 feet down the side of Mount Jackson. Your time in North Conway isn't over yet, so get local and stroll past the restored buildings, antique shops and treasure-trove bookshops of the historic downtown. **(B)** 

### DAY 9. NORTH CONWAY - BOSTON

It's the last day on your New England tour, but the fun isn't over yet! Vast forests, pretty seaside villages and cliff-lined shores will dot your adventure through Maine. Make a stop in Kennebunkport, packed with boutiques and flashy art galleries and take a trip back in time with Portsmouth's 18<sup>th</sup>-century buildings and seaside vibes. End the day back where it all began, Boston. **(B)** Hotel: Holiday Inn Boston Bunker Hill

### DAY 10. DEPART BOSTON

Your adventure through New England's Fall Foliage comes to an end this morning. Make your own way to Boston Logan International Airport. Or, if Boston still has more you'd like to discover, you have the choice of extending your stay a few more days.



Trip departure months

Sep - Oct



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### ESSENCE OF EASTERN CANADA #CSESSENCEOFEASTERNCANADA

Contemporary design, UNESCO-listed cities, thundering waterfalls and a city obsessed with hockey await you on your exploration of Eastern Canada. Fall for multicultural Toronto, experience the elegance of Québec City, visit Canada's eclectic capital city of Ottawa, and indulge your cultural curiosities in Montréal.

### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Niagara Falls: Witness the majestic falls aboard a cruise

Québec City: Iconic breakfast at a traditional sugar shack where you'll learn how maple syrup is made. Join a Local Guide for a tour of the UNESCO-listed Old Town

Montréal: Your Local Guide will introduce you to Canada's cultural capital where festivals, art, and good food make up daily life

plus more

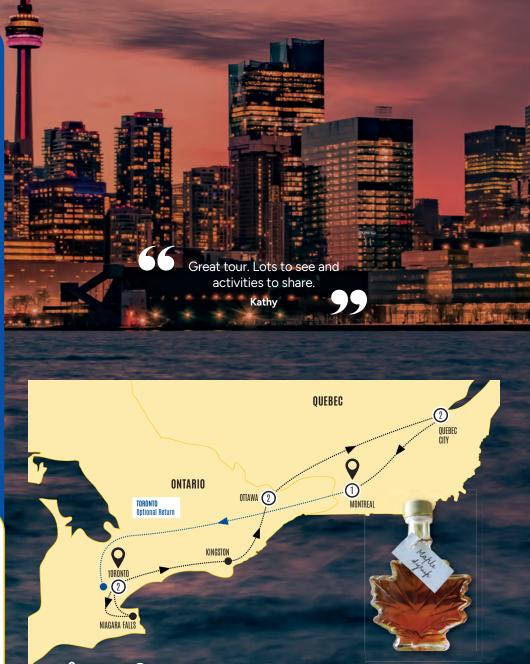
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Key: Start/end Overnights Osightseeing stops

### **DAY 1. ARRIVE TORONTO**

Welcome to the world's most multiculturally diverse city, Toronto, Known to locals as the 'Six', Canada's hipster enclave and largest city is all about unique neighbourhoods, fusion food, fascinating museums, vintage shopping, and a healthy obsession with all things hockey. At the centre of it all is the city's icon, the CN Tower, its 553 metre (1.814 foot) spire dominating the landscape. After settling into your hotel, you can wander around the district's open-air markets. For dinner, why not head to Kensington Market, where fusion food is taken to all new heights. Hotel: Chelsea

### **DAY 2. NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION**

Pack your sense of adventure this morning as you're off to visit Niagara Falls! The biggest (and loudest) falls in North America, an incredible 75,750 gallons of water thunder into the gorge below every second, creating a natural phenomenon many have dubbed the 8<sup>th</sup> Wonder of the World. You'll be getting you up close and personal on a cruise to Horseshoe Falls, allowing you to see both the Canadian and American sides. Remember that raincoat? Now's the time to use it. Back in Toronto later, the rest of the day is yours to do as you please. Maybe head to Queen West to explore the neighbourhood's impressive collection of art galleries and design studios, or take advantage of our CN Tower Choice Experience to test your head for heights.

Enjoy an exhilarating and scenic helicopter flight and experience the views of the aweinspiring Niagara Region.

### DAY 3. TORONTO - KINGSTON - OTTAWA

Leaving Toronto behind this morning, kick back and enjoy the gorgeous drive alongside Lake Ontario as you make your way to Kingston. Get your bearings, and then wake up your taste buds at Campbell's Orchard in Prince Edward County with a farm tour and a cider tasting. Hotel: Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Gatineau-Ottawa

Embark on Kingston's 1000 Islands Cruise, unveiling the heritage of Canada's first capital amidst scenic national historic sites.

### DAY 4. OTTAWA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Start your morning in Ottawa with a sightseeing tour of the city's icons: Sussex Drive, the Royal Canadian Mint, the National Gallery of Canada, the Supreme Court of Canada, the National War Memorial, the National Arts Centre, the Canada War Museum, Library and Archives Canada and the stunning Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica. After your sightseeing, enjoy some free time for your Choice Experiences. Head to ByWard Market's vibrant indoor/outdoor open market for a quick bite or maybe experience culture and MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® with an authentic Powwow dance performance accompanied by music from First Nations members at Mādahòkì Farm.

Explore food markets, discover local produce and dishes, area chefs and food artisans on a gourmet walking tour.





Enjoy a 90-minute cruise along the Ottawa River with the finest city views and the region's natural beauty.

### DAY 5. OTTAWA - OUÉBEC CITY

Timeless, elegant Québec City is up next. Set your eyes on the narrow cobblestone streets. Spend the afternoon taking in the sights of the city or join a tailored Choice Experience that visits the towering Montmorency Falls. Hotel: Sepia

### DAY 6. QUÉBEC CITY SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

After no doubt grabbing a taste of France with a croissant and coffee, you'll be heading out to join a Local Guide this morning for a tour of the UNESCO-listed Old Town. Check out sites including the historically significant Plains of Abraham, Place Royale and the famous turrets of the Château Frontenac, the world's most photographed hotel.

Learn repoussé metalwork from the Gilles family, create copper art, and end with coffee, tea and canelé cake.

### DAY 7. OUÉBEC CITY - MONTRÉAL

We hope you're hungry this morning, as for breakfast you'll be heading to the iconic Érablière le Chemin du Roy, a traditional Cabane à Sucre (sugar shack) where you'll learn how maple syrup is harvested and turned into other maple products. You'll then make the short drive to Montréal. On arrival, you'll meet up with a Local Guide for a city tour of the UNESCO-designated 'City of Design'. This afternoon, choose Montréal your way. North Montréal is full of hip neighbourhoods, beautiful parks, hidden alleyways and vibrant

street art. By taking the Montréal Bike Tour Choice Experience, you can discover Montréal off the beaten path as you ride through parks and quaint streets whilst getting a taste of the local lifestyle. Visit the Plateau, Mile-End. Outremont, Little Italy and Mile-

Ex districts and see how cultural communities bridge the French/ English linguistic divide. This evening, with free time to explore, you could head out for dinner with the group or take your pick of one of the cute terraced restaurants along the river. (B) Hotel: Sandman Montréal-Longueuil

Enjoy a three-course meal and glass of wine at one of Old Montreal's institution -Vieux-Port Steakhouse.

### DAY 8. DEPART MONTRÉAL OR TORONTO

And just like that, you've experienced the very best of Eastern Canada. From Toronto's trendy microbreweries to Québec City's timeless romance, you'll be finishing your trip this morning with happy memories and no doubt a longing to see what the rest of Canada has in store. Today, you have the choice to fly directly out of Montréal, or fly out of Toronto International Airport, where you'll arrive at approximately 4.00 p.m.

**READY TO GO?** 

Trip departure months

May - Sep



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Trip code

Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used. WE MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®

### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Washington, D.C.: Snap photos of the most iconic landmarks in D.C., including Lincoln Memorial, World War II Memorial, the White House and the U.S. Capitol building, and visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture

Lancaster: Explore the Amish countryside with a Local Guide

Niagara Falls: Cruise to the base of the beautiful and powerful Horseshoe Falls

New York City: Enjoy an iconic breakfast at Junior's, known as the home of New York's best cheesecake. See Broadway, the Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building, Wall Street and the 9/11 Memorial with a Local Guide

plus more

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#### Trip departure months

#### Mar - Jul + Sep - Oct



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This trip is the ideal blend of unique cultures, natural phenomenons and blockbuster icons. See the White House, Empire State Building and high flying Wall Street, learn about the Amish way of life in Pennsylvania, and feel the full force of mighty Niagara Falls.



Key: Start/end Overnights Sightseeing stops

#### DAYS 1 - 2. ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C.

Welcome to Washington, D.C., America's capital city. Explore Georgetown and see icons like the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and the White House. Choose to indulge your cultural side at the Smithsonian Institution or visit George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Opt to join an illumination tour of the city.

#### DAY 3. WASHINGTON, D.C. - LANCASTER

Head into Pennsylvania Dutch farm country, home to the Amish. Tonight, why not join a Choice Experience for an Amish family-style dinner at Good 'n' Plenty?

#### DAYS 4 - 5. NIAGARA FALLS

Travel northwest as you cross the western region of New York State. Pass through the Appalachian Mountains and visit Niagara Falls, where an incredible 750,000 gallons of water thunder into the gorge every second. Get up close on a cruise to Horseshoe Falls and see both the Canadian and American sides. Soar over the Niagara Region on a thrilling helicopter ride with breathtaking views of its landscapes and landmarks.



Visit a Niagara vineyard with a senior wine consultant before tasting the local product including the famous Peachwine.

#### DAYS 6 - 8. WASHINGTON, D.C. - DEPART New York

Journey back across the border through leafy upstate New York. Discover the city with your Local Guide and learn the secrets behind some of Manhattan's most iconic sites, including Broadway, Greenwich Village, Wall Street and the 9/11 Memorial. If you're not ready to say goodbye, why not extend your stay at the Holiday Inn Times Square for a few more days?

Awaken your senses at SUMMIT One Vanderbilt for immersive art and a wraparound deck for spectacular views.

Trip code: SAPP



Starting in the City of Angels and ending in the Big Apple, this spectacular adventure will take you from the heights of the Grand Canyon to the swamps of the Mississippi River, experiencing sunny southern hospitality, dramatic landscapes and all the charms of Dollywood along the way.



Key: Start/end Overnights Sightseeing stops

### DAYS 1 - 3. ARRIVE LOS ANGELES TO LAS VEGAS

Welcome to the City of Angels and explore its highlights. Head to the Bright Light City that will set your soul on fire. Choose an excursion to Hoover Dam or a singalong at Vegas! The Show.

### DAYS 4 - 10. LAS VEGAS TO AMARILLO

Get your kicks on Route 66 as you head to Flagstaff. Explore the Grand Canyon with options to fly over the North and South Rims. Enjoy an open-air vehicle tour through Navajo land in Monument Valley. Unearth Ancestral Puebloan culture at Mesa Verde National Park before arriving in Durango. Tour Santa Fe and explore Amarillo your way.

### DAYS 11 - 13. DALLAS FORT WORTH TO LAFAYETTE

Explore Dallas Fort-Worth, embrace true Texan life at Southfork Ranch and the Fort Worth Cattle Drive. Journey to Lafayette, a university town.

### DAYS 14 - 19. MUSIC CITIES

Strike a chord in rhythmic cities. Begin in New Orleans with an optional steamboat jazz dinner cruise. In Memphis, home to the King of Rock 'n' Roll, visit Graceland and choose a guided tour of Sun Studio where Elvis was first discovered, or visit the Rock 'n' Soul Museum and dine on Beale

Street at Blue's City Cafe. End in Nashville, the home of country music. Opt for a hop-on hopoff trolley tour, visit Studio B and the Country Music Hall of Fame.

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® EXPERIENCE Visit the National Museum of African American Music to explore the diverse genres created by African Americans.

Discover Nashville's legends at the iconic Ryman Auditorium, where artist like Elvis and Johnny Cash hit the high notes.

### DAYS 20 - 21. PIGEON FORGE TO NATURAL BRIDGE

Forge ahead to Pigeon Forge and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, then head to Natural Bridge.

#### DAYS 22 - 25. WASHINGTON, D.C. TO DEPART NEW YORK

Visit Shenandoah National Park and tour the Natural Bridge Caverns. Discover Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, explore Philadelphia before arriving in New York. Take a bite out of the Big Apple before saying goodbye as your trip comes to an end

# **ESSENTIALS BY US**



Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Grand Canyon National Park: Marvel at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World

Flagstaff: Enjoy an iconic breakfast at Charly's

Monument Valley: Enjoy a tour in an open-air vehicle to admire the landscape

Mesa Verde National Park: See ancient cliff swellings at this UNESCO World Heritage Site

New Orleans: A Local Guide will show off the top sites of 'The Big Easy'

Memphis: Visit Graceland, home of the King of Rock 'n' Roll

Nashville: Explore Studio B and Country Music Hall of Fame

plus more

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Apr - May + Sep - Oct



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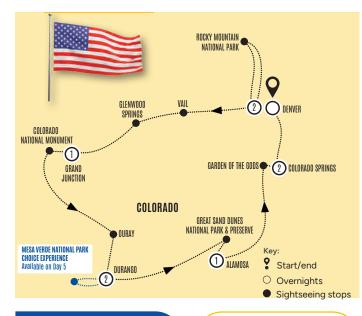
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### THE BEST OF COLORADO #CSBESTOFCOLORADO







Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Denver: Visit Rocky Mountains National Park

**Colorado National Monument:** Enjoy an iconic breakfast with a view inside the park

Ouray: Enjoy free time in the "Switzerland of America"

Alamosa: Explore the largest sand dunes in North America at Great Sand Dunes National Park

plus more

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Trip departure months May - Sep





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### DAY 4. DURANGO

Make a splash and go rafting on the Animas River with a Local Guide.

### DAY 5. MESA VERDE

Tour the national park to see the well-preserved archaeological sites.

DAY 8. COLARADO SPRINGS **Explore the Royal Gorge** Bridge and Park, a 360-acre amusement park.

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Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

Grand Canyon: Meet local Indigenous artists at Desert Viewpoint Intertribal Cultural Heritage Site for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience

Yosemite National Park: Enjoy breathtaking views of El Capitan and Half Dome

San Francisco: Iconic breakfast at renowned Boudin Bakery

plus more

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### **READY TO GO?**

Feb - Oct

Trip code: SBOW





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#### DAY 5. GRAND CANYON

Feel the thrill of the Grand Canyon South Rim on a

fascinating flightseeing tour.

### DAY 7. LAS VEGAS

Join Lip Smacking Foodie 岁 Tours to indulge in local favourites.

### **DAY 11. SAN FRANCISCO**

Cruise past the famous Pier 39 sea lions and along the bay's historic waterfront.

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### COSTA RICA ADVENTURE # CSCOSTARICA

Bubbling mud pools, rainforests teeming with wildlife, and an active volcano are all yours for the taking on this adventure. Starting in the cultural capital city of San Jose, visit turtle nesting grounds and sky walk through the rainforest canopy to create enriching and unforgettable memories.

### **ESSENTIALS BY US**



### Here is just a taste of your included sightseeing highlights:

San José: Enjoy an orientation tour in the capital city of Costa Rica and explore Sarchi, the arts and crafts capital, famed for its intricately painted oxcarts

Monteverde Cloud Forest: Hike with your Travel Director who offers insights into the region's unique bird and wildlife ecosystems

Arenal: Enjoy trails and suspension bridges and take a scenic float trip safari with your Local Guide

plus more

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Key: Start/end Overnights Sightseeing stops

### DAY 1. ARRIVE SAN JOSÉ

Let the Pura Vida way of life take over as you arrive in Costa Rica's cultural capital, San José. Arriving today, settle into your hotel and then head out to explore. Trendy Barrio Amón offers a wonderful glimpse into the history of the city with its vast colonial mansions converted into art galleries, whilst Barrio Escalante is the gastronomic epicentre and the best place to grab dinner. Hotel: Palma Real

### DAY 2. SAN JOSÉ - MONTEVERDE

Finish your final morning in San José with a quick sightseeing tour of the city's most iconic sights, you'll then travel north towards the creative little town of Sarchí. Widely regarded as the cradle of Costa Rican artisanship, this is the place to buy intricate arts, crafts and souvenirs. The finest display of Sarchi's creative offering comes courtesy from the highly decorative oxcarts that are displayed there. Elegantly carved and hand painted in bright colours, the oxcart is a national symbol of Costa Rica and a beautiful reminder of its humble beginnings. Take your time browsing the shops and stalls here, before continuing your journey through the Tilaran Mountain range. Climbing higher and higher, we'll be listening out for the collective sighs of appreciation as you enter the mysterious and misty Cloud Forest. (B) Hotel: El Establo Mountain

#### **DAY 3. MONTEVERDE SIGHTSEEING** AND FREE TIME

You'll seemingly step into another world as you enter the Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve. Home to a variety of different eco-systems, you'll learn about the thousands of different plant and animals species that thrive in this area, many of which only exist right here. Keep your eyes peeled and your ears poised for the sounds of hummingbirds, howler monkeys, sloths, toucans, and if you're really lucky, the Quetzal bird. Costa Rica has a big reputation as a nature lover's paradise, and this place won't let you down. Leaving the forest on a real nature high you'll have time to relax this afternoon, or join our 'El Trapiche' Choice Experience tour, where you'll get to visit sugarcane, banana, orange and coffee plantations. (B)

Graze your way through sugarcane, coffee, and chocolate at 'El Trapiche' farm tour and learn about coffee and liquor production.

Fly among the trees on a gondola, looking for local wildlife. Return the same way or via a series of zip lines on the Sky Trek.

Learn about the ecological importance of bats on a guided walk through the world of bats.

Included meals: Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D)



OR

Get in the saddle on a horseback ride, enjoying sweeping views of the Nicoya Gulf and its islands.

**Explore Monteverde Cloud Forest at** night with a Local Guide, discovering its ecosystems, flora and fauna.

### DAY 4. MONTEVERDE - ARENAL

Enjoy the ride this morning as you travel past cattle ranches and coffee plantations on your way to Arenal Volcano National Park. One of the shining jewels in Costa Rica's already bedazzling crown, the national park is best known for its bubbling hot springs and geothermal activity, its wide variety of wildlife and, of course the sleeping giant, Arenal Volcano.

As exciting as all this is, your attention upon arrival will likely be taken up by your gorgeous and secluded resort in Arenal, nestled on the banks of the San Carlos River. Boasting outdoor pools, a butterfly garden, botanical gardens growing all manner of fruit trees, and tame iquanas roaming the grounds, you'll likely feel like you've entered a little corner of heaven. Settle in and enjoy relaxing in paradise this afternoon before joining your fellow travellers for an included dinner at the resort restaurant this evening. (B, D) Hotel: Tilaiari Hotel Resort and **Conference** Centre

### DAY 5. ARENAL FULL DAY SIGHTSEEING

A guided hike through Arenal 1968 is first up today. You'll walk through lava fields, observe leftover lava rocks and boulders, and walk through forest land for wonderful views of both the volcano and Arenal Lake, the largest lake in Costa Rica. After a browse around La Fortuna, this afternoon you'll 'sky walk' your way through the jungle canopy of Arenal Hanging Bridges Park, testing your head for heights on the 6 suspension bridges whilst spotting a wide variety of bird life. This evening, let your worries and stresses drift away as you relax in the mineral-rich pools of a hot springs resort. (B)

### **DAY 6. ARENAL SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME**

Another day and another chance to explore this natural wonderland. Start today with a float down the Peñas Blancas River, joining a Local Guide to look for monkeys, sloths, and iguanas. (B, L, D)

### DAY 7. ARENAL - DEPART SAN JOSÉ

Say farewell to Costa Rica and transfer to San José International Airport, arriving at approximately 11.00 a.m. or extend your trip to Guanacaste. (B)

### LET THE FUN BEGIN...

Choose to extend your trip with this locally hosted pre-trip Tortuguero add-on. This 4-day trip ends in San José to link you up with day 1 of your Costa Rica Adventure trip. You'll cruise canals and keep watch for jaguars, macaws and sloths as you hike through the jungle with your dedicated Local Guide, who'll share their knowledge of this diverse, lush ecosystem. You'll also learn about the work of the conservationists at the Green Turtle Research Station, and if the season is right you can even choose to try and spot turtles laying their eggs on the beach - an experience that truly cannot be missed. You will also get some free time to relax and to take in this beautiful region.

### **NOT DONE YET?**

Choose to stay a little longer on the sundrenched shores of Playa Tamarindo on this 3-day add-on to Guanacaste. Loved for its glorious beaches, biodiverse parklands, and surf, you can choose to keep it low key at your resort or enjoy a variety of adventurous activities. It's all about soaking it up or living it up, your way.

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Discover the ancient city's darkest secrets on a guided

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DAY 2. LIMA

DAY 6. CUSCO

walking tour.

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### DAY 2. RIO DE JANEIRO

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#### **DAY 5. IGUASSU FALLS** Board an exhilarating

**CHOOSE** motorboat ride to the base of the falls.

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Machu Picchu: Journey to this magnificent UNESCO-listed site

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### DAY 3. RIO DE JANEIRO

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### DAY 14. CUSCO

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